Oregon & SW Washington Painters JATC
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APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Registered with the State of Oregon

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Applications are ONLINE at www.rtctraining.org

Closed for Applications

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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 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.

Direct Entry: This program offers direct entry for Veterans with honorable discharge, and for approved pre-apprentice program (Job Corp and Oregon Tradeswomen) within the past two years of applying. Applicants must provide their completion certificates at the time of application.

Note: Most employers will require an apprentice to have a valid driver's license and/or pass a substance abuse test.

Geographical Area:

- Area 1: Clackamas, Clark, Clatsop, Columbia, Cowlitz, Hood River, Klickitat, Marion, Multnomah, 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, Washington, Yamhill Counties
- Area 2: Benton, Lane, Lincoln, Linn Counties
- Area 3: Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine Counties
- Area 4: Baker, Crook, Deschutes, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wheeler Counties

The Work: Painters prepare and paint a diverse array of surfaces. The main areas of the industry are *Commercial* (small businesses to huge skyscrapers) and I*ndustrial* (steel structures, tanks, bridges, water towers). Painters need to be skilled with a wide variety of hand and power tools, depending on the type of surface preparation and coating required.

Working Conditions: Work can be indoors and outdoors at floor level, on ladders, rigging and scaffolding. Painters use a variety of chemicals and can be exposed to fumes from paints and solvents. Workers may have to travel great distances to work sites. Hours may include working at night.

Wages and Benefits: Registered Painter Apprentices start at 70% of Journeyman wage and are evaluated about six months for advancement. As of July 1, 2026, **Journey wage per hour start at: $38.12** and **First Term Apprentice wage per hour: $26.68.** Family health care and pension are provided when eligible. Wages are subject to union renegotiation and may vary by type of work.

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 three days, about every 6 weeks, Thursday through Saturday, on the apprentice's own time. Satisfactory progress must be maintained in related training classes. It typically takes approximately 3 years to complete the program.

The Oregon & SW Washington Painters 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 Painters 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.