About Our Training

On-the-job training and paid classroom learning make our apprenticeship programs the ideal way to learn a trade while earning a salary. SMW Local 80 apprentices earn the same hourly wage while they are in school as they would if they were on the job; hence the term "earn while you learn".

Building Trades Apprenticeship

The Sheet Metal Workers Local 80 Building Trades Apprenticeship is a 5-year program accredited by the U.S. Department of Labor. All apprentices will learn aspects of the trade such as sheet metal fabrication & installation, welding, HVAC system design, HVAC service and HVAC testing, adjusting & balancing.

Architectural Sheet Metal Apprenticeship

The Architectural Sheet Metal Apprenticeship is also an accredited program with the U.S. Department of Labor. This program offers training specific to architectural sheet metal, including fabrication and installation of standing seam roofs, metal wall panels, gutters, downspouts and other architectural metal fittings. The required on-the-job and in-school training hours are less than that of the Building Trades program. Apprentices that graduate from this program become Architectural Sheet Metal Journeypersons.