



National Occupational Framework:

Woodwork Manufacturing Specialist

Woodwork manufacturing specialists manufacture cabinets, furniture, and other wood products using computerized or manual machines. They analyze schematics and blueprints; set up and operate machines such as lathes, routers, and sanders; connect parts to form an assembled unit; apply coatings and finishes to products; and perform routine maintenance on tools and machines.

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Apprenticeship: A Solution for Recruiting and Training Woodwork Manufacturing Specialists

Apprenticeship programs combine learning on the job and in the classroom to train workers in the exact skills needed by employers. Woodwork manufacturing specialists play an important role in the manufacturing industry by producing and assembling wood products used in homes and businesses. Apprenticeship programs can prepare these workers with the mechanical, technical, and specialized woodworking knowledge and skills needed to enter and succeed in this important occupation.



Apprenticeship Benefits:

90%
employment retention for apprentices

86%
of employers with programs recommend apprenticeship

\$1.44
return on investment for every dollar spent

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN A NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL FRAMEWORK?

- background information to help you learn more about the occupation
- comprehensive list of the competencies apprentices need to do the job
- building blocks of information for employers developing a registered apprenticeship program

Questions? Visit the National Apprenticeship Resource Hub at apprenticeships.urban.org or contact the Urban Institute at apprenticeship@urban.org.



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