

## Next Step? How Do I Join?

Becoming a trade show carpenter can lead to an exciting, challenging and financially secure career. When you complete your apprenticeship training, you graduate with a specialized skill that few people have and is hard to duplicate.

**You will become a specialized craftsperson.**



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The Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters represents over 41,000 of the most skilled union carpenters who live and work in Delaware, The District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.



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# TRADE SHOW/ EXHIBIT CARPENTER



## What is a carpenter apprentice?

An apprentice learns the carpentry trade through classroom and hands-on instruction. Instructors are skilled carpenters called journeymen. The training is four years, you earn an income while learning and graduate with zero debt.



## What do trade show or exhibit carpenters manage?

Trade show/exhibit carpenters deal with a range of responsibilities that include the construction and installation of both exterior and interior booths for convention exhibits. A focus on customer service is vital in this role.

### Activities include:

- Work with customers.
- Install booths and interiors.
- Ensure displays have an appealing and professional appearance.
- Lay carpet throughout the venue.
- Dismantle booths at the close of events.

## What are the pay and benefits?

Union trade show carpenters receive hourly wages and “time-and-a-half” or “double time” after eight hours.

### Benefits include:

- Earn good pay and benefits on your first day.
- Access to additional benefits if you qualify under the GI Bill.
- Immediately enrolled in health and retirement benefits for the entire family.
- Expect regular pay increases.
- Get free tuition and NO student loans for apprentices.



## Is there job security?

Professional trade show carpenters are members of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. You will work as an apprentice under the guidance of a union contractor with the protection of a union contract.



## Does my school coursework matter?

You can jump-start your training by taking classes in math, construction technology and CAD. These classes will help you decide if you have a genuine interest in becoming an apprentice.

## What are the working conditions like?

Trade show carpenters usually work in an exhibit hall, hotel conference center or arena. The work is physically demanding, and you will receive training in forklift operations and rigging. We emphasize safety and protective equipment.

## What are the hours?

Convention schedules dictate working hours. Deadlines are often short. Work begins early in the morning and can extend into evenings. Weekend work is common.

