

ABOUT CAREERS IN CONSTRUCTION

IS CONSTRUCTION STABLE?

Construction is stable with a solid career path for all levels of interest whether it's hands-on working or working in an office environment. Emerick has remained very stable with their market share with average tenure over 16 years.

IS THE MONEY GOOD?

The commercial construction industry that Emerick specializes in pays very well and has full benefit packages that include medical, dental, and retirement. For example, the average annual wage for a carpenter in the United States is \$58,000 (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics). Construction jobs are available immediately after High School meaning instead of incurring higher education debt there is an opportunity to make money right from the beginning.

CAN I MAKE A CAREER IN CONSTRUCTION?

Almost all construction firms look for long time career-orientated employees. Emerick, with its stable workload, is always looking for career-orientated individuals that want a challenging and rewarding career.

WHAT ADDITIONAL SCHOOLING DO I NEED TO DO WELL IN CONSTRUCTION?

Based on the diversity of careers available, whether it is in the construction trades or entry-level management, the schooling choices vary. There are many educational paths to take depending on what job you are interested in. While in high school, you can improve your skills by taking career and technical education (CTE) courses with a construction or architecture focus. Some options for the next step after high school include attending trade school, pursuing an apprenticeship, or enrolling in a technical/community college or university.

CAN I AFFORD TO LIVE ON MY OWN WHILE WORKING IN CONSTRUCTION?

Yes, we see a great diversity of individual living arrangements depending if there is a desire for traveling or settling long-term in a community.

WHAT'S THE BEST PART ABOUT WORKING IN CONSTRUCTION?

Depends on who you ask! For some, it's the satisfaction of seeing a project through from its inception to its completion. For others, it's the relationships they build with colleagues, clients, and subcontractors. Many take pride in delivering meaningful projects that positively impact communities. Additionally, the diversity of projects, clients, locations, and teams keeps the work engaging and fulfilling, avoiding monotony.

WHAT'S THE MOST DIFFICULT PART ABOUT WORKING IN CONSTRUCTION?

Sometimes projects can be difficult with challenging owners, design teams, or municipalities creating hardships for projects to reach completion on time and on budget. However, most projects last about 1-2 years and these difficult projects serve as valuable learning experiences that help us prepare better for future ones.



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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

DO YOU WORK WITH COMPUTERS A LOT?

This depends on how much the employee feels comfortable and wants to use them. Computers are now often being replaced with smartphones, tablets, and laptops. Communication is key and Emerick utilizes a web-based construction software that every employee has access to and can utilize to build their projects.

WHAT DO PEOPLE WHO WORK IN THE OFFICE ACTUALLY DO?

The employees who choose an office career spend the most time planning out the work and supporting their team in the field with construction efforts. This planning work can be estimating, ordering materials, and reviewing products that will go into the projects.

WHAT ARE SOME DIFFERENT CAREERS IN CONSTRUCTION?

Every specialized trade is a career waiting to happen. The trades are specialized and broken into groups of activities that each person loves the most. These can be carpentry, plumbing, electrical, painting, flooring, roofing, specialty finishes, civic work, etc. Construction careers in the office can be related to construction engineers, estimating, project management, supervision, scheduling and field support.

DOES EMERICK PRIORITIZE WORK-LIFE BALANCE?

Emerick Construction is a company that values work-life balance. We understand that it's important to have time for family, friends, and other obligations outside of work. That's why we set up our teams in a way that allows people to cover for one another when they need to take time off for appointments, to take care of their children, or even to go on vacation. Our employees can rest assured that they won't have to sacrifice their personal lives for the sake of work. At Emerick, we believe that a happy and healthy work-life balance leads to a more productive and motivated workforce.

