

INTRODUCTION TO THE TRADES – UTILITY CONSTRUCTION

In collaboration with the Nebraska Chapter of the National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA), Metropolitan Community College (MCC) is excited to provide a training opportunity to anyone interested in a career in utility construction.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Milestone	Date/Time	Location
Application and Assessment	Oct. 13 & 14	See student letter for details
Candidate Interviews	Week of Oct. 25	See schedule for testing times and sites
Notification to applicants	Week of Nov. 1	
Program start date	Dec. 1	TBA

SELECTION CRITERIA

All applications must be received on Oct. 13 or 14 at one of the designated sites. Each applicant must be able to meet the following requirements:

- The ability to stand, stoop, walk and bend up to 80 percent of the time
- The ability to lift a minimum of 50 lbs.
- Self-disclosure on application of any criminal history including felonies and misdemeanors (*may not disqualify you for this program; however, failure to disclose will*)
- Must be eligible to work in the United States
- Ability to commit to the following training program:

Days: Monday–Friday

Time: 8 a.m.–12 p.m.

Dates: Dec. 1, 2010–Feb. 28, 2011

DEAR STUDENT:

This letter is to inform you of a new and exciting training opportunity for a Utility Construction Worker. If you are interested in being trained as a Utility Construction professional and working in a fast-paced environment, then this could be an opportunity to work for one of the premier contractors in the city of Omaha.

The City of Omaha is preparing to launch a multi-year storm water and sanitary sewer improvement project that will improve sewer service to many people living in eastern Omaha and result in better water quality for all Omahans. If you are interested in being a part of this project, this may be your opportunity to get involved and start a promising career in utility construction. Utility construction workers can expect to work on the installation and repair of underground and at grade infrastructure including: sanitary and storm sewers, soil grading, roadway removal, repair, and replacement. Previous construction experience is not necessary.

Students are being recruited now for a pilot program. Bring your application with you to your selected testing date and site.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

If selected for this program, you will learn the skills necessary for employment in entry-level utility construction positions from skilled professionals and qualified guest speakers. Those who successfully complete the program will also have the benefit of interaction and the possibility of a job offer with a participating contractor.

TRAINING OUTCOME

- Training that will provide you with a marketable Utility Construction Worker Training Certificate of Completion
- Interview and possibility of employment with a participating contractor
- Starting wage \$11.00 to \$14.00 per hour
- Successful completion of the training will result in 14 hours of credit at MCC.

We are excited about the offering of this much-needed program for our community. Our mission is to provide training that will move the unemployed or underemployed to the ranks of the employed.

Sincerely,

Deanne Amato
Project Manager
Metropolitan Community College

IS A CAREER IN UTILITY CONSTRUCTION FOR YOU?

- Hours will vary, Mon.–Fri. Overtime and weekend hours may be required
- Must be able to handle demanding work
- Must be able to work outside in extreme temperatures
- Must be able to work at or below ground level
- Will work with specialized equipment and supplies
- Must be able to learn and follow chain-of-command systems
- Must be able to take direction from licensed personnel and work within a team
- Must be able to be prompt and come prepared to work
- It is not unusual for seasonal layoffs to occur during winter months

QUICK FACTS

- Individuals selected must be available for an intensive training program
- Successful graduates will have the opportunity to apply for available job opportunities with participating local contractors
- Drug screens and background checks will be required upon provisional acceptance to the training program
- Starting wage is \$11.00 to \$14.00 per hour
- Class size for this pilot cohort will be limited to 12 students
- Classes will be held at MCC: Dec. 1, 2010–Feb. 28, 2011
 Monday–Friday
 8 a.m.–12 p.m.

HOW TO APPLY

Application Deadline: Oct. 13 & 14

Receiving of applications and mandatory ASSET testing will be done on Oct. 13 and Oct. 14. Sessions are limited to 25 participants. You must call one of the following locations to reserve your spot.

Oct. 13

10 a.m. or 1 p.m.
Employment First Career Center
1941 S. 42nd St. Ste. 370
Omaha, NE 68105
402-271-7314

OR

Urban League
3040 Lake St.
Omaha, NE 68111
402-763-6720

Oct. 14

10 a.m. or 1 p.m.
Arbor Education & Training
2910 K St.
Omaha, NE 68107
402-763-6720

OR

Employment First Career Center
1941 S. 42 St. Ste. 370
Omaha, NE 68105
402-271-7314