



FAQ / Advanced Composites Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program

Q: What is the Advanced Composites Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program?

A: The Advanced Composites Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program is a four-week program for individuals looking to gain the skills needed for entry-level positions in the composites industry in Rhode Island. Rhode Island boat builders were early pioneers in the use of composites, and their expertise has given birth to a strong concentration of composites companies in the Ocean State that work in many industries in the global composites business. The Pre-Apprenticeship Program is coordinated by the Composites Alliance of Rhode Island.

Q: What will I learn?

A: Students get hands-on training in a wide range of skill areas that are in demand by Rhode Island composites companies. Along with the hands-on training, students do a one-week job shadow, which is a short-term internship with a local employer. This gives students valuable on-the-job experience. Students also get a good overview of the statewide composites industry during the program, so they will have a clearer idea of where they want to look for work after graduation.

Q: What's a typical week like in the program?

A: The program runs Monday to Friday, from 8 am to 4 pm, and training will take place in and around the Bristol area.

Q: What does the program cost?

A: The program requires a full-time commitment but is completely free for participants. In fact, there is a paid incentive for those with 100-percent attendance.

Q: When is the program held?

A: The first session of this program begins in mid-November 2016.

Q: Who can apply to the program?

A: The program is open to Rhode Island residents who are over age 18.

Q: Do I need to have prior experience?

A: No. Students only need an interest in working with composites and a willingness to work hard and learn.

Q: Do most graduates get jobs after the program?

A: This is a new program, but a parallel program is run by the same staff for the Rhode Island marine trades. The job-placement rate in the marine program is 92%.

Q: What job-placement services does the program offer?

A: The program staff will help match students and potential employers. Many companies in Rhode Island will look to this program as a source for talented, entry-level workers.

Q: How can I apply?

A: The first step is to fill out an online application at www.ricomposites.com (click on the [“Careers & Training”](#) tab). Students can also contact Program Director Jen Huber at jen@rimta.org or 401-396-9619 with any questions.