



## FACTS

OVER  
**100**

APPROVED PROGRAMS  
WITH OVER 1,757  
APPRENTICES, AND  
STILL GROWING

**90%**

EMPLOYMENT  
RETENTION AFTER  
APPRENTICESHIP  
COMPLETION

**29**

EMPLOYERS WORKING  
UNDER THE COLLEGE  
PROGRAMS IN NORTH  
DAKOTA



Nearly 65% of current jobs do not require a college degree, but they do require some sort of post-secondary education. Apprenticeship fills this void.



## WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP?

An apprenticeship is a formal, on-the-job training program that typically has five components:

1. Employer involvement.
2. On-the-job training.
3. Related instruction.
4. Work experience and skills development.
5. Award of a college credit or nationally recognized industry credential. Apprenticeship programs can be sponsored by individual employers, joint employer and labor groups, and/or employers associations.

### BENEFITS OF APPRENTICESHIP FOR THE WORKER

Earn while they learn, receiving a paycheck from day one.

Hands-on career training.

Career advancement.

Potential to earn college credit while working.

Industry recognized credential.

#### For the Business

- An ongoing supply of skilled workforce, trained to fit your needs and work environment.
- Incentive to attract quality workers.
- Reduced turnover rates.
- Higher productivity.
- More diverse workforce.
- Federal and state programs for financial assistance may be available.

#### For North Dakota's Workforce System

- Job seekers can enter workforce quicker.
- Apprenticeship connects industry with education.

## EMPLOYER RESOURCES

Outside of the apprentice's wages and benefits, other costs may include staff time to set up and manage the apprenticeship program and its curriculum, recruitment, mentorship time, equipment, and possibly tuition and classroom materials. However, financial resources may be available to employers:

#### Credential Funding

Funding to pay for industry recognized credentials.

#### Operation Intern

Matching funds for new apprenticeship wages.

#### Boot Camps

Accelerated, intense training to skill up individuals to prepare them for apprenticeships.

# HOW TO GET STARTED

## Conduct a brief company assessment.

- Jobs for which it is difficult to find workers with the right skills?
- Positions with high turnover? Occupations where a highly skilled workforce is retiring soon?
- Challenges helping workers keep pace with continuing industry advances?
- Positions requiring skills that can be learned on the job?
- Difficulty in attracting new and more diverse talent pools?

If you answered yes to a majority of these questions you may be an excellent fit for an apprenticeship program.

## Conduct assessment on the specific occupation.

- How is the training done currently?
- What classes are offered?
- What certifications are needed or desired?
- What is the time frame for the apprenticeship?
- Is there a job description?
- What is the wage schedule of the occupation?

## Contact the North Dakota apprenticeship program coordinator.

The apprenticeship program coordinator will assist the employer to explore financial resources that may be available for apprenticeship program development and help navigate through the program development process.

# HOW AN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM IS ESTABLISHED

