

CAREER PROFILES

Plasterers, Drywall Installers and Finishers, and Lathers:

Plasterers apply finish, and maintain and restore plaster or similar materials, on interior and exterior walls, ceiling, and building partitions to produce plain or decorative surfaces. **Drywall Installers and Finishers** install and finish drywall sheets and various types of ceiling systems. **Lathers** install support framework for ceiling systems, interior and exterior walls, and building partitions.

Wage/Salary Information:

\$39,750 is the median annual salary found in local job-postings.

\$28.11/hour is the median wage reported locally.

Commonly Listed Skills in Job Postings:

- Tool use
- Teamwork
- Blueprint reading
- Problem solving
- Manual dexterity
- Critical thinking
- Detail oriented
- Numeracy
- Self-motivated
- Oral and written communication
- Work independently

Job Duties:

Plasterers clean and prepare surfaces, mix plaster ingredients in troughs to desired consistency, and apply, level, and smooth coats of plaster using trowels, floats, brushes, and spraying equipment. Plasterers finish corners and angles and create decorative designs in finish coat, if required, and cure freshly plastered surfaces. They mould and install ornamental plaster panels, cornices, and trim, and spray acoustic materials or texture finish over walls and ceilings. Plasterers may also trowel or spray coats of stucco over exteriors of buildings to form weatherproof surfaces.

Drywall installers and finishers measure, cut, and fit drywall sheets for installation on walls and ceilings and position and secure sheets to metal or wooden studs or joists. Drywall installers and finishers cut and install metal corner beads to protect exterior corners. They fill joints, nail indentations, holes and cracks with joint compound using trowel and a broad knife and tape over joints using taping machine and embed tape in compound. Drywall installers and finishers also smooth out excess compound and allow coat to dry and apply successive coats of compound and sand seams and joints.

Lathers prepare wall and ceiling layouts and install metal stud framing and furring for interior drywall or plaster walls and ceilings, using hands and power tools. Lathers attach metal or gypsum lath to studs or furring using nails, screws, clips, or wire ties. They cut openings in lath for heating and ventilation piping, ducts, and electrical outlets. Lathers also install corner beads and wire mesh around beams to which plaster is to be applied.

Working Conditions:

Plasterers, Drywall Installers and Finishers and Lathers typically work a standard 40-hour work week; however, some overtime may also be required to complete projects and meet deadlines.

Drywall Installers and Lathers usually work indoors, and may use ladders or scaffolding. Plasterers may work either indoors or outdoors, and may also work at heights using ladders or scaffolding. Plasterers, Drywall Installers and Finishers may work in confined spaces and be exposed to dust and debris.

Workers take safety precautions when working on ladders or scaffolding to decrease risk of injury from falls. Workers are also required to lift heavy objects, which increases the risk of back injury.

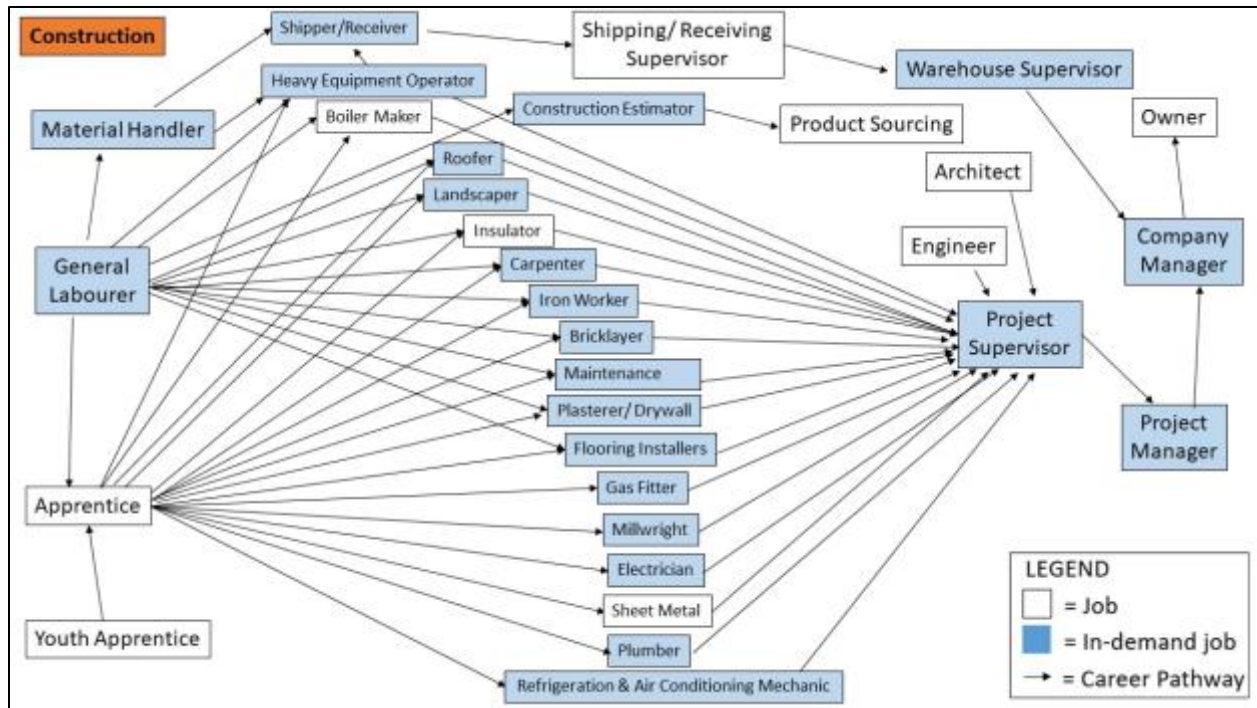
Career Pathways:

With education and experience, workers may progress to supervisory positions or they may start their own businesses. They may also become Construction Estimators, Project Managers, or Contractors.

Plasterers, Drywall Installers and Finishers, and lathers are employed by construction companies and by plastering, drywalling, and lathing contractors, or they may be self-employed. Below are potential career pathways for plasterers, drywall installers and finishers, and lathers:

- Acoustical Ceiling Installer
- Ceiling Installer
- Drywall Applicator
- Drywall Finisher
- Drywall Installer and Finisher Apprentice
- Drywall Taper
- Lather

- Lather Apprentice
- Plasterer
- Plasterer Apprentice
- Sheetrock Applicator
- Wood Lather



Education and Training Pathways:

If you're interested in becoming a Plasterer, Drywall Installer and Finisher, you can begin your apprenticeship or attend a local training/education program.

Apprenticeship Details:

Drywall Acoustic and Lathing Applicator

- Certification: Voluntary (not required to practice this profession in Ontario)
- Red Seal: Yes
- Training: 5,400 hours of combined on-the-job and in-class training
- In-class training: Two 10-week technical sessions

Drywall Finisher and Plasterer

- Certification: Voluntary (not required to practice this profession in Ontario)

- Red Seal: Yes
- Training: 5,400 hours of combined on-the-job and in-class training
- In-class training: 480 hours

Individuals interested in pursuing an apprenticeship pathway, should follow these steps:

- 1) Get hired – by an employer/sponsor/union
- 2) Apply online to register as an apprentice at www.ontario.ca/page/start-apprenticeship
- 3) Sign a training agreement with your employer/sponsor and the Employment Ontario apprenticeship office.
- 4) Become a Member of the Ontario College of Trades Apprentices Class at www.collegeoftrades.ca/membership
- 5) Keep a record of the hours you work
- 6) Achieve the competencies listed in your training standard if required in your trade
- 7) Complete all of the training requirements in your trade and you will receive a Certificate of Apprenticeship (CoA).
- 8) Write the Exam for the Certificate of Qualification if required in your trade

If you are currently in high school and would like to begin an apprenticeship, visit oyap.com for more information about the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program.

Individuals unsure about whether to pursue an apprenticeship or not, can learn more by visiting www.ontario.ca/page/prepare-apprenticeship.

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