

GREEN ENERGY TRAINING SERVICES (GETS)



Green Energy Training Services (GETS) is a pre-apprenticeship job training program for adults who are interested in starting a career in Construction, Energy Efficiency, Solar, or entering into an apprenticeship in the Building Trades. GETS is a 12 month program that begins with 11 weeks of training at our Berkeley facility. After completing training, participants benefit from ongoing case management and job placement assistance, as well as alumni events and resources.

WHAT DO YOU LEARN IN GETS?

GETS teaches the skills employers are looking for through hands-on training. GETS teaches you:

- The importance of improving energy and water efficiency and reducing carbon emissions
- Basic job site safety practices
- The tools of the construction trade and how to use them
- Basic construction skills, including carpentry, basic electrical, roofing, and drywall
- How to make a home more energy efficient
- How to install residential solar systems
- Hands-on skills through real work on job sites
- Technical math skills
- How to create a high-quality resume and prepare for job interviews
- How to find and pursue a variety of different job opportunities



Graduates of the GETS program are prepared to enter a variety of different career-track jobs, earning a typical starting wage of \$14 and up an hour.

YOU MIGHT FIND EMPLOYMENT AS:

- Entry level Air Sealer and Insulation Installer
- Apprentice with any one of the Building Trades unions
- Construction Laborer
- Weatherization specialist
- Entry level HVAC repair and installer
- Entry level solar installer

OR YOU MIGHT BECOME AN APPRENTICE WITH A BUILDING TRADES UNION, SUCH AS:

- Sheet Metal Workers
- Laborers
- Glaziers
- Operating Engineers
- Carpenters/Drywall
- Electricians
- Roofers
- Painters and Allied Trades



Info sessions every Wednesday at 1pm at our Berkeley facility.

GETS TRAINING OVERVIEW

GETS Core (11 weeks):

- Career planning and setting employment goals
- Resume writing
- Interview skills
- Networking skills

Core Construction Skills:

- Eco-literacy
- Tool identification and safe tool use
- OSHA 10 Certification
- First Aid/CPR Certification
- Basic construction skills
- Energy efficiency and green building
- Applied math



Preparation for Apprenticeship:

- Orientation to the Building Trades
- Orientation to union apprenticeships
- How to get into a union
- Assistance with the apprenticeship application process

Optional Solar PV Installation Elective (2 weeks):

- Basics of solar systems
- Roof and ladder safety
- Hands-on practice installing solar
- Overview of careers in the solar industry
- Interview practice and job searching



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To apply for the GETS program, you must meet the following basic requirements:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Have a valid CA driver's license or the ability to obtain one
- Demonstrate an 8th grade reading, reading comprehension, writing, and math level
- Be legally eligible to work in the United States
- Be fluent in English
- Have a stable living situation
- Be able to pass a drug test
- Attend training every day, Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 -9:00pm, Saturdays: 8:30 am - 4pm
- Have reliable transportation to and from training
- Express strong motivation to find a job and/or enter an apprenticeship upon completion of training
- Be willing to make a 12-month commitment to your own professional development and Rising Sun

TO APPLY

Anyone interested in GETS must attend an information session where you will hear more about the program, fill out an application, and verify that you meet the eligibility requirements. You will also take the Test of Adult Basic Education and a drug test, and sign up for a one-on-one interview.

If you are interested in applying to the GETS program, contact: Melvin Parham, GETS Associate Director 510-665-1501 x201 or gets@risingsunenergy.org