

Hundreds of Employers Have Hired GWTP Graduates

Placement Statistics:

- Number of Woodworking Graduates: 796
- Number of Shipping Graduates: 988
- Number of companies who have hired graduates: 615
- Average Placement Rate over time: 80% placed in full-time jobs

From Rush University Medical Center to Coca Cola, from Holly Hunt, Ltd. to Artists Frame Service – large and small, from all corners of the industry – companies in Chicago have hired GWTP graduates. Because these workers have done well long term, their employers look to GWTP to fill future hiring needs.

Awards & Accreditations

- Dual Program Accreditation–ACCSC
- Dual Program Approval–IBHE
- Dual Certified Training Provider–WIOA
- Top-ranking Adult Education Provider–Illinois Community College Board, 2012-2014
- Woodworking Career Alliance of North America–certified evaluation center and skill evaluator
- Woodworking Machinery Industry Association 2014 Educator of the Year
- African American Contractor’s Association Outstanding Advocacy for Education & Training Award–2012
- Minwax Community Craftsman Award
- Woodworkers Helping Others Award

Enroll at GWTP today so you can begin building your successful future!

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Are You the Next Success Story?

“GWTP gave me the skills I needed to turn **my passion into a real career!**”

— Andrei (has worked since graduation as a fabricator of custom wood moldings)

“Through training at GWTP **I found a career I love,** where I’ve been learning and earning for 20 years!”

— Audrey (has worked since graduation as a harp maker)

“I was out of work for over a year and a half before I came to Greater West Town... **finding them was a blessing** that keeps on giving!”

— Christopher (has worked since just before graduation as a cabinetmaker making custom furniture and cabinetry)

“I always had an interest in making things and working with my hands. Greater West Town taught me the skills I need to **help realize my dreams!**”

— Asha (has worked since graduation as a woodworker creating displays and fixtures to exhibit fine jewelry)

“This course has definitely been a big step toward **finding success and stability** in my chosen occupation!”

— Martin Silva, GWTP Graduate



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**BUILDING FUTURES
DELIVERING RESULTS**



**TECHNICAL SKILLS
TRAINING PROGRAMS**

Great Careers Start Here!

Are you tired of dead-end jobs? Ready to start building a rewarding career? **We're here to help.**

Greater West Town Training Partnership wants to get you working! We provide technical skills training and job placement in living-wage jobs at no cost to you. Hundreds of Chicago-area companies are looking for skilled and motivated workers and they turn to GWTP to meet their hiring needs. Our programs are designed to ensure that you get the in-demand skills you need to succeed on the job. We offer: **Wood Products Manufacturing Training** and **Shipping and Receiving Training.**

Upon graduation your demonstrated commitment to succeed as well as your new, marketable skills will provide the critical foundation for your career!

Mission: Greater West Town Training Partnership uses its community-business partnerships to expand employment opportunities for disadvantaged neighborhood residents and link their employment and training with the needs of small and mid-sized employers. For over 25 years GWTP has developed programs that serve as practical, model solutions to problems that limit the educational and employment opportunities of neighborhood residents.

GWTP Benefits

We provide everything you need to secure a career-track job, with opportunity to advance, including:

- Up-to-date, hands-on, technical skills training from experts in the field
- Short-term, intensive courses designed to get you to work in months, not years
- Modern, fully-equipped, workplace-modeled training center
- Job placement in career-track positions with local companies
- Support after employment placement to ensure your long-term success
- Industry-recognized certification
- Transportation assistance
- Grants are available to cover 100% of the cost of training to those who qualify – no loans, no debt.

Qualifications

Are you:

- In need of and wanting full-time work?
- At least 18 years old?
- Able to do basic reading and math?
- Safety-conscious and able to pass a drug test?
- A person who pays attention to details?
- Someone who enjoys a challenge?

No experience is necessary to participate in GWTP's training programs, but motivation is an absolute must! It's time that you invested in yourself.

Wood Products Manufacturing – Program Curriculum

The Wood Products Manufacturing program provides 450 hours of hands-on shop (60%) and classroom (40%) instruction, including:

- CNC Panel Processing
- Machine set up and operation
- Cabinetmaking/Furniture making techniques
- Plastic Lamination & Veneering
- Solid Surface Fabrication
- Sanding & preparation for finishing
- Print Reading & Wood Technology
- Hand Tool OSHA 10-hour General Industry Card
- Forklift Safety & Operation
- Vocational English and Reading
- Vocational Math & Precision Measuring
- Manufacturing Career Development

After 15 weeks you will be highly qualified to work as a cabinetmaker apprentice, bench carpenter, machine operator, CNC operator, assembler, or solid surface counter fabricator. Entry-level wages are \$11-\$15/hour, and experienced Illinois cabinetmakers' wages average \$20.63/hour(USBLS, 2014), some of the top wages in the country.

Shipping and Receiving – Program Curriculum

The Shipping and Receiving program provides 380 hours of hands-on warehouse (50%) and classroom (50%) instruction, including:

- Computerized Warehouse Management
- Forklift Safety & Operation
- Computerized Inventory Control
- Warehouse Operations
- UPS/FedEx Shipping
- Material Handling
- Quality Control
- OSHA 10-hour General Industry Safety Certification
- Vocational English and Reading
- Vocational Math
- TDL Career Development

Upon completion of this 12-week program you will be highly qualified to work as a shipping and receiving clerk, forklift operator, warehouse associate, material handler, traffic agent, stocker, order picker, or dock worker. Average starting wages for GWTP graduates in the field are \$11-\$13/hour.

