

Skilled Workers

The term 'skilled workers' refers to individuals who have special skills or training and knowledge for a certain type of job. Some of these jobs require individuals to attend a technical or vocational school. For other positions, they may participate in apprenticeship program in which they receive their training while they work. Some of these jobs include hair stylists, plumbers, carpenters, and electricians.

The United States is one of several countries around the world who are experiencing a shortage of skilled workers. Many countries have started focusing on increasing apprenticeship programs to help individuals train for these specialized jobs. In the United States, there are apprenticeship programs offered in these areas:

Advanced Manufacturing	Hospitality
Construction	Information Technology
Energy	Telecommunications
Finance and Business	Transportation
Healthcare	

Over 170 industries are offering apprenticeship programs and there are different levels of positions. Some require skilled labor and others require higher levels of education, such as a college or professional degree.

There are a variety of jobs available to individuals. Skilled workers are an important part of our nation's economy.

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