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Students qualify for the Texas Plumbing Board Apprenticeship registration card (\$15) for using this curriculum, if they are at least 16 years old.

<https://tsbpe.texas.gov/license-types/apprentice/>

IMPORTANT: You **MUST** register as a Plumber's Apprentice **before you can start counting the hours of experience** you have working in the plumbing trade. Any hours worked before you are registered do not count toward the hours requirements for the Tradesman Plumber-Limited or Journeyman Plumber examinations.

The PHCC curriculum is used at our schools in Texas, including the El Paso and San Antonio programs. It is an "easy fit" to move them into an adult learning environment. Further, **upon completion of an approved construction related program in HS**, they automatically can **ADD 250 hours** to their totals towards their first licenses. Hence why it is important to get that apprentice registration card.

PHCC Academy HVAC & Plumbing Pre-Apprenticeship Course, available for use with students:

<https://www.phccfoundation.org/training-education/pre-apprenticeship-training/hvac-plumbing-pre-apprenticeship-course/>

The registration fee for the Pre-Apprentice course has been reduced to ZERO cost through the end of 2020 for new registrations with a small fee for the report feature.

School districts can access the student progress report through our chapter without a fee.

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Plumber's Apprentice

Sec. 1301.354. PLUMBER'S APPRENTICE. (a) A person who desires to learn the trade of plumbing must register as a plumber's apprentice before assisting a person licensed under this chapter in the trade of

plumbing. (b) A person who has worked as a plumber's apprentice for a period established by law or board rule may apply to take an examination for a license as a journeyman plumber or tradesman plumber-limited license holder. Before the applicant may take the examination, the applicant must complete classroom training provided by a board-approved instructor in a board-approved training program in the areas of health and safety, applicable plumbing codes, and water conservation for at least: (1) 24 hours if the applicant is applying to take a tradesman plumber limited license holder examination; or (2) 48 hours if the applicant is applying to take a journeyman plumber examination. (b-1) At the applicant's request, the board may credit an applicant under Subsection (b) with a number of hours determined by board rule against the number of hours of work experience required to take an examination if the applicant has received an associate of applied science degree from a plumbing technology program that: (1) includes a combination of classroom and on-the-job training; and (2) is approved by the board and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. - 21 - (c) At the applicant's request, the board may credit an applicant under Subsection (b) with up to 1,000 hours of the work experience required before taking an examination if the applicant has completed the classroom portion of a training program: (1) approved by the United States Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship; or (2) provided by a person approved by the board and based on course materials approved by the board. (c-1) At the applicant's request, the board may credit an applicant under Subsection (b) with up to 250 hours of the work experience required before taking an examination if the applicant has completed a coherent sequence of courses in the construction trade that are offered through a career and technical education program that is approved by the State Board of Education.

Per Lisa Hill, "They should get the Apprentice registration when they complete the class and submit the proof of the class from a person of authority. We will then approve and enter it."