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**BridgeValley Community & Technical College Offers Department of
Labor Registered Carpentry Apprenticeship Program**

Students have the opportunity to train to become journeymen carpenters

South Charleston, W.Va - BridgeValley Community and Technical College's (BridgeValley) Workforce & Economic Development Division helps individuals upgrade their skills and abilities, prepare for new careers, or take personal interest courses to learn a new passion or hobby. Now, Workforce & Economic Development offers the opportunity to complete a Department of Labor (DOL) registered carpentry apprenticeship program.

In 2018, ORDERS Construction Company of St. Albans, West Virginia, developed a partnership with the BridgeValley Workforce & Economic Development Division to provide training for their carpentry apprenticeship program, with the goal of progressing students who showed potential in the industry and train them to become journeymen carpenters, a title given to individuals who have successfully completed a formal apprenticeship program.

BridgeValley Workforce & Economic Development started offering National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER), a level 1 carpentry course developed for ORDERS Construction employees, to their students in the spring 2018 semester. BridgeValley students began as level 1 carpenters and after successfully completing the training, they progressed to level 3.

Two cohorts, totaling 12 students, have earned NCCER credentials in carpentry at BridgeValley to date from the partnership with ORDERS Construction, completing multiple projects supporting the needs of BridgeValley and the community, including constructing a wheelchair ramp for the Advanced Technology Center at BridgeValley. In collaboration with Morris Creek Watershed Association Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving stream quality within the southern West Virginia area, students of NCCER constructed a drying shed and a sidewalk connecting Morris Creek's buildings with donations of supplies from ORDERS Construction.

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About BridgeValley Community and Technical College

BridgeValley Community and Technical College promotes student success, prepares a skilled workforce, and builds tomorrow's leaders by providing access to quality higher education. BridgeValley Community and Technical College will be the college of opportunity for a diverse learner population, offering leading-edge technology, innovative ideas, and dynamic service to our students and our communities. BridgeValley Community and Technical College serves a six-county region including Fayette, Raleigh, Nicholas, Clay, Putnam and Kanawha counties. The college operates two campuses in Montgomery and South Charleston, along with the addition of the new Advanced Technology Center. BridgeValley Community and Technical College is a public institution of higher education independently accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges and a member of the Community and Technical College System of West Virginia.

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