



CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR Oregon



CAREER INFORMATION

As a construction contractor, you'll be charged with managing, coordinating, and supervising the entire construction process—from concept through final construction—on a timely and economical basis.

Characteristics of Successful Contractors

Those who succeed as contractors tend to be:

- ◆ Independent and self-motivated
- ◆ Knowledgeable about construction methods, materials, and regulations
- ◆ Skilled negotiators
- ◆ Able to motivate and collaborate with many types of people
- ◆ Comfortable with complex contracts, plans, and specifications
- ◆ Highly organized and detail-oriented
- ◆ Flexible and effective in a fast-paced environment
- ◆ Effective communicators—both in print and in person

A Day in the Life

On a daily basis, you will oversee the organization, scheduling, and implementation of designs for buildings, roads, bridges, or other projects. You'll be responsible for coordinating and managing people, materials, equipment, budgets, schedules, and contracts.

Depending on a project's size, you may perform the work yourself or arrange for subcontractors to perform specialized work. You will evaluate and determine appropriate construction methods and cost-effective plans and schedules. Also, you will divide all job-site activities into logical steps, budgeting the time required to meet established deadlines.

You will be responsible for all facets of a construction project, including:

- ◆ Overseeing delivery and use of materials, tools and equipment
- ◆ Scheduling and coordinating employees and subcontractors
- ◆ Ensuring employee and public safety
- ◆ Obtaining all necessary permits and licenses
- ◆ Ensuring compliance with building and safety codes
- ◆ Complying with engineering and architectural plans
- ◆ Adhering to strict deadlines and budgets

Starting Out

Starting up your own business involves a series of important decisions. For example, you will have to determine:

- ◆ What contractor license you need - general contractor, specialty contractor, or other
- ◆ What type of business entity to establish—sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, or limited liability company
- ◆ Marketing identity and positioning - name, logo, advertising, promotions, and more
- ◆ How to effectively manage your finances and what accounting system to implement
- ◆ Your long-term growth strategy – do you plan on working by yourself or will you hire employees to do the work while you manage the business?

You may decide to specialize in a particular area, such as:

- ◆ Residential new construction
- ◆ Residential remodels
- ◆ Commercial buildings
- ◆ Finish work
- ◆ Investment property maintenance

“Your materials gave me great confidence. I passed my test with ease. Thanks!”





Learning Options to Fit Your Lifestyle

Gain confidence in your skills and knowledge—in the comfort and convenience of your own home with our home-study program. Or enroll in an upcoming Oregon contractor license class led by dynamic and committed instructors. It's totally up to you. Simply decide what's best for your schedule and learning style.

You're in complete control of your education at ProSchools. With either program, not only will you be satisfying the Oregon CCB 16-hour requirement, but you'll also get what you need to pass the contractor license exam the first time!

After enrolling, you'll receive an assignments packet that acts as your roadmap for completing the coursework, and highlights the information most critical for you to know. Plus, our Customer Support team and your instructor are always here to help.

Unlimited Earning Potential

The federal Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) projects good employment opportunities for construction contractors through 2012. Sophisticated technology and new laws setting standards for buildings and construction materials, worker safety, energy efficiency, and environmental protection have increased the need for additional talent in the construction process.

Adding to the demand for more construction contractors are: advances in building materials and construction methods; the need to replace much of the nation's infrastructure; and the growing number of multipurpose buildings, electronically operated "smart" buildings, and energy-efficient structures.

Earnings of construction contractors vary depending on the size and nature of the construction project, geographic location, and economic conditions. The opportunity to increase your earnings peaks when demand is high — and you're willing to put in the extra effort. A six-figure income is achievable as a contractor. It's simple: The harder you work, the more you make. The sky's the limit!

OREGON CCB CONTRACTOR LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

To get your contractor license in Oregon, you need to:

1. Complete the education requirements. You must complete a 16-hour program of study approved by the Oregon CCB like ProSchools'. You can enroll in the home-study program or attend live classes. Simply choose what works best for you!
2. Pass the Oregon contractor license exam. You will need to pass an 80-question multiple-choice exam with a score of 70% or better. When you complete ProSchools' program, you will have over a 93% chance of passing the exam the first time.
3. Purchase a surety bond.
4. Purchase general liability insurance.
5. Complete the Oregon CCB application and pay the corresponding fee. As part of this process, you will need to register as a legal business entity (e.g., individual proprietorship, partnership, corporation, LLC) with the state.

COURSE INFORMATION AND PRICING

A Toolbox Packed with Learning Aids

ProSchools' Oregon contractor license school includes all the tools you need to pass the state exam the first time. Our exclusive training program provides a set of easy-to-complete assignments and a database of practice questions.

When you enroll in ProSchools' CCB-approved course, you'll receive:

- ◆ Oregon Construction Contractors Reference Manual
- ◆ Oregon CCB License Application
- ◆ Oregon Candidate Information Bulletin (exam instructions)
- ◆ CCB Assignments Packet and Exam and Answer Book

CLASSROOM OPTIONS

Title/Description	Hrs	Price
Construction Contractor Class — Bronze	16	\$349
Construction Contractor Class — Gold	16	\$439

WORKBOOK OPTIONS

Title/Description	Hrs	Price
Construction Contractor Home Study — Bronze	16	\$185
Construction Contractor Home Study — Gold	16	\$289

Course Topics

- ◆ Construction Contractors Board (CCB)
- ◆ Employer requirements and employees' rights
- ◆ Contract law
- ◆ Oregon construction lien law
- ◆ Taxes, record keeping and business practices
- ◆ Project management
- ◆ Building codes
- ◆ Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration
- ◆ Oregon environmental law

