

## Hundreds of Employers Have Hired GWTP Graduates

### Placement Statistics:

- Number of Woodworking Graduates: 796
- Number of Shipping Graduates: 988
- Number of companies who have hired graduates: 615
- Average Placement Rate over time: 80% placed in full-time jobs

From Rush University Medical Center to Coca Cola, from Holly Hunt, Ltd. to Artists Frame Service – large and small, from all corners of the industry – companies in Chicago have hired GWTP graduates. Because these workers have done well long term, their employers look to GWTP to fill future hiring needs.

### Awards & Accreditations

- Dual Program Accreditation–ACCSC
- Dual Program Approval–IBHE
- Dual Certified Training Provider–WIOA
- Top-ranking Adult Education Provider–Illinois Community College Board, 2012-2014
- Woodworking Career Alliance of North America–certified evaluation center and skill evaluator
- Woodworking Machinery Industry Association 2014 Educator of the Year
- African American Contractor’s Association Outstanding Advocacy for Education & Training Award–2012
- Minwax Community Craftsman Award
- Woodworkers Helping Others Award

**Enroll at GWTP today so you can begin building your successful future!**

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## Are You the Next Success Story?

“GWTP gave me the skills I needed to turn **my passion into a real career!**”

— Andrei (has worked since graduation as a fabricator of custom wood moldings)

“Through training at GWTP **I found a career I love,** where I’ve been learning and earning for 20 years!”

— Audrey (has worked since graduation as a harp maker)

“I was out of work for over a year and a half before I came to Greater West Town... **finding them was a blessing** that keeps on giving!”

— Christopher (has worked since just before graduation as a cabinetmaker making custom furniture and cabinetry)

“I always had an interest in making things and working with my hands. Greater West Town taught me the skills I need to **help realize my dreams!**”

— Asha (has worked since graduation as a woodworker creating displays and fixtures to exhibit fine jewelry)

“This course has definitely been a big step toward finding success and stability in my chosen occupation!”

— Martin Silva, GWTP Graduate



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## Great Careers Start Here!

Are you tired of dead-end jobs? Ready to start building a rewarding career? **We're here to help.**

Greater West Town Training Partnership wants to get you working! We provide technical skills training and job placement in living-wage jobs at no cost to you. Hundreds of Chicago-area companies are looking for skilled and motivated workers and they turn to GWTP to meet their hiring needs. Our programs are designed to ensure that you get the in-demand skills you need to succeed on the job. We offer: **Wood Products Manufacturing Training** and **Shipping and Receiving Training.**

Upon graduation your demonstrated commitment to succeed as well as your new, marketable skills will provide the critical foundation for your career!

**Mission:** Greater West Town Training Partnership uses its community-business partnerships to expand employment opportunities for disadvantaged neighborhood residents and link their employment and training with the needs of small and mid-sized employers. For over 25 years GWTP has developed programs that serve as practical, model solutions to problems that limit the educational and employment opportunities of neighborhood residents.

## GWTP Benefits

We provide everything you need to secure a career-track job, with opportunity to advance, including:

- Up-to-date, hands-on, technical skills training from experts in the field
- Short-term, intensive courses designed to get you to work in months, not years
- Modern, fully-equipped, workplace-modeled training center
- Job placement in career-track positions with local companies
- Support after employment placement to ensure your long-term success
- Industry-recognized certification
- Transportation assistance
- Grants are available to cover 100% of the cost of training to those who qualify – no loans, no debt.

## Qualifications

Are you:

- In need of and wanting full-time work?
- At least 18 years old?
- Able to do basic reading and math?
- Safety-conscious and able to pass a drug test?
- A person who pays attention to details?
- Someone who enjoys a challenge?

**No experience is necessary to participate in GWTP's training programs, but motivation is an absolute must! It's time that you invested in yourself.**

## Wood Products Manufacturing – Program Curriculum

The Wood Products Manufacturing program provides 450 hours of hands-on shop (60%) and classroom (40%) instruction, including:

- CNC Panel Processing
- Machine set up and operation
- Cabinetmaking/Furniture making techniques
- Plastic Lamination & Veneering
- Solid Surface Fabrication
- Sanding & preparation for finishing
- Print Reading & Wood Technology
- Hand Tool OSHA 10-hour General Industry Card
- Forklift Safety & Operation
- Vocational English and Reading
- Vocational Math & Precision Measuring
- Manufacturing Career Development

After 15 weeks you will be highly qualified to work as a cabinetmaker apprentice, bench carpenter, machine operator, CNC operator, assembler, or solid surface counter fabricator. Entry-level wages are \$11-\$15/hour, and experienced Illinois cabinetmakers' wages average \$20.63/hour(USBLS, 2014), some of the top wages in the country.

## Shipping and Receiving – Program Curriculum

The Shipping and Receiving program provides 380 hours of hands-on warehouse (50%) and classroom (50%) instruction, including:

- Computerized Warehouse Management
- Forklift Safety & Operation
- Computerized Inventory Control
- Warehouse Operations
- UPS/FedEx Shipping
- Material Handling
- Quality Control
- OSHA 10-hour General Industry Safety Certification
- Vocational English and Reading
- Vocational Math
- TDL Career Development

Upon completion of this 12-week program you will be highly qualified to work as a shipping and receiving clerk, forklift operator, warehouse associate, material handler, traffic agent, stocker, order picker, or dock worker. Average starting wages for GWTP graduates in the field are \$11-\$13/hour.

