

Construction Trades

Program Aim

The purpose of the Construction Trades Program is to promote the education and exploration of construction trades careers among high school students by providing the technical skills and knowledge necessary to make career decisions in this field.

Program Components

This program is a collaborative effort between 13 area high schools and Rainy River and Mesabi-Range Community Colleges. This combined effort helps to build a more skilled, educated workforce through programs like this.

2009-10 School Year Courses

Course	Credit	College Partner	Participating High School
Hand/Power Tools *	2 college	Mesabi-Range CTC	Virginia, MI-B, Ev-Gilbert, Mesabi-East
Hand/Power Tools	2 college	Mesabi-Range CTC	Bigfork
Cabinet Making	2 college	Mesabi-Range CTC	Bigfork, Deer River
Mortar/Concrete	2 college	Mesabi-Range CTC	Babbitt-Embarrass
Woods/Cabinet Making	4 college	Rainy River CC	Falls HS
Carpentry I&II	4 college	Rainy River CC	Falls HS
Summer Building Institute **	high school	n/a	Greenway, GRHS, Deer River
Building Construction *	high school	n/a	Hibbing, N-K, Chisholm

* North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity Youth Build Partnership Projects

** Itasca County Habitat for Humanity Summer Building Institute Partnership Project

Listed above are several examples of careers you can pursue through ALI courses. If you are interested in this program, contact your high school counselor or principal and say you are interested in the ALI Construction Trades classes through Rainy River or Mesabi-Range Community Colleges.

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Applied Learning Institute (ALI) was formed in 2006 to enhance technical education in northeast Minnesota by providing experiential learning that combines hands-on training and technology. The result will be highly qualified, knowledgeable workers who are equipped with the technical and problem-solving skills needed by employers everywhere. Having completed the pilot phase, ALI entered its first full-implementation year during the 2009-10 school year. ALI is a partnership connecting 17 northeast Minnesota school districts and the five colleges of the Northeast Higher Education District (NHED), a member of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System (MnSCU).