



Plumber/Sprinkler Fitter Fundamentals

Youth Apprenticeship

PLUMBER/SPRINKLER FITTER FUNDAMENTALS

Plumber/Sprinkler Fitter youth apprentices gain skills related to the use of plumbing safety, drawings and blueprints, materials, tools, materials, and general worksite procedures. Apprentices must adhere to industry safety and security standards.

Length of Apprenticeship: One or two years

OCCUPATIONAL COMPETENCIES

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Plumber/Sprinkler Fitter Competencies
1. Follow safety procedures 2. Read construction drawings and plans 3. Interpret symbols and procedures 4. Contribute to a job task plan 5. Work as a member of a construction team 6. Prepare work area for construction 7. Select construction materials 8. Use hand and light duty tools 9. Use power tools and equipment 10. Perform materials handling

11. Install materials per job specifications
12. Perform construction measurements
13. Maintain a clean and safe work area
14. Clean up job site
15. Practice quality craftsmanship

APPRENTICESHIP BRIDGING OPPORTUNITIES

Some of the related instruction courses can bridge into the following registered apprenticeship:

- Plumber
- Sprinkler Fitter



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ON-THE-JOB LEARNING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS GUIDE
(TO BE COMPLETED BY YA CONSORTIUM)

YOUTH APPRENTICE INFORMATION

Youth Apprentice Name	
YA Coordinator	YA Consortium
School District	High School Graduation Date

REQUIREMENTS

Level One Requirements

Youth apprentices must complete ALL the items listed below. Check completed areas.

- ☐ Year 1 Competency checklist
- ☐ Employability Skills checklist (in this OJL Guide) or the DPI Employability Skills Certificate
- ☐ Related instruction equal to 1 high school credit or at least 3 college credits
- ☐ Minimum of 450 work hours

Level Two Requirements

Youth apprentices must complete ALL the items listed below. Check completed areas.

- ☐ Year 2 Competency checklist
- ☐ Employability Skills checklist (in this OJL Guide) or the DPI Employability Skills Certificate
- ☐ Related instruction equal to 2 high school credits or at least 6 college credits
- ☐ Minimum of 900 work hours

HOURS

Record the hours the youth apprentice worked.

Total Hours Employed	Company Name	Telephone Number

RELATED INSTRUCTION

YEAR 1: Indicate which related instruction courses the youth apprentice completed.

Dual Credit	Course Number and Title	Credits	Instruction Provider
☐			
☐			
☐			
☐			

YEAR 2: Indicate which related instruction courses the youth apprentice completed.

Dual Credit	Course Number and Title	Credits	Instruction Provider
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SIGNATURES

The On-the-Job Learning Performance Standards Guide includes a list of competencies youth apprentices learn through mentoring and training at the worksite.

Instructions for the Worksite Employers/Mentors and School-Based or YA coordinators: This document should be reviewed with the employer/mentor, school-based or YA coordinator on a regular basis with the youth apprentice to record progress and plan future steps to ensure completion of the required competencies. Mentors, school-based/YA coordinator, and the apprentice sign below.

Employer/Mentor Signature	Employer/Mentor Signature
Employer/Mentor	Employer/Mentor
Business/Company	Business/Company
Date Signed	Date Signed
School-Based and/or YA Coordinator Signature	School-Based and/or YA Coordinator Signature
School-Based and/or YA Coordinator	School-Based and/or YA Coordinator
School District or Organization	School District or Organization
Date Signed	Date Signed
Youth Apprentice Signature	Youth Apprentice Signature
Youth Apprentice	Youth Apprentice
School District / High School	School District / High School
Date Signed	Date Signed

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS (TO BE COMPLETED BY YA EMPLOYER/MENTOR)

Youth apprentices must demonstrate key employability skills.

The DWD YA program employability skills requirement may be attained and demonstrated through two processes. (See options listed below.) Employability skills must be completed for every year a student is in the program. The DPI Employability Skills Certificate may be counted as meeting one of those two years, provided the certificate is earned in the same year the student is enrolled in youth apprenticeship or they can complete the YA Employability Skills in the OJL. The Employability Skills Certificate must be obtained through the DPI.

1. If a student has successfully completed a Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) State-Certified Cooperative Education, [Co-Op Employability Skill certification](#) then they have met the YA Employability Skills requirement for that year. A copy of the student's DPI Co-Op Employability Skill Certificate must be maintained on file with their YA regional consortium.

☐ Earned Wisconsin Employability Skills Certificate (checked if applicable) or,

2. Completed and rated "Employability Skills" through this YA OJL guide as described below.

3	Exceeds Expectations: Exceeds entry-level criteria; requires minimal supervision; consistently displays this behavior
2	Meets Expectations: Meets entry-level criteria; requires some supervision; often displays this behavior
1	Working to Meet Expectations: Needs improvement; requires much assistance and supervision; rarely displays this behavior

The following skills are required of all youth apprentices.

Employability Skills		Rating		
Competency and Rating Criteria		Minimum Rating of 2 for EACH Check Rating		
		1	2	3
1. Develops positive work relationships with others. <i>Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit include . . .</i>		Year 1 Rating		
		☐	☐	☐
		Year 2 Rating		
• Interacts with others with respect and in a non-judgmental manner • Responds to others in an appropriate and non-offensive manner • Helps co-workers and peers accomplish tasks or goals • Applies problem-solving strategies to improve relations with others • When managing others, shows traits such as compassion, listening, coaching, team development, and appreciation		☐	☐	☐

Employability Skills		Rating		
2. Communicates effectively with others <i>Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit include . . .</i> • Adjusts the communication approach for the target audience, purpose, and situation to maximize impact • Organizes messages/information in a logical and helpful manner • Speaks clearly and writes legibly • Models behaviors to show active listening • Applies what was read to actual practice • Asks appropriate questions for clarity		Year 1 Rating		
		☐	☐	☐
		Year 2 Rating		
		☐	☐	☐
3. Collaborates with others <i>Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit include . . .</i> • Works effectively in teams with people of diverse backgrounds regardless of sex, race, ethnicity, nationality, sexuality, religion, political views, and abilities • Shares responsibility for collaborative work and decision making • Uses the problem-solving process to work through differences of opinion in a constructive manner to achieve a reasonable compromise • Avoids contributing to an unproductive group conflict • Shares information and carries out responsibilities in a timely manner		Year 1 Rating		
		☐	☐	☐
		Year 2 Rating		
		☐	☐	☐
4. Maintains composure under pressure <i>Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit include . . .</i> • Uses critical thinking to determine the best options or outcomes when faced with a challenging situation • Carries out assigned duties while under pressure • Acts in a respectful, professional, and non-offensive manner while under pressure • Applies stress management techniques to cope under pressure		Year 1 Rating		
		☐	☐	☐
		Year 2 Rating		
		☐	☐	☐
5. Demonstrates integrity <i>Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit include . . .</i> • Carries out responsibilities in an ethical, legal and confidential manner • Responds to situations in a timely manner • Takes personal responsibility to correct problems • Models behaviors that demonstrate self-discipline, reliability, and dependability		Year 1 Rating		
		☐	☐	☐
		Year 2 Rating		
		☐	☐	☐

Employability Skills		Rating		
6. Performs quality work <i>Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit include . . .</i> • Carries out written and verbal directions accurately • Completes work efficiently and effectively • Performs calculations accurately • Conserves resources, supplies, and materials to minimize costs and environmental impact • Uses equipment, technology, and work strategies to improve workflow • Applies problem-solving strategies to improve productivity • Adheres to worksite regulations and practices • Maintains an organized work area	Year 1 Rating			
	☐	☐	☐	
	Year 2 Rating			
	☐	☐	☐	
7. Provides quality goods or services (internal and external) <i>Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit include . . .</i> • Shows support for the organizational goals and principles by own personal actions • Displays a respectful and professional image to customers • Displays an enthusiastic attitude and desire to take care of customer needs • Seeks out ways to increase customer satisfaction • Produces goods to workplace specifications	Year 1 Rating			
	☐	☐	☐	
	Year 2 Rating			
	☐	☐	☐	
8. Shows initiative and self-direction <i>Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit include . . .</i> • Prioritizes and carries out responsibilities without being told • Responds with enthusiasm and flexibility to handle tasks that need immediate attention • Reflects on any unsatisfactory outcome as an opportunity to learn • Improves personal performance by doing something different or differently • Analyzes how own actions impact the overall organization • Supports own action with sound reasoning and principles • Balances personal activities to minimize interference with work responsibilities	Year 1 Rating			
	☐	☐	☐	
	Year 2 Rating			
	☐	☐	☐	

Employability Skills	Rating		
9. Adapts to change <i>Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit include . . .</i> - Shows flexibility and willingness to learn new skills for various job roles - Uses problem-solving and critical-thinking skills to cope with changing circumstances - Modifies own work behavior based on feedback, unsatisfactory outcomes, efficiency, and effectiveness - Displays a "can do" attitude	Year 1 Rating		
	☐	☐	☐
	Year 2 Rating		
	☐	☐	☐
10. Demonstrates safety and security regulations and practices <i>Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit include . . .</i> - Follows personal safety requirements - Maintains a safe work environment - Demonstrates professional role in an emergency - Follows security procedures - Maintains confidentiality	Year 1 Rating		
	☐	☐	☐
	Year 2 Rating		
	☐	☐	☐
11. Applies job-related technology, information, and media <i>Examples of qualities and habits that the employee might exhibit include . . .</i> - Applies technology effectively in the workplace - Assesses and evaluates information on the job - Assesses training manuals, website, and other media related to the job	Year 1 Rating		
	☐	☐	☐
	Year 2 Rating		
	☐	☐	☐
12. Fulfills training or certification requirements for employment <i>Examples of this requirement may include . . .</i> - Participation in required career-related training and/or educational programs - Passing certification tests to qualify for licensure and/or certification - Participation in company training or orientation	Year 1 Rating		
	☐	☐	☐
	Year 2 Rating		
	☐	☐	☐
13. Sets personal goals for improvement <i>Examples of this requirement may include . . .</i> - Setting goals that are specific and measurable - Setting work-related goals that align with the organization's mission - Identifying strategies to reach goals - Reflecting on goal progress to regularly evaluate and modify goals	Year 1 Rating		
	☐	☐	☐
	Year 2 Rating		
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Rating Scale

3: Exceeds entry level criteria | Requires minimal supervision | Consistently displays this behavior

2: Meets entry level criteria | Requires some supervision | Often displays this behavior

1: Needs improvement | Requires much assistance and supervision | Rarely displays this behavior

If any competencies are rated "1" on the final performance review checklist that is submitted to WI DWD it is considered a failed checklist.

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Occupational Competencies		Rating		
Competency and Rating Criteria		Minimum Rating of 2 for EACH Check Rating		
		1	2	3
1. Follows safety procedures		Year 1 Rating		
select and use appropriate clothing and personal protective equipment (PPE)		☐	☐	☐
comply with job site safety and security rules and regulations		☐	☐	☐
maintain a clean and organized work environment		☐	☐	☐
identify and report unsafe job conditions		☐	☐	☐
report injuries and damage to property		☐	☐	☐

Occupational Competencies		Rating		
2. Reads construction drawings and plans - relate drawing to job task - interpret elements and symbols - locate worksite features on a construction plan - convert scales measurements to full measurements - translate specifications to work requirements	Year 1 Rating			
	☐	☐	☐	
	Year 2 Rating			
	☐	☐	☐	
3. Interprets symbols and procedures - explain the role of drawings and specifications - identify drawings and symbols used on a construction drawing - apply information from drawings in construction activities - interpret specifications appearing on construction drawings - interpret and convert measurements in terms of actual dimensions - explain specifications in terms of work requirements	Year 1 Rating			
	☐	☐	☐	
	Year 2 Rating			
	☐	☐	☐	
4. Contributes to a job task plan - setup and prepare tools and equipment for safe operation - determine the scope of work - respect contractual relationships - apply scheduling practices	Year 1 Rating			
	☐	☐	☐	
	Year 2 Rating			
	☐	☐	☐	
5. Works as a member of a construction team - offer and request assistance - follow company policies and procedures - learn from other team members	Year 1 Rating			
	☐	☐	☐	
	Year 2 Rating			
	☐	☐	☐	
6. Prepares work area for construction - remove debris - clean up sites - dispose of waste and hazardous materials	Year 1 Rating			
	☐	☐	☐	
	Year 2 Rating			
	☐	☐	☐	
7. Selects construction materials - consider usefulness and portability - consider minimizing cost - consider performance goals	Year 1 Rating			
	☐	☐	☐	
	Year 2 Rating			
	☐	☐	☐	
8. Uses hand and light duty tools - wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) - select the correct tool for the job - inspect tool - operate the tool safely - perform routine maintenance on hand tools - store tool	Year 1 Rating			
	☐	☐	☐	
	Year 2 Rating			
	☐	☐	☐	

Occupational Competencies		Rating		
9. Uses power tools and equipment	• wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) • select the correct tool for the job • inspect tool • operate the tool safely • perform routine maintenance on power tools • store tool	Year 1 Rating		
		☐	☐	☐
		Year 2 Rating		
		☐	☐	☐
10. Performs materials handling	• identify materials necessary to complete the task • conserve resources and materials • retrieve equipment and materials needed • load and unload materials, tools, equipment, and supplies • lift, position, and secure materials during installation	Year 1 Rating		
		☐	☐	☐
		Year 2 Rating		
		☐	☐	☐
11. Installs materials per job specifications	• retrieve equipment and materials needed • unload materials, tools, equipment, and supplies • lift, position, and secure materials during installation	Year 1 Rating		
		☐	☐	☐
		Year 2 Rating		
		☐	☐	☐
12. Performs construction measurements	• select measuring tool • read measurement accurately • scale proportions • convert units of measurement • estimate resources, materials, and supplies needed for a project • record measurements	Year 1 Rating		
		☐	☐	☐
		Year 2 Rating		
		☐	☐	☐
13. Maintains a clean and safe work area	• clean and maintain materials and tools • clean, organize, and put away items in the work area • store materials and tools <i>after use</i> • follow facility procedures for clean-up and shut down	Year 1 Rating		
		☐	☐	☐
		Year 2 Rating		
		☐	☐	☐
14. Cleans up job site	• clean and maintain materials and tools • store materials and tools <i>after use</i> • follow facility procedures for clean-up and shut down	Year 1 Rating		
		☐	☐	☐
		Year 2 Rating		
		☐	☐	☐

Occupational Competencies	Rating		
15. Practices quality craftsmanship - inspect and test work to determine quality - monitor throughout for safety and quality - identify impact of building codes on quality of work - verify work meets job expectation	Year 1 Rating		
	☐	☐	☐
	Year 2 Rating		
	☐	☐	☐
Competency Substitute (if you replaced a competency above, note the competency and rating)	Year 1 Rating		
	☐	☐	☐
	Year 2 Rating		
☐	☐	☐	
Comments:			



Post-Program Completion Survey

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YA POST-PROGRAM COMPLETION SURVEY: EMPLOYER FEEDBACK

Employers complete the following information. YA Coordinators will enter this into the Post-Program Completion Survey.

YA Employer Post-Program Completion Questions	
Will you offer or have you offered the Youth Apprentice a continuing position with your company?	☐ Yes ☐ No
If continuing position offered to youth apprentice, did they accept?	☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please answer the questions below:	
Was the offer for full time or part time work?	☐ Full-time ☐ Part-time
Title of the position offered:	
What is the wage of the continuing employment offer?	
If applicable, will the youth apprentice advance to a Registered Apprenticeship?	

YA POST-PROGRAM COMPLETION SURVEY COMPLETED BY YA CONSORTIUM

The [Post-Program Completion Survey](#) form is to be provided to each student completing the Youth Apprenticeship program to capture information on the student's plans after leaving the program. This **form should be completed by the Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator** to capture information from all high school seniors and their employers after successful completion of the Youth Apprenticeship Program.

The form should be completed during the final meeting between the student, mentor, and Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator, when the final checklist or On-the-Job Learning (OJL) Guide is filled out and signed. Information captured on this form must be entered online using the Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards Electronic Records System (BASERS).

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