BUILDING TECHNOLOGY

Building Construction Technology is a program that will prepare you to enter the growing construction industry. Your hands-on education will encompass project management, sustainable (green) building, construction law, blueprint reading, basic surveying, use of wood building materials, concrete work, and weatherization, and masonry, correct use of hand and power tools, safety procedures, math skills, painting, and communication skills to help you work with both colleagues and clients.

Graduation Requirements

Certificate in Building Trades: WorkKeys® scores of level 4 in Reading for Information, Locating Information, and Applied Mathematics; cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher. A minimum of 6 credits earned toward the certificate must be completed at NMSU or one of its community colleges. If the certificate requires fewer than 6 credits, all credits must be completed at NMSU or one of its community colleges. Individual academic program may have additional requirements.

AAS in Building Technology: ENGL 111G Rhetoric and Composition with a C or higher; placement into college-level math and reading courses or completion of developmental courses with a C or higher; cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher. A minimum of 15 of the 60 credits for the associate’s degree must be completed at NMSU or one of its community colleges. Individual academic programs may have additional requirements. TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR DEGREE: (61)

Building Trades - Certificate

Gainful Employment Disclosure: Important information about the educational debt, earnings, and completion rates of students who attend this program can be found on the following Gainful Employment Disclosure.

Building Technology - Associate of Applied Science

BCT 100. Building Trades I
8 Credits (2+12P)
Equipment and general safety. Human relations, building construction surveying, footings, foundation form work, framing, sheathing, insulation. Basic electrical wiring and plumbing. Classroom instruction, on- the-job training, and problem solving.

BCT 101. Introduction to Construction I
2 Credits (2+1P)
Basic safety, including personal protective equipment, how to perform basic construction tasks safely, and what to do if an accident occurs. Includes basic construction methods. May be repeated up to 2 credits. Restricted to Community Colleges campuses only. Corequisite(s): BCT 102 and BCT 103.

BCT 102. Introduction to Construction II
2 Credits (2+1P)
Introduction to power and hand tools, blueprints, and basic rigging hardware and techniques. May be repeated up to 2 credits. Restricted to Community Colleges campuses only. Corequisite(s): BCT 101 and BCT 103.

BCT 103. Introduction to Construction Laboratory
3 Credits (3)
Provides students the opportunity to practice skills they have acquired in BCT 101 and BCT 102. It includes task-oriented projects in which students can apply many of the skills and knowledge that have been presented throughout the National Center for Construction and Education Research (NCCER) Carpentry Program. May be repeated up to 3 credits. Restricted to Community Colleges campuses only. Corequisite(s): BCT 101 and BCT 102.

BCT 104. Woodworking Skills I
3 Credits (1+4P)
Use and care of hand tools and elementary power tools, safety procedures, and supervised project construction.

BCT 105. Woodworking Skills II
3 Credits (1+4P)
Advanced woodworking skills to include use of advanced power tools, power tool safety, and supervised project construction. Prerequisite: BCT 104 or consent of instructor.

BCT 106. Woodworking Theory and Practice
3 Credits (2+2P)
History of wood manufacturing, industrial techniques, wood characteristics, stains and finishes. Design and construction of minor wood projects.

BCT 107. Painting I
4 Credits (2+4P)
Types and applications of paints and clear coatings. Use of fasteners, cauls, and sealants. Restricted to: Community Colleges only.

BCT 108. Plumbing I
3 Credits (1+4P)
Covers orientation to the trade. Students will learn about materials used in the plumbing industry and the different types of plumbing fixtures. It includes task-oriented projects in which the students apply many of the skills and knowledge that are presented through the National Center for Construction and Education Research (NCCER) Plumbing Program. May be repeated up to 3 credits. Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): BCT 101, BCT 102. Restricted to Community Colleges campuses only.

BCT 109. Plumbing I
3 Credits (2+3P)
Covers orientation to the trade. Students will learn about materials used in the plumbing industry and the different types of plumbing fixtures. It includes task-oriented projects in which the students apply many of the skills and knowledge that are presented through the National Center for Construction and Education Research (NCCER) Plumbing Program. May be repeated up to 3 credits. Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): BCT 101, BCT 102. Restricted to Community Colleges campuses only.

BCT 110. Blueprint Reading for Building Trades
4 Credits (2+4P)
Same as DRFT 151, OEET 101, OEPB 110.

BCT 111. Small Equipment Maintenance and Repair
4 Credits (2+4P)
Covers small engine theory, troubleshooting and repair, auto maintenance, hydraulic theory and repair lubricants, batteries and scheduled tool maintenance. Restricted to: Community Colleges only.

BCT 114. Basic Carpentry
3 Credits (1+4P)
Covers orientation to the trade; wood building materials, fasteners, and adhesives; detailed description and explanations of hand-operated and power tools, including safety; framing basics including laying out and constructing of wood floors, walls and ceilings and includes roughing in of door and window openings. May be repeated up to 3 credits. Restricted to Community Colleges campuses only. Corequisite(s): BCT 115 and BCT 116.
BCT 115. Carpentry Level I
3 Credits (1+4P)
Describes the various kinds of roofs and provides instructions for lay out of the different roofing systems. Describes the various types of windows, skylights, and exterior doors and provides instruction for installation. May be repeated up to 3 credits. Consent of Instructor required. Restricted to Community Colleges campuses only.
Corequisite(s): BCT 114 and BCT 116.

BCT 116. Basic Carpentry Lab
2 Credits (2)
Provides students the opportunity to practice skills they have acquired in BCT 114 and BCT 115. It includes task-oriented projects in which students can apply many of the skills and knowledge that have been presented throughout the National Center for Construction and Education Research (NCCER) Carpentry Program. May be repeated up to 2 credits. Restricted to Community Colleges campuses only.
Corequisite(s): BCT 114 or BCT 115.

BCT 117. Plumbing 1A
3 Credits (2+2P)
This course will introduce students to the plumbing profession. Students will become familiar with the tasks and responsibilities of plumbing professionals in the construction industry and gain a basic knowledge of the plumbing field. Restricted to Community Colleges campuses only.

BCT 118. Math for Building Trades
3 Credits (3)
Geometry, algebra, arithmetic, and basic trigonometry pertaining to mathematical applications in the building trades field. Same as OEET 118, DRFT 118, OEPB 118.
Prerequisite: CCDM 103 N.

BCT 119. Plumbing 1B
3 Credits (2+2P)
This course continues the introduction of students to the plumbing profession. Students will become familiar with the tasks and responsibilities of plumbing professionals in the construction industry and gain a basic knowledge of the plumbing field. Restricted to Community Colleges campuses only.
Prerequisite(s): BCT 117.

BCT 121. Construction Law
3 Credits (3)
Using the New Mexico Contractors Reference manual, this course covers licensing requirements and regulations, business, law and other important aspects of owning and running a construction business. Restricted to Community Colleges only.

BCT 123. Residential Wiring I
3 Credits (2+3P)
Introduction to residential electrical wiring trade, electrical safety practices, basic electrical circuits and theory, reading and interpreting applicable construction prints/drawings, introduction to basic National Electric Code (NEC), and preparation for entry-level employment in residential electrical wiring. Restricted to Community Colleges campuses only.

BCT 130. Professional Development and Leadership
1 Credit (1)
As members and/or officers of various student professional organizations, students gain experience in leadership, team building, and community service. Students competing or participating in Skills USA are required to register for the course. May be repeated up to 6 credits. Consent of Instructor required. Restricted to: BCT majors. S/U Grading (S/U, Audit). Restricted to: Community Colleges only.

BCT 150. Forklift Operation
1 Credit (1)
Classroom instruction and hands-on practice to prepare students to operate a forklift safely in the workplace. Students will have the opportunity to earn a forklift operator’s permit. Consent of Instructor required. Restricted to Community Colleges campuses only.

BCT 200. Building Trades II
8 Credits (2+12P)
Continuation of BCT 100: roofing; exterior and interior finish; masonry; door, window, and cabinet installation.

BCT 206. Advanced Cabinetmaking
3 Credits (1+3P)
Advanced cabinetmaking skills, to include expert use of hand and power tools, professional construction and finishing techniques. Prerequisites: BCT 105, BCT 106, or consent of instructor.

BCT 209. Plumbing II
3 Credits (2+3P)
Continuation of BCT 109. Provides students the opportunity to gain more practice in the skills and knowledge learned in Plumbing I. Students will install fixtures and run the various plumbing supply lines from Plumbing Level I. The course included hands on projects in which the students apply many of the competencies that have been presented through the National Center for Construction and Education Research (NCCER) Plumbing Program. May be repeated up to 3 credits. Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): BCT 109.

BCT 217. Building and the Environment
3 Credits (3)
Introduction to LEED’s, and Green Building Fundamentals, sustainability, sustainable design and green building evaluating cost implication of green building. Describes site development; managing site water runoff, improving a project’s water use efficiency. Discusses renewable energy sources, and introduces student to generating power on-site using renewable energy sources, improving a building’s indoor environment quality, improving the building industries’ environmental performance and environmental aspects of building maintenance, re-use and conservation. Restricted to: Community Colleges only.

BCT 218. Plumbing 2
4 Credits (2+4P)
This course builds on the skills and knowledge students have gained in previous BCT introduction to plumbing courses, focusing on installation of plumbing systems. Students will become familiar with the tasks and responsibilities of plumbing professionals in the construction industry and gain a basic knowledge of the plumbing field. Prerequisite(s): BCT 117 and BCT 119.

BCT 219. Weatherization in Construction
3 Credits (2+2P)
Introduction to industry weatherization standards and practices utilized in the construction of buildings for the purpose of energy conservation. Economic and environmental impacts of the use of energy in heating and cooling building will be examined. Prerequisite(s): BCT 101, BCT 102 and BCT 103.

BCT 221. Cooperative Experience I
1-4 Credits
Supervised cooperative work program. Student is employed in an approved occupation and is supervised and rated by the employer and instructor. Student will meet in a weekly class. Graded S/U. Prerequisite: consent of instructor.
BCT 222. Alternative Building
3 Credits (2+2P)
Exploration of different types of building techniques and materials other than the traditional wood framed structures. Materials and techniques will include adobe, straw bale, insulated concrete forms, rammed earth and structural insulated panels with an emphasis on "green building" methods. Restricted to: Community Colleges only.

BCT 223. Residential Wiring II
3 Credits (2+3P)
Introduction to electrical raceways and fittings; electrical conductors and cables; basic electrical construction drawings, residential electrical services, and electrical test equipment. Restricted to Community Colleges campuses only.
Prerequisite(s): BCT 123.

BCT 255. Special Topics
1-6 Credits (1-6)
Topics to be announced in the Schedule of Classes. May be repeated up to 12 credits. Consent of Instructor required. Restricted to Community Colleges campuses only.

BCT 290. Special Problems in Building Technology
1-4 Credits
Individual studies in areas directly related to building technologies.
Prerequisite: consent of instructor.