

Green Painter (Construction and Maintenance)

**Median annual
earnings: \$40,300**

Occupation Description

Green painters use materials from natural and sustainable sources in order to create healthy living conditions and to minimize adverse impacts on the environment. Painters apply paint, stain, varnish, and other finishes to buildings and other structures. They choose the right paint or finish for the surface to be covered, taking into account durability, ease of handling, method of application, and customer wishes. Painters first prepare the surfaces to be covered, so that the paint will adhere properly. This may require removing the old coat of paint by stripping, sanding, wire brushing, burning, or water and abrasive blasting. Painters also wash walls and trim to remove dirt and grease, fill nail holes and cracks, sandpaper rough spots, and brush off dust. On new surfaces, they apply a primer or sealer to prepare the surface for the finish coat. Painters also mix paints and match colors, relying on knowledge of paint composition and color harmony. In large paint shops or hardware stores, mixing and matching are automated.

General Knowledge, Skills and Abilities Required for Success on the Job

- Critical Thinking
- Customer Service
- Information Ordering
- Manual Dexterity

Training and Education Needed

Training and Education Profile of Current Painters

- Education: High School or Below
- Related Work Experience: 0 to <3 Months
- On the Job Training: 0 to 3 Months

Training Providers

Goodwill of Greater Washington

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Green Pathway DC Construction Program

Goodwill of Greater Washington, in coordination with the Green Builders Council of DC, administers a 10-week job training program for DC residents in the fields of sustainable building, weatherization, and smart meter installation. Green Pathway DC trains out-of-work and underemployed DC residents in high growth, high demand fields, creates a local workforce more capable of building energy efficient and environmentally sustainable buildings, homes, and neighborhoods, and provides a proven pathway to green jobs in DC. The program includes employability skills training, pre-apprenticeship green construction instruction through the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) curriculum, and elective options in sustainable building, weatherization, and smart meter installation.

Admissions Criteria

- Complete a 10-week course; 8 am to 2 pm, Monday - Friday
- Must complete CASAS (Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems) math and reading assessment with a minimum 6th grade score
- Access reliable transportation to come to training (a weekly transportation stipend is available).
- Must be drug free and pass a drug screening
- Must be 18 years old, a DC resident, and have obtained high school diploma or GED.
- Must be able to provide documentation to verify DC residency, HS diploma or GED, Social Security #, Selective Service registration, and income (full documentation requirements will be given at intake orientation).

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.

Washington DC School of Carpentry

9109 Westphalia Road
Upper Marlboro, MD 20774
Phone: (301) 736-1696

Carpentry Apprenticeship

The Carpentry Apprenticeship program is a four-year program. The first three years consist of on-the-job training and classroom instruction, which includes blueprint reading, math, trade

science, and lab. The apprentice attends school year-round, one week every three months. The school is set on a quarter schedule with the apprentice attending twelve quarters within three years, thus fulfilling the 660 school hours as required by the Apprenticeship Standards. There is no tuition.

Spanish Catholic Center of Catholic Community Service

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

Pre-Apprenticeship Construction Program

The Pre-Apprenticeship Construction Program is free for DC & MD residents who are 18 years old. There is a weekly stipend offered in addition to weekly bus passes and T-shirts. The class runs Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with three cycles during the year with on-going registration. Ten-week classes include: Construction Safety OSHA-10, Technical ESL for Construction, Occupational Math, skills for employment search, Flaggers Safety, CPR training and Job Referral Assistance with Union Trades and Construction Companies. Hands-on practice at DC Habitat for Humanity every Thursday.