

Oregon & SW Washington Drywall Finishers JATC  
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**APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

\*Registered with the State of Oregon\*

Oregon & SW Washington Drywall Finishers JATC will be accepting applications for the following trade:

**DRYWALL FINISHER**

**Minimum Qualifications:**

1. Must be at least 17 years of age.
2. Must be a high school graduate or have a GED equivalent and submit copy of a high school diploma or GED certificate. (College diploma cannot be accepted as a substitute.) Documents in other languages must be translated into English.

**Note: All minimum qualification documents must be provided at the time of application.**

**Applications are accepted:**

	PORTLAND AREA
<b>When</b>	<b>Every Tuesday</b> 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM <b>May 21, 2019 thru September 2019</b>
<b>Where</b>	Regional Training Center 13521 NE Whitaker Way Portland, OR 97230
<b>Contact</b>	Training Center staff 503-287-4856

	EUGENE AREA
	<b>By Appointment Only</b> <b>May 21, 2019 thru September 2019</b>
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	Training Center staff 503-287-4856

**Note: Application must be made in person and completed on site.**

**Selection Process:**

Ranked list determined by personal interview (see page 3). Applicants will be notified and must attend an Orientation class (and an interview) before they can be added to the waiting list for work. Ranked lists will be created by the end of the third week of each month. The complete selection process is available on request.

**Note:** Most employers will require an apprentice to:

- have a driver's license
- take a substance abuse test

**Availability of Jobs:**

This notice does not mean that we have job openings at this time, but is to establish a waiting list for use when jobs become available. Most work opportunities are in the summer months.

**Geographical Area:**

**In Oregon:** Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Douglas, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Washington, Yamhill Counties.

**In Washington:** Clark, Klickitat, Skamania, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum Counties and that portion of Pacific County south of a straight line made by extending the north boundary line of Wahkiakum County west to the Pacific Ocean.

**The Work:**

Drywall Finishing is the art of preparing gypsum board walls and ceilings for specific final decoration and painting by taping and finishing the seams in sheets of drywall requiring a high degree of manual dexterity.

**Working Conditions:**

Drywall finishers generally work in warm and dry conditions but may work outdoors. Drywall finishers work at floor level, on ladders, scaffolding and stilts.

**Wages and Benefits:**

Registered Drywall Finisher apprentices start at 50% of Journeyman wage and are reevaluated every six months for advancement.

1 <sup>st</sup>	1,000 hour period	50% of average wage
2 <sup>nd</sup>	1,000 hour period	55% of average wage
3 <sup>rd</sup>	1,000 hour period	60% of average wage
4 <sup>th</sup>	1,000 hour period	70% of average wage
5 <sup>th</sup>	1,000 hour period	80% of average wage
6 <sup>th</sup>	1,000 hour period	90% of average wage

As of July 1, 2018 the average wages are:

**Journey wage per hour: \$36.98      First Term Apprentice wage per hour: \$18.49**

Area 1: Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Washington, Yamhill, Lincoln, Marion, Multnomah, Clackamas, Hood River, and Wasco. Washington State: Pacific, Cowlitz, Clark, Skamania, Klickitat, Wahkiakum and Pacific

Area 2: Lane Douglas, Coos Curry, Linn, Benton Deschutes, Klamath, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Crook, Gilliam, Grant, Umatilla, Wheeler, Baker, Union, Wallowa, Harney, Malheur, Sherman and Lake.

Family health care and pension are provided when eligible.  
Wages are subject to union renegotiation and may vary by area.

**The Apprenticeship:**

The apprenticeship consists of 6,000 hours of on-the-job training and an additional 432 hours of classroom instruction (Related Training). Related training is usually conducted in the evening and sometimes on Saturday, on the apprentice's own time. Satisfactory progress must be maintained in related training classes.

It typically takes about 3 years to complete the program.

## **DRYWALL FINISHER**

### **Application and Interview System**

1. Apply to the program and meet minimum qualifications.
2. Attend an Orientation when notified (always the third Monday of the month following the month you applied). Applicants who do not attend the orientation will not be placed in the ranked pool of eligibles.
3. Attend an interview

Applicants who are accepted to the program and have attended the Orientation class will be scheduled to return for a personal interview, usually the morning after the Orientation.

Each qualifying applicant will be interviewed by members of the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (JATC). Following the interview, the committee will assign a numerical score for that applicant.

4. Applicants will be placed in descending order in the RANKED POOL based on the score earned during the personal interview process. This means that applicants with higher scores will place higher on the waiting list for jobs.

It is possible for a new applicant to place higher than an earlier applicant by earning a higher interview score. If two or more applicants have identical scores, those who applied earlier will place higher on the list.

The recruitment, selection, employment, and training of apprentices during their apprenticeship shall be without discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, or sex. The sponsor will take affirmative action to provide equal opportunity in apprenticeship and will operate the apprenticeship program as required under title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 30. Veterans who are eligible for GI Bill benefits may use them in this program. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply!

## PORTLAND AREA

The apprenticeship office is located east of the Portland International Airport, between Airport Way and Sandy Blvd. near 138th.

Address: 13521 NE Whitaker Way

From I-205:

For northbound traffic on I-205, take Airport Way EAST exit 24-B

Continue east to 138th Avenue

Turn right (south) onto 138th Avenue

Turn right (west) onto Whitaker Way

Turn right (north) into parking lot

