

## General Maintenance and Repair Worker

**Median hourly  
earnings:  
\$15.34**

**Median annual  
earnings:  
\$32,400**

### Occupation Description

General Maintenance and Repair Workers have skills in many different crafts. They repair and maintain machines, mechanical equipment, and buildings and work on plumbing, electrical, and air-conditioning and heating systems.

### Education and Training Needed

General Maintenance and Repair Workers often learn their skills informally on the job. They start as helpers, watching and learning from skilled maintenance workers. Helpers begin by doing simple jobs, such as fixing leaky faucets and replacing light bulbs, and progress to more difficult tasks, such as overhauling machinery or building walls. Some learn their skills by working as helpers to other types of repair or construction workers, including machinery repairers, carpenters, or electricians.

### Training Providers

#### [Laborers' Training & Apprenticeship Institute of Washington, DC and Vicinity](#)

4849-A Lydell Road  
Cheverly, MD 20781  
Phone: (301) 772-8820

#### **Construction Craft Laborers' (CCL) Apprenticeship Program**

The Construction Craft Laborers' (CCL) Apprenticeship Program provides apprentices with 160 hours of training before working on a job site. To become eligible for employment and on-the-job training, the apprentice must complete the program's initial classroom and hands-on training sessions, in which the apprentice receives training in basic construction skills, safety awareness, and work ethics.

#### Qualifications

- Minimum of 18 years of age (birth certificate required)
- Minimum of a 10<sup>th</sup> grade education (copy of high school transcript required). (An applicant may apply for the program with less than a 10th grade education if he/she agrees to enter and complete a GED program within 12 months or less.)
- Physical ability to perform work duties of the trade
- Completion of apprenticeship application form, as determined by the Laborers' Training Fund

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[So Others Might Eat \(SOME\)](#)

SOME Center for Employment Training  
2815 O St., SE  
Washington, DC 20020  
Phone: (202) 583-4655

### **Building Maintenance Service Technician Training Program**

The Building Maintenance Service Technician Training Program prepares trainees to become maintenance mechanics, maintenance technicians, electrician helpers, plumber helpers, carpenters and porters. Key components of the program include: intensive hands-on training five days a week with an average completion time of 21 weeks; simulated work environment in a fully outfitted maintenance shop with residential and commercial equipment; externships with area employers provide additional on-the-job experience; and job placement assistance to help the trainee find a fitting career. Program is free.

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### [Spanish Catholic Center of Catholic Community Service](#)

1618 Monroe St. NW  
Washington, DC 20010  
Phone: (202) 939-2426/2427

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### [Washington Area Women In the Trades \(WAWIT\)](#)

624 Ninth Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001  
Phone: (202) 626-0700

### **Pre-Apprenticeship Construction Program**

WAWIT is a 9-week, nontraditional employment training program with a classroom and experiential-based curriculum that prepares women for high-paying construction trade careers like carpentry, mechanics, electrician, plumber and more. Developed by Wider Opportunities for Women (WOW), YWCA, and the Community Services Agency of the Metro Washington Council, AFL-CIO, the program offers hands-on construction skills training at local trade union training sites with opportunities for certification; Adult Basic Education, Pre-GED and computer classes; job placement assistance; and comprehensive support services before, during and after job placement.

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### [Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington](#)

Building Maintenance Job Readiness Program  
924 G Street NW  
Washington, DC 20001  
Phone: (202) 772-4307