Program Description

This program is intended to prepare students for careers in the building and construction trades. The general education courses, in conjunction with specialized courses, provide a broad foundation and sharpen students' skills in preparation for entry into, or advancement in, today's workplace. This curriculum, following the carpentry area of concentration, provides training, skills, and knowledge that prepares students for employment as carpenters; or provides current building and construction professionals with essential carpentry skills. This curriculum, following the electrical wiring area of concentration, provides training, skills and knowledge that prepares students for employment as electricians; or provides current building and construction professionals with essential electrical wiring skills. This curriculum, following the HVAC area of concentration, provides training, skills, and knowledge that prepares students for employment as HVAC technicians; or provides current building and construction professionals with essential HVAC technician skills. HVAC area of concentration students, in order to receive the AAS, must pass the E.P.A. 608 Certification Exam and at least one Industry Competency Exam (ICE).

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of this program a student will be able to:

• Define and explain the basic principles and techniques of residential construction.
• Apply relevant construction skills in a particular trade area.

Program Advisors

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For more information, please visit https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/academics/programs/building-trades-technology/building-trades-aas-degree-carpentry.html

To view the Advising Worksheet, please visit https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/_documents/counseling-and-advising/advising-worksheets/current-catalog/308a.pdf
Suggested Course Sequence

A suggested course sequence for full-time students follows. All students should review this advising guide and consult an advisor.

First Semester
- BLDG 130 - Introduction to the Building Trades 3 semester hours
- BLDG 133 - Building Trades Blueprint Reading 3 semester hours
- BLDG 140 - Fundamentals of Carpentry 4 semester hours
- ENGL 101 - Introduction to College Writing 3 semester hours *

Second Semester
- BLDG 230 - Building Codes and Standards 3 semester hours
- BLDG 240 - Advanced Framing and Exterior Finishing 4 semester hours
- English foundation 3 semester hours (ENGF)
- Mathematics foundation 3 semester hours (MATF)
- Program elective 3 semester hours †

Third Semester
- BLDG 242 - Remodeling and Interior Finishing 4 semester hours
- Arts or humanities distribution 3 semester hours (ARTD or HUMD)
- General education elective 3 semester hours (GEEL)
- Program elective 6 semester hours †

Fourth Semester
- Behavioral and social sciences distribution 3 semester hours (BSSD)
- Natural science distribution with lab 4 semester hours (NSLD)
- General education elective 3 semester hours (GEEL)
- Program electives 5 semester hours †

Total Credit Hours: 60

* ENGL 101/ ENGL 101A, if needed for ENGL 102/ENGL 103 or elective.

† Select from the following program electives: ARCH 103, ARCH 183, BLDG 150, BLDG 160, BLDG 182, BLDG 184, BLDG 188, BLDG 200 (1-3 credits), BLDG 250, BSAD 101, CMGT 100, CMGT 135, LNTP 204, SPAN 101.
Transfer Opportunities
Montgomery College has partnerships with multiple four-year institutions and the tools to help you transfer. To learn more, please visit https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/transfer or http://artsys.usmd.edu.

Get Involved at MC!
Employers and Transfer Institutions are looking for experience outside the classroom.

MC Student Clubs and Organizations: https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/life-at-mc/student-life/

Related Careers
Some require a Bachelor’s degree.
Construction Carpenter, Rough Carpenter, Roofer, Construction and Building Inspector, Cabinetmakers and Bench Carpenter.

Career Services
Montgomery College offers a range of services to students and alumni to support the career planning process. To learn more, please visit https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/career

Career Coach
A valuable online search tool that will give you the opportunity to explore hundreds of potential careers or job possibilities in Maryland and the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. Get started today on your road to a new future and give it a try. For more information, please visit https://montgomerycollege.emsicareercoach.com

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