In an apprenticeship, you can **earn money while learning** through a combination of hands-on, **on-the-job training (OJT)** and related academic classes. Apprenticeships are competitive and rigorous, and are typically more demanding than **internships**.

**WHAT JOB CAN I GET AS AN APPRENTICE?**

Apprenticeships are available in a variety of industries, such as **aerospace**, **advanced manufacturing**, **construction**, **energy** and **marine technology**. Examples of careers include:

- Aircraft mechanic
- Automotive mechanic
- Bricklayer
- Carpenter
- Cement mason
- Electrician
- Fire fighter
- Plumber
- Truck driver
- Welder

**HOW MUCH WOULD I GET PAID?**

Apprentices earn money while in the program; the pay increases as they progress. Upon graduation, they become “journey-level” workers.

- **Starting apprentice** – minimum $18/hr + **benefits** (e.g. medical, dental and vision)
  - For example, Seattle City Light apprentices earn at least $30/hr to start.
- **Journey-level worker** (apprenticeship graduate) – minimum $30/hr + **benefits** (e.g. medical, dental, vision and retirement)
  - For example, King County plumbers and pipe fitters earn around $77/hr while cement masons in Yakima earn $40/hr.

1. **Make sure you meet the requirements.**
   Generally, these include:
   - High school **diploma**
   - Specified abilities (may require math)
   - Valid driver’s license and reliable transportation

2. **Find a program and apply.**
   - Each program has unique procedures for applying.
   - To learn more about the process, talk to your high school counselor or visit [apprenticeship.lni.wa.gov](http://apprenticeship.lni.wa.gov)