



Building a Successful Career

A strong foundation is crucial to a successful career.
Learn which path is right for you in the Construction Trades at South Florida State College.

Your Path. Your Way.



SFSC also offers Basic Home Repair courses for the Community and a Tiny House Build Project. Call for details.

* After completing the apprenticeship program, apply for and take the journeyman certification exam. Completers should contact their local government agency for specific testing details, fees, etc. In many counties, the certifications are issued by the local Construction Trades Qualifying Board. In Highlands County, visit the Highlands County Building Department.
**Free tuition for those who qualify.

Contact us today!

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WE BUILD YOUR FUTURE!



FOR COURSE DATES!



These programs can be customized for a business to elevate the skills of their employees.
Call Fred for a training plan to meet the needs of YOUR business.



Why select SFSC for Construction Trades?

- ✓ Simple registration
- ✓ Short-term training
- ✓ Hiring assistance
- ✓ OSHA safety certification
- ✓ Hands-on learning
- ✓ Free tuition opportunities**

Online

- ✓ Like us on Facebook: SFSCCCE
- ✓ Visit us: southflorida.edu/construction



Free Tuition

**We partner with several programs that offer FREE TUITION to qualified applicants.

- ✓ CareerSource Heartland - For those living in Highlands, Hardee, DeSoto, or Okeechobee, age 18 or older, and low income household.
 - (863) 385-3672 ext. 1328
- ✓ Military and Veteran Benefits
 - (863) 784-7128
- ✓ Panther Youth Partners- Serves those 24 years of age and under.
 - (863) 784-7054
- ✓ Farmworker Career Development - Helps individuals and their households who worked in agriculture during the past two years.
 - (863) 784-7166
- ✓ Vocational Rehabilitation - Helps those with disabilities get or keep a job.
 - (863) 593-6261



Employers

- ✓ The construction trades program may be customized for a business to elevate their employee's skills.
- ✓ Call Fred for a training plan to meet the needs of YOUR business.
- ✓ To advertise your job opportunity for free on College Central Network and connect with SFSC students and other college students around the state, contact SFSC's Career Development Center at 863-784-7410.



Employer Partnerships

✓ CARPENTRY

- Marmer Construction
- Walz and Company of Sebring, Inc.

✓ HVAC

- Absolutely Cool Innovations
- Action Cooling & Heating, Inc.
- Affordable Air
- Air and Electrical Services
- America First Air Conditioning
- Bentz Air Conditioning
- Branca's Air Conditioning
- Clark Air
- Gillispie's Refrigeration
- Jeff Fultz A/C Inc.
- John Palmer Air Conditioning
- Iceberg Air Conditioning
- Lakeside Air Conditioning
- Long's Air Conditioning
- Mark Palmer Electric
- Miller's Central Air
- Ridge Air Conditioning Inc
- Ridge Energy Savers Inc.
- Roy's Air Conditioning
- TWC Services
- Whitmire A/C and Heating

✓ ELECTRICAL

- Air and Electrical Services
- Amp Check Electric
- Central Contractors of Highlands County
- Community Electric
- Current Electric
- DC Electric of Central Florida
- Electrical Unlimited Inc.
- Electrical Unlimited Services Inc
- Efficient Electrical Solutions
- Fireworks Electric
- Highlands Electric
- JDR Electric Inc
- John Palmer Electric
- Johnny Ray Electric
- Longs Air Conditioning
- Lightsey Electric
- Longs Air Conditioning
- Mark Palmer Electric Service Inc
- Mid Florida Electric
- Non-Stop Electric
- Sabre Electric
- Sam Allbritton Electric
- Sapp Electric
- Thompson Electrical Contracting

Electrical or HVAC Apprenticeship Program



**Only 2
Evenings
per week**

**\$0
Tuition fees**

The only cost the students will incur are for textbook purchases.

**4 years to
complete the
program**

NOW HIRING INSTRUCTORS

CALL FRED FOR MORE DETAILS!



Advantages of Apprenticeship

- Earn a wage while advancing in the trade.
 - Earn as you learn!
- Learn on the job from industry professionals
- Students attend two evenings per week
- Students also receive credit for on-the-job (OJT) hours

Program Requirements

- Participants must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or GED
- Have reliable transportation to job sites and classes
- Be physically capable of performing essential functions of the trade
- Employed by an apprenticeship business partner

Orientation: Tues., Sept. 3, 2024

Orientation for Electrical is at SFSC's Crews Center, 200 US Hwy 27 South., Avon Park and HVAC Orientation is at SFSC's Highlands campus, 600 W. College Dr., Avon Park, Building N, Room 210

For more information or to become a business partner, contact Fred Hayes 863-784-7008

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**CONSTRUCTION
TRADES PROGRAM**
SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE



BUILD A TINY HOUSE IN THE CONSTRUCTION ACADEMY

TINY HOUSE PROJECT

Credential-Seeking Students

In 13 Weeks Earn:

- SFSC Certification
- NCCER Certification
- OSHA 10
- Basic Carpentry Tools (included with tuition)

TINY HOUSE EXPERIENCE

FREE WORKSHOP

- Masonry
- Plumbing
- Electrical

GET HIRED!

Non-Credential Students

8 Weeks of Training:

- Open to the community
- Bring your own tools
- Safety equipment provided

TINY HOUSE EXPERIENCE

For students aiming to acquire credentials, delve into the realm of construction careers through practical training in carpentry, roofing, and vital trade competencies while obtaining workforce credentials. Our 13-week carpentry program not only offers hands-on experience but also enables students to engage in collaborative work on a tiny house project. Upon successfully finishing the program, students will attain NCCER and OSHA credentials, in addition to an SFSC Certificate.

Furthermore, participants will have the opportunity to partake in a complimentary electrical, masonry, and plumbing workshop, enhancing their skill set and comprehending how various trades intersect in the construction of a tiny house.

Eligible students can join for *FREE* through scholarship opportunities. Classes are Monday - Wednesday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call SFSC at 863-784-7008 for scholarship and registration information. The course schedule is on page five listed under basic construction carpentry and roofing.

For non-credential seekers, learn to build a tiny house every Tuesday, 9 a.m. - noon. See dates on page six. The cost of the course is \$200. Safety equipment is provided; bring your own tools. Register at 863-784-7405.

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- ✓ Free tuition for those who qualify
- ✓ Short-term training
- ✓ Hiring assistance
- ✓ OSHA safety certification
- ✓ Hands-on learning
- ✓ Simple registration



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Schedule for Construction Trades

Basic Construction Electrical - \$3,915.00

Subject	Program ID	Location	Room	CRN	Dates	Days	Time
BCZ	0102	Crews Center, 200 US Hwy 27 S., Avon Park	0105	25816	Feb. 19—April 19, 2024	M-F	8 a.m.—5 p.m.
BCZ	0102	Crews Center, 200 US Hwy 27 S., Avon Park	0105	10961	Aug. 14—Oct. 11, 2024	M-F	8 a.m.—5 p.m.
BCZ	0102	Crews Center, 200 US Hwy 27 S., Avon Park	0105	11168	Oct. 14—Dec. 11, 2024	M-F	8 a.m.—5 p.m.

This 8-week certificate based course combines classroom instruction with hands-on training experience to teach the student the basic fundamentals of electric work, while learning employability skills. Students will receive instruction on how to write resumes, cover letters, and how to handle job interviews. The classroom instruction provides the students with the knowledge needed to calculate materials, do basic electrical repairs, install electric outlets and switches, wire series, parallel, and parallel series circuits. Students will also gain the knowledge of the vocabulary used in the electrical trade. Students will receive hands-on instruction in the use of hand and power tools, construction methods, and basic electrical techniques. The OSHA 10-hour construction industry safety course is included in cost of course. Students will receive a tool belt with basic hand tools as part of their tuition. Students will be responsible for purchasing safety toed boots (ANSI approved) and must wear during training. Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to use a multi-meter, replace switches, and outlets, run basic circuits, change circuit breakers. To register, call **863-784-7405**.

Basic Construction Carpentry and Roofing - \$4,240.00

Subject	Program ID	Location	Room	CRN	Dates	Days	Time
BCZ	0100	Crews Center, 200 US Hwy 27 S., Avon Park	0106	12362	Aug. 7—Sept. 29, 2023	M-F	8 a.m.—5 p.m.
BCZ	0100	Crews Center, 200 US Hwy 27 S., Avon Park	0106	11172	Aug. 14—Nov. 13, 2024	M-W	8 a.m.—5 p.m.

This certificate based course combines classroom instruction with hands-on training experience to teach the student the basic fundamentals of carpentry and roofing while learning employability skills. Students will receive instruction on how to write resumes, cover letters, and how to handle job interviews. The classroom instruction provides the students with the knowledge needed to calculate materials, transfer measurements from paper to project, and recognize different various materials used in carpentry and roofing. Students will receive hands-on instruction in the use of hand and power tools, construction methods, and basic roofing techniques. The OSHA 10-hour construction industry safety course is included in cost of course. Students will receive a tool belt with basic hand tools as part of their tuition. Students will be responsible for purchasing safety toed boots (ANSI approved) and must wear during training. Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to install roof shingles, frame walls, repair, and install drywall. For information, call Fred Hayes at 863-784-7008. To register, call **863-784-7405**.

Intermediate Construction Carpentry and Roofing - \$4,240.00

The pre-requisite for this course is Basic Carpentry/Roofing. This 8-week certificate-based course combines classroom instruction with hands-on training experience to teach the student the next level of fundamentals of carpentry and roofing while learning employability skills. The classroom instruction also provides the students with the knowledge needed to do material take-offs, read and interpret blue prints, and recognize different various materials used in carpentry and roofing, drywall installation and finishing, window and door installation, interior and exterior trim, and much more. Students will gain added instruction on how construction crews work as a team and the responsibilities of each member. Upon successful completion of the course, students will receive a certificate of completion from SFSC and NCCER. For dates, times, and other information, call Fred Hayes at **863-784-7008**.

Basic Construction Plumbing - \$4,018.00

This 8-week certificate based course combines classroom instruction with hands-on training experience to teach the student the basic fundamentals of plumbing, while learning employability skills. Students will receive instruction on how to write resumes, cover letters, and how to handle job interviews. The classroom instruction provides the students with the knowledge needed to calculate materials, do basic plumbing repairs, install plumbing fixtures, and recognize different various materials used in plumbing. Students will receive hands-on instruction in the use of hand and power tools, construction methods, and basic plumbing techniques. The OSHA 10-hour construction industry safety course is included in cost of course. Students will receive a tool belt with basic hand tools as part of their tuition. Students will be responsible for purchasing safety toed boots (ANSI approved) and must wear during training. Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to join PVC pipe, install plumbing fixtures, and perform basic plumbing repairs. For dates, times, and other information, call Fred Hayes at **863-784-7008**.

Basic Construction Masonry - \$3638.00

This 8-week certificate based course combines classroom instruction with hands-on training experience to teach the student the basic fundamentals of masonry, while learning employability skills. Students will receive instruction on how to write resumes, cover letters, and how to handle job interviews. The classroom instruction provides the students with the knowledge needed to calculate materials, understand the different types of blocks and their uses, vocabulary used in the trade, and recognize different various methods of brick laying and concrete installation. Students will receive hands-on instruction in the use of hand and power tools, construction methods, and basic masonry techniques. The OSHA 10-hour construction industry safety course is included in cost of course. Students will receive a tool belt with basic hand tools as part of their tuition. Students will be responsible for purchasing safety toed boots (ANSI approved) and must wear during training. Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to set concrete forms, mix the proper mortar to be used, and basic block laying and concrete work. For dates, times, and other information, call Fred Hayes at **863-784-7008**.

Handyperson Academy for Home Repairs - \$875

Subject	Program ID	Location	Room	CRN	Dates	Days	Time
BCZ	0105	Crews Center, 200 US Hwy 27 S., Avon Park	0107	12322	Oct. 9—Nov. 27, 2023	M	5:30—8:30 p.m.

Check out SFSC's Handyperson Academy for home repairs! You will learn how to lay out a stud wall; drywall installation, finishing, and repair; how to install a door and window. Electrical: how to run a branch circuit, how to change an electrical outlet and switch, how to change a circuit breaker in a residential service panel. Plumbing: Measure, cut, and join PVC pipe for plumbing jobs, how to replace faucets, how to replace toilet filler mechanisms. Masonry: learn how to mix, pour, and finish concrete. You will learn how to install roof shingles and do minor roof repairs. You will learn safety tips, power and hand tool operations. To register, call **863-784-7405**.

Community Education

Tiny House Build—\$200

Subject	Program ID	Location	Room	CRN	Dates	Days	Time
BCZ	0107	Crews Center, 200 US Hwy 27 S., Avon Park	105	25913	April 16—June 4, 2024	T, First class will meet W	9 a.m.—noon
BCZ	0107	Crews Center, 200 US Hwy 27 S., Avon Park	105	33905	June 11—Aug. 6, 2024	T	9 a.m.—noon
BCZ	0107	Crews Center, 200 US Hwy 27 S., Avon Park	105	11167	Sept. 10—Oct. 29, 2024	T	9 a.m.—noon

Embark on an enriching journey with our "Tiny House Build" course, where you'll delve into the complexities of crafting your own compact sanctuary. Spanning 8 weeks, this course allows you to join the project at any stage of development, ensuring flexibility and tailored learning. To register, please contact us at **863-784-7405**, and for further information, feel free to call **863-784-7008**.

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HVAC

EPA 608 Refrigerant Exam - \$50

EPA regulations (40 CFR Part 82, Subpart F), under Section 608 of the Clean Air Act, require that technicians who maintain, service, repair, or dispose of equipment that could release ozone depleting refrigerants into the atmosphere must be certified. Starting on January 1, 2018, this requirement also applies to appliances containing most substitute refrigerants, including HFCs.

Technicians are required to pass an EPA-approved test to earn Section 608 Technician Certification. The tests are specific to the type of equipment the technician seeks to work on. Tests must be administered by an EPA-approved certifying organization. Section 608 Technician Certification credentials do not expire. This exam is offered every semester and times vary. To schedule, call **863-784-7117**.

OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 10-Hr General Industry - \$159

The OSHA outreach training program for general industry provides instruction for workers and employers on the recognition, avoidance, abatement, and prevention of safety and health hazards in the workplaces in general industry. Through this training, OSHA helps to ensure that workers are more knowledgeable about workplace hazards and their rights. For dates, times, and other information, call Fred Hayes at **863-784-7008**.

NOTE: This is a voluntary program and does not meet training requirements for any OSHA standards.

Forklift Operator

Certified Forklift Driver Training - \$199*

Recertification is also available**

Subject	Program ID	Location	Room	CRN	Dates	Days	Time
TRZ	0004	Crews Center, 200 US Hwy 27 S., Avon Park	105	25817	April 20, 2024	S	8 a.m.—4 p.m.
TRZ	0004	Crews Center, 200 US Hwy 27 S., Avon Park	105	33799	May 18, 2024	S	8 a.m.—4 p.m.
TRZ	0004	Crews Center, 200 US Hwy 27 S., Avon Park	105	33800	June 29, 2024	S	8 a.m.—4 p.m.
TRZ	0004	Crews Center, 200 US Hwy 27 S., Avon Park	105	11169	Aug. 24, 2024	S	8 a.m.—4 p.m.
TRZ	0004	Crews Center, 200 US Hwy 27 S., Avon Park	105	11170	Oct. 5, 2024	S	8 a.m.—4 p.m.
TRZ	0004	Crews Center, 200 US Hwy 27 S., Avon Park	105	11171	Nov. 16, 2024	S	8 a.m.—4 p.m.

To operate a forklift, drivers need to learn the skill and gain experience to operate heavy machinery safely. South Florida State College offers forklift driver training that meets OSHA Standard 1910.178. Session one is forklift safety training and is conducted in the morning. Session two is the driver training and will be conducted in the afternoon. Certified forklift driver students must be age 18 or older and have a valid driver's license. To register, call **863-784-7405**. We can offer this course at your business or observe operators for the 3-year recertification, call **863-784-7008** for more details.

Customize Training for Workforce

Need customized training for your business or organization? Please contact us and let us know how we can help. SFSC's staff and faculty will collaborate to offer solutions to meet your needs. We can offer training at your business or at any of our campuses located in Highlands, Hardee and DeSoto counties. Call **863-784-7008** for more information.

CERTIFIED FIBER OPTICS BOOTCAMP

Become a Certified Fiber Optic Technician

South Florida State College has partnered with BDI DataLynk to facilitate training courses for anyone interested in becoming a certified fiber optics technician. Join us at the Highlands Campus for a comprehensive bootcamp that combines hands-on activities with essential theory to prepare you for a career in fiber optics.

Certified Fiber Optics Technician (CFOT) - \$995*

Subject	Program ID	Location	Room	CRN	Dates	Days	Time
BCZ	0109	Highlands Campus, University Center	108	TBA	November 4-6 2024	M-W	Mon. and Tues.: 8 a.m.—5 p.m. Wed., 8 a.m. —Noon

This introductory three-day fiber optic tech course is designed for anyone interested in becoming a Certified Fiber Optic Technician. This Fiber Optic Training combines theory and 85% hands-on activities to prepare the student to take the CFOT (Certified Fiber Optic Technician) test that is sanctioned by the FOA (Fiber Optics Association) and given and graded the final class day. The student must pass both the written and hands-on exams to successfully pass this course. Course fee includes all books, study materials, exams and one-year membership to the FOA. To register, call **863-784-7405**.

Certified Fiber Optics Specialist In Testing and Maintenance (CFOS/T) - \$895*

Subject	Program ID	Location	Room	CRN	Dates	Days	Time
BCZ	0110	Highlands Campus, University Center	108	TBA	November 6-7 2024	W, R	Wed., 1—5 p.m. Thurs., 8 a.m.—5 p.m.

This two-day course is designed to offer advanced training to anyone involved with the testing and maintenance of fiber optics networks. This comprehensive course explains the variety of testing standards, equipment and technological approaches used in fiber network testing and splicing and how to choose among them. Along with chapter tests, class discussions and substantial hands-on activities, the Specialist Fiber Optics Certification Test (both written and practical) is given and graded at the end of the class. Students will receive a Certificate of Completion at the end of the program.

Prerequisite: Students are encouraged to register for all courses being offered with the understanding that the CFOT course must be successfully completed prior to attending any of the other subsequent courses. Students MUST have successfully passed the basic fiber optic training course (CFOT) within the preceding 12 months or have renewed their FOA membership within that time frame prior to attending the CFOS/T. To register, call **863-784-7405**.

Certified Fiber Optics Splicing Specialist (CFOS/S) - \$895*

Subject	Program ID	Location	Room	CRN	Dates	Days	Time
BCZ	0111	Highlands Campus, University Center	108	TBA	November 8, 2024	F	8 a.m.—5 p.m.

This one-day advanced specialist fiber optic course includes a complete PowerPoint presentation explaining the importance of high performance splicing and further details the points necessary to achieve these splices. The depth of this presentation is much greater than most textbooks and provides background information about splicing that is very important to the student. The CFOS/S test is given and graded at the end of the class. A hands-on practical exam is given to insure student is proficient in installing and making mechanical and fusion splices according to industry standards. *Prerequisite: Students are encouraged to register for all courses being offered with the understanding that the CFOT course must be successfully completed prior to attending any of the other subsequent courses. Students MUST have successfully passed the basic fiber optic training course (CFOT) within the preceding 12 months or have renewed their FOA membership within that time frame prior to attending the CFOS/T and CFOS/S courses. There are no exceptions.* To register, call **863-784-7405**.

Can't make it to the upcoming class? Check back for more information on future bootcamps.

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Serving Highlands, Hardee and DeSoto counties for over 50 years!



Highlands Campus

600 West College Drive
Avon Park, FL 33825
863-453-6661

Hardee Campus

2968 U.S. 17 North
Bowling Green, FL 33834
863-773-3081

DeSoto Campus

2251 N.E. Turner Avenue
Arcadia, FL 34266
863-993-1757

Lake Placid Center

500 East Interlake Boulevard
Lake Placid, FL 33852
863-465-3003

The Crews Center is located at 200 U.S. Highway 27 South, Avon Park, FL 33825

Talk to your program specialist about hotel accommodations at the historic Hotel Jacaranda, a mile from the Crews Center training facility for \$49.95 per night.

South Florida State College is an equal access/equal opportunity institution.

South Florida State College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award the associate and baccalaureate degree. Contact SACSCOC at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of South Florida State College.