

Building Trades

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The Building Trades Department is composed of four programs: building construction; heavy equipment operations; masonry; and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning. Rewarding careers in the construction industry are open to students graduating from the building trades programs. With the continual development of new building methods and materials, the craftsman finds it necessary to keep abreast of these developments. Construction, as in many other occupations, is becoming a field of specialists. Coupled with hands-on experience working at off-campus construction sites, the programs provide the necessary theory as well as instruction in blueprint reading, cost and materials, estimating, safety, and the use of newly developed equipment and materials.

MISSION

Educate students, to meet the changing needs of the construction industry by using real-world projects and utilizing the most up-to-date equipment, systems, and materials. We strive to improve the lives of our graduates by incorporating work ethics, communication skills, and developing leadership as part of their training.

FACILITIES

The 30,000-square-foot Workforce Development Center serves as a resource for each of the four programs within the Building Trades Department and was built specifically to support the construction industry demand for Alfred State's skilled trade graduates. Enhancing the facility are student learning projects and hands-on applications of student work that have been integrated as part of the facility. These projects serve as a showpiece and testimonial to the high level of education students receive. The program serves students with nearly every power and hand construction tool available to instruct students in every phase of the construction trade. All students participate in off-campus construction of full-scale homes and building renovations each year. This experience provides graduates with significant real-world training to apply concepts learned in the classroom.

TECHNICAL STANDARDS

Applicants in the Building Trades Department programs must be able to meet the following physical requirements:

1. Must be able to lift 50 pounds to shoulder height.
2. Must be able to perform safely in the laboratory.
3. Must be able to effectively communicate with a person 20 feet away.
4. Must be able to climb a ladder and/or able to climb, un-aided, onto and off equipment using three points of contact.
5. Must be able to safely respond to a backup warning alarm.

Students who believe they need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program may contact Melanie Ryan in the Office of Accessibility Services (OAS). This office may be contacted by email at DisabilityServices@alfredstate.edu or by phone at 607-587-4506. Please keep in mind that some accommodations may take time to implement, so students seeking accommodations are encouraged to contact OAS as early as possible.

Please refer to the most current required tool list on the Alfred State website at www.alfredstate.edu/tool-lists.

DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

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