

WHY TOOL & DIE?

- You're in high demand = Excellent job security
- Easy to get into the trade early: many shops are willing to work with students who are passionate about this field
- Hands-On work every day with great variety
- Technologically Advanced machines, software and processes
- Many excellent and highly respected places to work long-term
- Excellent working conditions: shops are well-lit, clean and air conditioned
- Competitive starting wages; even during your apprenticeship
- Hourly pay: get the credit for your overtime work
- See what you make in the real world

SHOW ME THE MONEY

Average pay for manufacturing workers is \$10,000 higher annually than average pay for Wisconsin Private sector workers

Most shops will pay you a competitive wage throughout the duration of your apprenticeship & schooling

Manufacturing contributes nearly \$60 billion to the economic growth of Wisconsin

Manufacturing Job concentration in Wisconsin is 88% above the national average, and 2nd in the nation for overall manufacturing concentration

Many shops will offer cross-training, pay for continuing education, tool buying programs and other benefits to set you up for financial success



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CONSIDER A CAREER IN

TOOL & DIE

HANDS-ON • VALUABLE • IN-DEMAND



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HOW DO I GET INTO THE TOOL & DIE TRADE?

- Structure your High School classes around computer skills, math skills, communication skills and, if available, shop skills like metalworking, auto, woodworking, etc.
- Enroll in a two-year program for Tool and Die Making at a Technical College
- Get good grades while enrolled in tech school. Your grades and education will reflect your starting pay
- Work part-time in a reputable tool and die shop while you are going to school. Many local shops (like Wisconsin Metal Parts) allow flexible schedules with students who are working while in school
- Find a shop that will sponsor you in an apprenticeship to become a Journeyman Tool and Die Maker. You can do this by going online, and searching the Wisconsin's Manufacturing Directory. Your Technical College will also help you find a job, as they are connected with many employers.
- Serve your apprenticeship, work hard, have a positive attitude and you will enjoy a secure, challenging and rewarding career in the tool and die trade!

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN AN APPRENTICESHIP

- A shop that will sponsor you in a state indentured apprenticeship to become a Journeyman Tool & Die Maker
- A shop that has many capabilities. This will allow you to have a well-rounded experience
- A shop that has journeymen varying in age and skill/specialty so you have the opportunity to learn from multiple skilled people with different techniques
- A shop that serves many different industries - you will have access to a wider variety of learning opportunities/exposure in a more stable environment
- A shop that lets you focus in on your passion in Tool & Die - whether it be in fixture/gage making, die building, or programming & machining
- A program that has you working in a clean, comfortable environment
- A shop with an open book for learning and company operations

WHAT OUR APPRENTICES HAVE TO SAY:



DAN

To those learning this trade I would say: work hard, be disciplined, and be curious. Ask a lot of questions and try to do a lot of problem-solving on your own. All the products we use in modern-day life had a toolmaker involved. I feel like tool and die skills will be needed far into the future, especially as the older generations retire. People who are diligent, organized, detail oriented and have a keen eye for perfection will rise up into these roles well.



TYLER

This trade is not going anywhere, if you want a consistent job and not have to worry about a career change, go with tool and die. We need younger people in this field who are humble and positive and willing to learn. It really goes a long way with the people you will be learning from and will set you up for a great future in this field.



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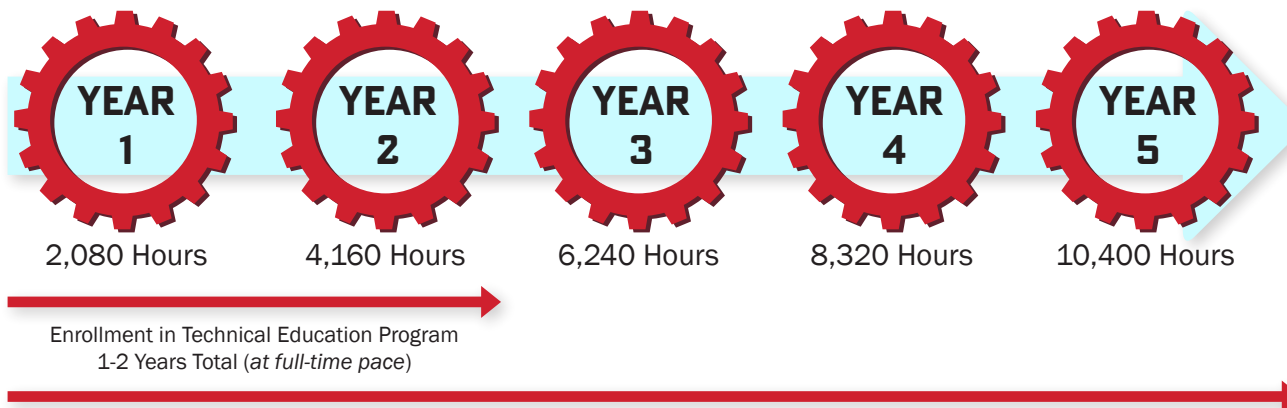
Every time you are outside the workplace, like at the store or watching TV, there is something cool that was made by metal stamping or a toolmaker. I like being able to go to work every day and know that I am building components that go into those great things. It definitely makes the job much cooler. Many things are made out of metal and it's a big factor in our everyday lives.



ELLA

Manufacturing is a wonderful career path to get into! There will always be jobs and many different paths for education. Being a girl in manufacturing has its challenges but they are easily overcome. With a great team and the right company anything can be accomplished. This country was built by blue collar workers, why not be apart of an awesome legacy!

THE APPRENTICESHIP PATH



Earn \$\$\$ while you learn!

Apply your trade skills on the job, accrue hours towards your apprenticeship & earn money for school by working for a sponsoring employer!