Oregon & SW Washington Drywall Finishers JATC
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APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Registered with the State of Oregon

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OPEN for Applications year round for area's 2, 3, 4 & 5 (outlying areas) starting August 19, 2026

CLOSED for area 1 (Portland/Vancouver)

DRYWALL FINISHER

Minimum Qualifications: Must be at least 18 years of age and provide proof of age.

Application Process: Visit our website rtctraining.org under the applicant tab, click on the learn more button. Click on the apply now button and it will take you to TradeSchool where you will create a log in and upload your government issued photo ID. Once we have received the photo ID then you will get the orientation packet in an email from AdobeSign. Fill in the document and click finish. Applicants will be notified via email the date and time of the orientation and interview. The Ranked Pool will be updated monthly.

Note: Most employers will require an apprentice to have a valid driver's license and/or 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:

- Area 1: Clackamas, Clark, Columbia, Marion, Multnomah, Washington, Yamhill Counties
- Area 2: Benton, Clatsop, Cowlitz, Hood River, Klickitat, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Pacific (south of a straight line made by extending the north boundary line of Wahkiakum County west to the Pacific Ocean), Polk, Skamania, Tillamook, Wahkiakum, Wasco Counties
- Area 3: Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake Counties
- Area 4: Crook, Deschutes, Harney, Jefferson, Malheur Counties
- Area 5: Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wheeler Counties

The Work: Drywall Finishing is the art of preparing gypsum board walls and ceilings for decoration and painting. They tape and finish the seams of the drywall sheets, 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 60% of Journeyman wage and are re-evaluated every six months for advancement. As of July 1, 2026, **Journey wage per hour: $50.52** and **First Term Apprentice wage per hour: $30.31.** Family health care and pension are provided when eligible. Wages are subject to union renegotiation.

The Apprenticeship: The apprenticeship consists of 6,000 hours of on-the-job training and an additional 432 hours of related classroom instruction. Related Training is over 5 days about every 6 weeks, Monday through Friday, on the apprentice's own time. Satisfactory progress must be maintained in related training classes. It typically takes about 3 and a half years to complete the program.

The Oregon & SW Washington Drywall Finishers Apprenticeship shall not discriminate against apprenticeship applicants or apprentices based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), sexual orientation, genetic information, or because they are an individual with a disability or a person 18 years old or older. The Oregon & SW Washington Drywall Finishers Apprenticeship shall take affirmative action to provide equal opportunity in apprenticeship and shall operate the apprenticeship program as required under this Plan and Title 29 CFR, part 30.