



# Carpentry and Construction Science

Academic Year 2024-2025

## Program Description

The Construction Science program is designed to prepare students to enter the construction industry. The student experience combines classroom work with application resulting in the achievement of up to three levels of the NCCER – Carpentry Certification. The Carpentry Introduction program prepares students for entry-level work in the field. Students may take one of two pathways, Commercial or Civil, for the Technical Certificate. Associate degree seeking students will take classes in both pathways.

Gainful Employment: <https://wsutech.edu/placement/>



## How do I enroll in Construction classes at WSU Tech?

- 1.) Apply for admissions – [www.wsutech.edu/apply](http://www.wsutech.edu/apply)
- 2.) Meet with an admissions counselor
- 3.) Complete the free application for federal student aid (FAFSA) - <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- 4.) Meet with an advisor - <https://wsutech.edu/admissions/contact/>
- 5.) Submit additional financial aid forms

### Where is this program?

City Center Campus  
301 S Grove  
Wichita, KS 67210  
Building A

### Who can help me apply and give me a tour?

Admissions Counselor:  
Xavier Madrigal  
316-677-1977  
Xmadrigal@wsutech.edu

### Who can enroll me in classes?

Program Advisor:  
Dajina Kiel  
316-677-1093  
Dkiel@wsutech.edu

**We want to meet YOU!**

Schedule to meet with Xavier or Dajina at <https://wsutech.edu/admissions/contact/>

| Type of Degree/Certificate<br><i>TC = Technical Certificate</i><br><i>AAS = Associate's Degree</i> | Day/<br>Evening | Length<br><i>Based on Average</i><br><i>Rate of Completion</i> | Hours*                    | ** Cost<br><i>Tuition</i><br><i>Only</i> | Financial<br>Aid<br>Eligible |
|--|-----------------|--|---------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| AAS-Construction Science   | Day <b>ONLY</b> | 2 years+***  | Two days a week 8AM - 3PM | \$14,225                                 | Yes                          |
| TC-Construction Science Level 3  | Day <b>ONLY</b> | 1.5 year+*   | Two days a week 8AM - 3PM | \$12,132                                 | Yes                          |
| TC-Construction Science Level 2  | Day <b>ONLY</b> | 1 year+*   | Two days a week 8AM - 3PM | \$9,272                                  | Yes                          |
| TC-Carpentry Introduction Level 1  | Day             | One Semester   | Two days a week 8AM - 3PM | \$5,304                                  | Yes                          |
| TC-Carpentry Introduction Level 1  | Evening         | One Semester   | MTR 6 -9 PM               | \$5,304                                  | Yes                          |

\*Class schedules and availability are subject to change. \*\*Costs are approximate and subject to change. Costs include tuition and student fees (cost of required books, tools, and digital device not included above). \*\*\*AAS time frame is dependent on placement testing for Math/English level and when students begin those courses. For more program information, please visit: <https://wsutech.edu/construction-science/>



This program is accredited by HLC and Kansas Board of Regents.  
More information at: <http://wsutech.edu/get-started/>



# Frequently Asked Questions

## Q. What wage can a Construction Laborer or Manager expect?

- A. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (2023); State of Kansas Mean wages for individuals in this field are approximately \$41,090 annually (\$19.76 per hour). The Kansas mean earnings for Construction Managers are approximately \$96,90 annually (\$46.43 per hour).

## Q. When can I start the Construction Science program?

- A. This program offers a starting point in the fall and spring semesters. New students will be able to start the construction classes only in August and January, but they can start general education classes mid-semester and in summer semesters if they wish.

## Q. Will I be able to receive financial aid assistance for Construction Science classes?

- A. Yes.

## Questions for the Instructors?

Jessi Lane: [jlane11@wsutech.edu](mailto:jlane11@wsutech.edu)

## Q. Are tools and textbooks required for the program?

- A. Yes. Textbooks are required available in e-book format which are included in tuition/fees. Students will NOT pass the classes without the e-books. Students will need a digital device (tablet or laptop) to access their required digital textbook. The laptop does not have to be purchased from WSU Tech, but must meet certain specifications. See an advisor for details.

WSU Tech will have power and hand tools for you to use in class. Students will automatically be charged for a tool kit valued at around \$200.00. The tool kit is not optional. It is built into tuition/fees.

## Q. Is there a dress code for this program?

- A. A. Yes, students will wear a work shirt, the cost of which is included in their student fees. Students are also expected to wear safety glasses as well as jeans or long pants (no shorts), and closed toe/closed heel shoes with slip resistant soles. Safety glasses are required for this program and they must be rated **Z87**. Markings can be found on the earpiece close to the lenses and prescription glasses must have the same **Z87** markings. Side shields are required.

## Q. How much hands-on experience will I get in this program?

- A. The Construction Science and Carpentry Introduction programs are very hands-on. While a certain amount of theory and classroom work is required, the bulk of class time is spent in the lab and/or on actual construction worksites (weather permitting). Students in Construction Science must also complete one or two internships, which will be completely outside of the classroom with a third party company or organization. All classes will require homework to be completed online in addition to classroom work.

## Q. Where will my classes be held?

- A. Your Construction Science courses will be held in person at the City Center campus at 301 S. Grove. Keep in mind there may be travel to job sites. General education courses may be taken online or in person at one of our various campuses.

## Q. Can I complete this program online or at night?

- A. The Carpentry Introduction and Construction Science programs are offered face-to-face. Only the Carpentry Introduction program courses are available at night. The Construction Science TC/AAS programs require additional online and in-person classes during the day.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/construction-and-extraction/construction-laborers-and-helpers.htm> and <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/management/construction-managers.htm>