



## **ApprenticeOhio Programs**

### **What are ApprenticeOhio programs?**

ApprenticeOhio programs offer a combination of paid on-the-job training, related technical instruction and mentoring for skilled occupations. Graduates receive a nationally recognized certificate and the education and training they need to build and advance their careers. Employers get qualified, motivated applicants and a low-cost way to develop a workforce with the skills needed to be successful. The programs emphasize learning by doing, and they are thriving. Ohio ranks second in the nation for the number of registered apprentices, with more than 19,000 enrolled.

### **How do ApprenticeOhio programs work?**

Each ApprenticeOhio program is run by a sponsor: usually an employer, a group of employers or a labor/management committee. The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services oversees ApprenticeOhio, which registers programs that meet national criteria for quality and safety.

Each ApprenticeOhio program operates according to standards that the sponsor develops. Each apprentice learns skills needed for a job in the sponsor's industry through at least 2,000 hours of structured on-the-job training and 144 hours of classroom training, typically at a local college or university. Apprentices work under the supervision of a skilled professional, also known as a mentor, and attend classes that involve discussion, reading and written work. They learn industry-accepted ways to perform jobs effectively and safely.

### **What occupations can apprentices be trained in?**

Ohio has 235 occupations in fields as diverse as aerospace, construction, energy, health care, manufacturing, computer programming and more.

### **How can I find ApprenticeOhio opportunities?**

Visit **Apprentice.Ohio.gov** or your nearest OhioMeansJobs center. If your area does not have a program that interests you, you can find a potential employer who may be interested in starting a program and ask the employer to email **apprenticeship@jfs.ohio.gov**.