Take the first step to start building your career in the construction industry!

Contact Workplace Learning at Workplace.Learning@cpcc.edu or call 704.330.6217.
Considering a career in the construction industry?
Get started with Carolinas Associated General Contractors’ (CAGC) Pre-Apprenticeship program in Construction Skills. Join a unique program considered the first of its kind in North Carolina.

What is pre-apprenticeship?
Pre-apprenticeship is a series of courses that allows individuals to gain baseline skills in a particular industry. Students who complete these courses will be ready for entry-level jobs or registered apprenticeship programs.

The CAGC is a local trade association that understands the need for skilled craftsman in the construction industry. CAGC has partnered with Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC) to develop courses that will train the next generation of skilled workers in the construction industry.

What classes do students take?
Over approximately two semesters, students complete the following courses:

- Basic Construction Skills .................. 3 credits
- Construction I.................................. 4 credits
- Introduction to Electricity ...................... 3 credits
- Print Reading-Construction.................. 3 credits
- Basic Welding Processes ..................... 2 credits
- HVAC Customer Service ...................... 1 credit
- Total Credits Awarded ...................... 16 credits

Do students earn any credentials?
Yes! Students will earn industry-recognized credentials such as:
- National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) Core Certification
- 10-hour OSHA (safety) card
- Certificate in Entry Level Construction Skills from CPCC
- Registered Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate from the NC Department of Commerce

Successful participants of the program can return to any North Carolina community college to further their education in Construction Management Technology, a two-year Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree program.

Does a pre-apprenticeship guarantee students a job?
Pre-Apprenticeship programs focus on training students with the basic skills to obtain work in the construction industry. While there is no guarantee of a job upon completing CAGC’s Pre-Apprenticeship program, CPCC can offer you:
- Résumé writing assistance
- Job interview preparation
- Career counseling

Most importantly, upon successful completion, students will have mastered fundamental construction skills that ready them for entry-level positions in most construction trades. Additionally, students will earn the opportunity for interviews with CAGC employer member companies who are seeking skilled individuals for entry-level positions.

How do students get started or learn more?
Send an email with “CAGC Pre-apprenticeship” in the subject line to the Workplace Learning department at workplace.learning@cpcc.edu. A coordinator will contact you to discuss next steps on enrolling at the college.