

## **Apprenticeship after High School: Xello:**

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- **Pick a career you can get into through an apprenticeship:**

An apprenticeship is a program that trains you for a specific career. You'll learn both on the job and in class. You'll also get paid while you learn.

Most apprenticeships are for skilled trades, like carpenter and plumber. Other examples include stonemason, boilermaker, and music instrument repairer.

**Tip:** Check the Education section of careers you're interested in to see if you can enter through an apprenticeship!

- **Find an apprenticeship:**

Once you know what career you want to train for, you'll need to find an apprenticeship.

There are many ways to do this:

- Contact a local union or trade association. They often sponsor apprenticeships.

- Find and contact a local employer. They may take on apprentices, or know someone who does.

- Talk to someone local who works in the trade. Ask how they got their training.

- Talk to your high school counselor. They can point you in the right direction.

- Use the Department of Labor's [Apprenticeship Finder](#).

The US Department of Labor sets certain standards for apprenticeship programs.

Programs that meet these standards are called Registered or Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Programs. These programs grant industry-recognized credentials.

**Tip:** Enter your location in the [Apprenticeship Finder](#) to see the options currently available in your area.

- **Make sure you meet the requirements:**

This varies by apprenticeship. Requirements can include:

- Have a high school diploma or GED

- Be at least 18 years of age

- Be able to perform physical work

- Have a driver's license

- **Get your resume/cover letter ready:**

This is your chance to impress your potential employer. Show them why you're a great fit for the apprenticeship!

Tip: Don't be sunk by typos. Be sure to proofread your resume.

a. Update industry specific resume -

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b. Update cover letter-

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c. Update/Create LinkedIn -

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UvwiIvr1ZAtnwziA9hJ4UAgrlOorVCkHkqJ3O3sN3OQ/edit?usp=drive\\_link](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UvwiIvr1ZAtnwziA9hJ4UAgrlOorVCkHkqJ3O3sN3OQ/edit?usp=drive_link)

- **Apply:**

Follow the employer's instructions to apply for the apprenticeship.

- **Accept an offer and get ready to start training:**

When you get an apprenticeship offer, be sure to find out all the details. This includes things like pay rate, benefits, and working hours.

Apprenticeships can be anywhere from 1 to 6 years in length. As an apprentice, you'll spend most of your time on the jobsite. You'll learn your trade under the guidance of experienced workers. You'll also spend some time getting classroom instruction related to your trade.

If your apprenticeship is recognized by the Department of Labor, you'll receive a credential when you finish the program. The credential will show that you have the skills and knowledge needed to work in your industry. A worker who has completed an apprenticeship is often called a journey person.