



Building Trades Instructor * SUNY Sullivan Liberty, NY

Overview: SUNY Sullivan is seeking a Part-Time Building Trades Instructor for a 10 Week Evening Program in Liberty, NY.

SUNY Sullivan is seeking a skilled, hands-on Building Trades Instructor to deliver a 10-week practical training program designed to prepare adult learners for immediate employment in residential and light commercial construction in the Hudson Valley and Sullivan County region. The instructor will teach foundational construction skills, including the use of tools and safety, framing, interior/exterior systems, commercial specialties, concrete, building codes, and jobsite readiness. The ideal candidate possesses real-world construction experience, enjoys teaching adult learners, and is dedicated to helping students develop job-ready skills for local employers.

Responsibilities

Instruction & Training

Deliver instruction aligned with the 10-unit Construction Technology curriculum, including:

Tools & safety training (OSHA-based principles),

Material identification and construction drawings,

Concrete forms and basic foundation concepts,

Wood framing (walls, doors, windows),

Drywall installation and finishing,

Flooring, cabinets, interior specialty installations,

Exterior projects such as decks, stairs,

Building codes, inspections, and jobsite expectations,

Employability skills and capstone project,

Lead hands-on shop activities, demonstrations, and safety briefings,

Ensure proper use, maintenance, and storage of program tools, materials, and equipment.

Student Support & Workforce Readiness

Foster a supportive environment for adult learners with varying skill levels,

Provide individualized coaching as needed to build tool proficiency and confidence,
Evaluate student performance based on attendance, participation, safety, and skills assessments.

Program Operations

Assist with setup and breakdown of training materials for each session,
Maintain a safe learning environment and enforce SUNY Sullivan and OSHA-aligned safety practices,
Coordinate with Workforce Development staff to track student progress, attendance, and outcomes,
Participate in instructor meetings, curriculum updates, and quality improvement activities,
Provide input on materials, equipment, and supply needs (including dismantling the capstone build after each cohort).

Requirements:

High School Diploma

5 yrs. experience in residential or commercial construction, carpentry, remodeling, or building maintenance OR equivalent trade experience

Ability to demonstrate proper and safe use of hand tools, power tools, ladders, and equipment

Strong knowledge of framing, drywall, flooring, decks, stair layout, commercial installations, and jobsite safety

Strong communication skills with the ability to train adult learners

Commitment to maintaining a safe working and learning environment

Preferred

Prior teaching, training, or supervisory experience.

Experience with OSHA safety training or site supervision.

Knowledge of local Hudson Valley/Sullivan County employer needs.

Experience in estimating materials and managing small-scale projects.

Working Conditions

Hands-on shop environment with physical activity such as lifting (up to 50 lbs.), bending, and standing for extended periods.

Evening schedule (typically 2 evenings per week, 4 hours per night).

Use of PPE and adherence to all safety protocols required.

Shift and Salary: This position is part-time for a 10 Week evening cohort program, \$40-50 per hour determined on experience, instructor background and program enrollment

To apply please submit your cover letter, resume, and the contact information including emails for 3 professional references (one supervisor) to jschmeiser@sunysullivan.edu.

Resume should detail relevant construction experience, contain a brief statement of teaching or supervisory experience and include any relevant certifications.