



Frequently Asked Questions – revised 5/4/2020

How do I apply for skilled trade apprenticeships in the Philadelphia region?

First, decide which trade(s) you want to apply for. Do your research by visiting apprentice.org, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Apprentice Coordinators Association. Each trade has a different application process. Download the [latest schedule here](#).

How do I train for manufacturing jobs?

[Philadelphia](#) and [Bucks](#) County Community Colleges offer training in advance manufacturing, including pre-apprenticeships. Contact them and find out if your tuition can be covered by federal grants or [PA CareerLink®](#) programs.

I'm interested in the trades or a vehicle operator job with SEPTA. How do I prepare and apply?

Go to septa.org and choose “Careers”.

Look for “Current Job Openings”.

Read postings carefully.

There are keywords in the postings that must be in one's resume when applying, to increase the chance you will be chosen for an interview.

Answer the questions based on the position you are applying for. You need to be willing to work shifts, nights, weekends, holidays etc.

If you have a CDL license, that gives extra points.

The higher the point totals, the better the chance.

Once you have applied, you can email Colleen May, a WINC Steering Committee member CMay@septa.org. She offered to advise aspiring tradeswomen to see how many points your application has and what might need to be changed.

I already work in a nontraditional job. How can I offer or receive support through mentorship or networking?

Fill out the contact form to join the WINC community. We will contact you about networking, speaking and mentorship opportunities.



Or connect to local and national tradeswomen groups like:

[Women in Manufacturing, Eastern PA](#)

[National Association of Women In Construction, Philadelphia](#)

[Tradeswomen Build Nations Conference](#)

How do I help young women explore these careers?

[Download this resource list](#) of videos, resources and ideas.

What are your questions? Use the [contact form](#) to tell us.

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