

Unit 1: Introduction

North America's Building Trades Unions Multi-Craft Core Curriculum is intended to introduce you to the idea of being a union construction worker. It was created because the various building and construction trades teach similar skills to their members. Math skills, safety awareness, and knowledge of their common labor history are just some of the important ideas that the Building Trades unions share. Armed with this knowledge, and an understanding of how the construction industry works, you can make a more informed choice about how you can join this exciting industry.

Learning Objective

At the end of this unit, you will be able to: discuss the interrelationship of craft skills, construction industry stakeholders, and craft workers to the construction process and explain the interconnectedness of work processes in the progress of a construction job.

different systems: the HVAC systems, electrical systems, plumbing systems, concrete systems, structural systems, and other elements come together to create a finished product. Like this building, the construction industry is made up of many different career paths.

Understanding Building Construction

Take a moment to look at the building you're in. A new building is comprised of many

