

# Q&A

## Who Can Apply?

Any woman 18 and over interested in a carpentry or construction career.

## Can I Afford It?

Call us to find out about financial aid; you may be eligible.

## Do I Need Experience?

No, this is an introductory training program that prepares women to enter the construction trade.

## What is the Program Schedule?

Classes meet two evenings a week and all day Saturday for six weeks. Successful graduates of the program will be supported as they apply for positions with our employer partners.

## Where Will the Program Meet?

Job sites and workshops will take place primarily in Chittenden county, with occasional activities in other counties.

## Not Finding the Answers You Need?

Call us at 800.639.1472 ext. 106

## About Vermont Works for Women (VWW)

VWW is a Vermont nonprofit organization founded in 1987 to help women and girls explore, pursue and excel in nontraditional careers that pay a livable wage.

Over 80% of our program graduates find jobs, many in the trades. Our graduates include:

- Carpenters
- Painters
- Auto Technicians
- Welders
- Plumbers
- Control Technicians
- Electricians
- Heavy Equipment Operators
- Police & Correctional Officers

Check out our website at [www.vtworksforwomen.org](http://www.vtworksforwomen.org) to learn about more programs for women and girls.

## For More Information Contact



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# Step Up to Carpentry for Women



A job training program  
for women interested in  
careers in commercial or  
residential carpentry



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This six-week program for women interested in careers in carpentry offers participants hands-on training and carpentry experience. Additionally, participants learn job readiness skills and receive extensive employment support.

Contractors are looking for skilled, reliable workers to help them meet growing customer demand, especially in the “green sector.” Working closely with VWW staff and local carpentry contractors, you will get the hands-on training and job readiness skills necessary to begin your career in carpentry. Sustainable issues and green building practices are woven throughout the curriculum, including material selection, waste diversion, energy audits and weatherization.



## Why the Trades?

Jobs in the skilled trades offer median wages that exceed those in the majority of professions traditionally dominated by women. Women who are trained in fields such as carpentry often begin work at \$2-\$3/hour more than less skilled jobs. Also, jobs in the trades offer multiple opportunities for professional development.

## Key Class Components

- Carpentry skills, with a special focus on sustainable/green building practices, taught by local professional contractors
- Job readiness skills/“Women’s Resources”
- Basic math
- Communication skills
- Customer service skills
- Meet and learn from experienced tradeswomen and men
- Job shadow opportunities
- Opportunity to interview with carpentry contractors
- CPR training

Successful participants in **Step Up to Carpentry** are supported by VWW staff as they apply for jobs with our employer partners.

## Employment Support

We will help you in setting career goals and mapping out the steps to reach them. This support begins with your application process and continues well past your program graduation.

## How Can You Afford It?

Most participants qualify for financial aid from the Vermont Department of Labor, Department for Children and Families/Economic Services Division, the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC), and/or VWW. Eligibility is determined by each agency. **We’ll help you apply!**

## Let’s Get Started!

Call us at 800.639.1472 x.106 for detailed program information and to receive an application.

- Set up an initial interview with the Program Coordinator.
- Successful applicants will progress to second interviews with our employer/trainer partners.
- Receive notice of acceptance to the program about two weeks before class begins.

## Still Have Questions?

We’re here to help! You can call us toll free: **800.639.1472, ext. 106** or check out our website [www.vtworksforwomen.org](http://www.vtworksforwomen.org)