



CORE CURRICULUM: Introductory Craft Skills

Competencies / Objectives

MODULE 00101-09 – BASIC SAFETY

1. Explain the idea of a safety culture and its importance in the construction crafts.
2. Identify causes of accidents and the impact of accident costs.
3. Explain the role of OSHA in job-site safety.
4. Explain OSHA's General Duty Clause and 1926 CFR Subpart C.
5. Recognize hazard recognition and risk assessment techniques.
6. Explain fall protection, ladder, stair, and scaffold procedures and requirements.
7. Identify struck-by hazards and demonstrate safe working procedures and requirements.
8. Identify caught-in-between hazards and demonstrate safe working procedures and requirements.
9. Define safe work procedures to use around electrical hazards.
10. Demonstrate the use and care of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).
11. Explain the importance of hazard communications (HazCom) and Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs).
12. Identify other construction hazards on your job site, including hazardous material exposures, environmental elements, welding and cutting hazards, confined spaces, and fires.

MODULE 00102-09 – INTRODUCTION TO CONSTRUCTION MATH

1. Add, subtract, multiply, and divide whole numbers, with and without a calculator.
2. Use a standard ruler, a metric ruler, and a measuring tape to measure.
3. Add, subtract, multiply, and divide fractions.
4. Add, subtract, multiply, and divide decimals, with and without a calculator.
5. Convert decimals to percentages and percentages to decimals.
6. Convert fractions to decimals and decimals to fractions.
7. Explain what the metric system is and how it is important in the construction trade.
8. Recognize and use metric units of length, weight, volume, and temperature.
9. Recognize some of the basic shapes used in the construction industry and apply basic geometry to measure them.

MODULE 00103-09 – INTRODUCTION TO HAND TOOLS

1. Recognize and identify some of the basic hand tools and their proper uses in the construction trade.
2. Visually inspect hand tools to determine if they are safe to use.
3. Safely use hand tools.

MODULE 00104-09 – INTRODUCTION TO POWER TOOLS

1. Identify power tools commonly used in the construction trades.
2. Use power tools safely.
3. Explain how to maintain power tools properly.

MODULE 00105-09 – INTRODUCTION TO CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS

1. Recognize and identify basic construction drawing terms, components, and symbols.
2. Relate information on construction drawings to actual locations on the print.
3. Recognize different classifications of construction drawings.
4. Interpret and use drawing dimensions.

MODULE 00106-09 – BASIC RIGGING

1. Identify and describe the use of slings and common rigging hardware.
2. Describe basic inspection techniques and rejection criteria used for slings and hardware.
3. Describe basic hitch configurations and their proper connections.
4. Describe basic load-handling safety practices.
5. Demonstrate proper use of American National Standards Institute (ANSI) hand signals.

MODULE 00107-09 – BASIC COMMUNICATION SKILLS

1. Interpret information and instructions presented in both verbal and written form.
2. Communicate effectively in on-the-job situations using verbal and written skills.
3. Communicate effectively on the job using electronic communication devices.

MODULE 00108-09 – BASIC EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

1. Explain the role of an employee in the construction industry.
2. Demonstrate critical thinking skills and the ability to solve problems using those skills.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of computer systems and explain common uses for computers in the construction industry.
4. Define effective relationship skills.
5. Recognize workplace issues such as sexual harassment, stress, and substance abuse.

MODULE 00109-09 – INTRODUCTION TO MATERIALS HANDLING

1. Define a load.
2. Establish a pre-task plan prior to moving a load.
3. Use proper materials-handling techniques.
4. Choose appropriate materials-handling equipment for the task.
5. Recognize hazards and follow safety procedures required for materials handling.



Fundamentals—Level One

MODULE 27101-06 – ORIENTATION TO THE TRADE

1. Describe the history of the carpentry trade.
2. Identify the aptitudes, behaviors, and skills needed to be a successful carpenter.
3. Identify the training opportunities within the carpentry trade.
4. Identify the career and entrepreneurial opportunities within the carpentry trade.
5. Identify the responsibilities of a person working in the construction industry.
6. State the personal characteristics of a professional.
7. Explain the importance of safety in the construction industry.

MODULE 27102-06 – BUILDING MATERIALS, FASTENERS, AND ADHESIVES

1. Identify various types of building materials and their uses.
2. State the uses of various types of hardwoods and softwoods.
3. Identify the different grades and markings of wood building materials.
4. Identify the safety precautions associated with building materials.
5. Describe the proper method of storing and handling building materials.
6. State the uses of various types of engineered lumber.
7. Calculate the quantities of lumber and wood products using industry-standard methods.
8. Describe the fasteners, anchors, and adhesives used in construction work and explain their uses.

MODULE 27103-06 – HAND AND POWER TOOLS

1. Identify the hand tools commonly used by carpenters and describe their uses.
2. Use hand tools in a safe and appropriate manner.
3. State the general safety rules for operating all power tools, regardless of type.
4. State the general rules for properly maintaining all power tools, regardless of type.
5. Identify the portable power tools commonly used by carpenters and describe their uses.
6. Use portable power tools in a safe and appropriate manner.

MODULE 27104-06 – READING PLANS AND ELEVATIONS

1. Describe the types of drawings usually included in a set of plans and list the information found on each type.
2. Identify the different types of lines used on construction drawings.
3. Identify selected architectural symbols commonly used to represent materials on plans.
4. Identify selected electrical, mechanical, and plumbing symbols commonly used on plans.
5. Identify selected abbreviations commonly used on plans.
6. Read and interpret plans, elevations, schedules, sections, and details contained in basic construction drawings.
7. State the purpose of written specifications.
8. Identify and describe the parts of a specification.
9. Demonstrate or describe how to perform a quantity takeoff for materials.

MODULE 27105-06 – FLOOR SYSTEMS

1. Identify the different types of framing systems.
2. Read and interpret drawings and specifications to determine floor system requirements.
3. Identify floor and sill framing and support members.
4. Name the methods used to fasten sills to the foundation.
5. Given specific floor load and span data, select the proper girder/beam size from a list of available girders/beams.
6. List and recognize different types of floor joists.
7. Given specific floor load and span data, select the proper joist size from a list of available joists.
8. List and recognize different types of bridging.
9. List and recognize different types of flooring materials.
10. Explain the purposes of subflooring and underlayment.
11. Match selected fasteners used in floor framing to their correct uses.
12. Estimate the amount of material needed to frame a floor assembly.
13. Demonstrate the ability to:
 - Lay out and construct a floor assembly
 - Install bridging
 - Install joists for a cantilever floor
 - Install a subfloor using butt-joint plywood/OSB panels
 - Install a single floor system using tongue-and-groove plywood/OSB panels

MODULE 27106-06 – WALL AND CEILING FRAMING

1. Identify the components of a wall and ceiling layout.
2. Describe the procedure for laying out a wood frame wall, including plates, corner posts, door and window openings, partition Ts, bracing, and firestops.
3. Describe the correct procedure for assembling and erecting an exterior wall.
4. Identify the common materials and methods used for installing sheathing on walls.
5. Lay out, assemble, erect, and brace exterior walls for a frame building.
6. Describe wall framing techniques used in masonry construction.
7. Explain the use of metal studs in wall framing.
8. Describe the correct procedure for laying out ceiling joists.
9. Cut and install ceiling joists on a wood frame building.
10. Estimate the materials required to frame walls and ceilings.

MODULE 27107-06 – ROOF FRAMING

1. Understand the terms associated with roof framing.
2. Identify the roof framing members used in gable and hip roofs.
3. Identify the methods used to calculate the length of a rafter.
4. Identify the various types of trusses used in roof framing.
5. Use a rafter framing square, speed square, and calculator in laying out a roof.
6. Identify various types of sheathing used in roof construction.
7. Frame a gable roof with vent openings.
8. Frame a roof opening.
9. Erect a gable roof using trusses.
10. Estimate the materials used in framing and sheathing a roof.

MODULE 27108-06 – INTRODUCTION TO CONCRETE, REINFORCING MATERIALS, AND FORMS

1. Identify the properties of cement.
2. Describe the composition of concrete.
3. Perform volume estimates for concrete quantity requirements.
4. Identify types of concrete reinforcement materials and describe their uses.
5. Identify various types of footings and explain their uses.
6. Identify the parts of various types of forms.
7. Explain the safety procedures associated with the construction and use of concrete forms.
8. Erect, plumb, and brace a simple concrete form with reinforcement.

MODULE 27109-06 – WINDOWS AND EXTERIOR DOORS

1. Identify various types of fixed, sliding, and swinging windows.
2. Identify the parts of a window installation.
3. State the requirements for a proper window installation.
4. Install a pre-hung window.
5. Identify the common types of exterior doors and explain how they are constructed.
6. Identify the parts of a door installation.
7. Identify the types of thresholds used with exterior doors.
8. Install a pre-hung exterior door.
9. Identify the various types of locksets used on exterior doors and explain how they are installed.
10. Install a lockset.

MODULE 27110-06 – BASIC STAIR LAYOUT

1. Identify the various types of stairs.
2. Identify the various parts of stairs.
3. Identify the materials used in the construction of stairs.
4. Interpret construction drawings of stairs.
5. Calculate the total rise, number and size of risers, and number and size of treads required for a stairway.
6. Lay out and cut stringers, risers, and treads.
7. Build a small stair unit with a temporary handrail.