

L.A. County Skilled Trades Summers Program



Partner Spotlight

Pasadena City College (PCC)

Pasadena and surrounding communities | 110 Students | 6 Weeks | Welding, Building Inspection, Industrial Fabrication and Construction Readiness

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Harbor Freight Tools for Schools launched Skilled Trades Summers in 2021 to introduce high schoolers to in-demand careers and provide foundational skills prior to graduation. In 2026, 11 programs across L.A. County will offer:

- "Earn and learn" model for all participating high school students
- Intensive, hands-on training leading to high-value industry credentials
- Career readiness support

Program Features

- Will continue to serve new students and offer advanced courses for returning students.
- Will help inform and connect to a larger, community-driven initiative to build a Regional Construction Training Center that will serve high school and adult learners.
- Career Readiness and Life Skills: curriculum and resources provided by PCC's Freeman Center for Career and Completion and field trips to local labor training sites.
- Certifications Offered: Dual Enrollment, OSHA 10, First Aid/CPR (Construction Readiness).

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To see PCC students in-action, watch our video [here](#).

To learn more about Skilled Trades Summers, please contact Senior Director of L.A. County Programs Belen Vargas bvargas@hftforschools.org and visit hftforschools.org/los-angeles-county.

About Harbor Freight Tools for Schools

Harbor Freight Tools for Schools is the flagship program of The Smidt Foundation, established by Harbor Freight Tools owner and founder Eric Smidt, to increase understanding, support and investment in skilled trades education for U.S. public high school students.