## **CARPENTER ASSISTANT**

Company: Cortese Construction

Location: Clarence, NY

Job Type: Full-time

## **Job Summary:**

Cortese Construction, a reputable construction company specializing in residential and commercial projects, is seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic individual to join our team as a Carpenter Assistant. As a Carpenter Assistant, you will work closely with experienced carpenters to support them in various construction tasks, including measuring, cutting, assembling materials, and assisting with the installation of structures and fixtures. This position offers an excellent opportunity to learn and develop skills in carpentry while contributing to the successful completion of projects.

## Responsibilities:

- Assist carpenters in interpreting construction plans, blueprints, and specifications accurately.
- Measure, cut, shape, and assemble wood, fiberglass, and other materials under the guidance of experienced carpenters.
- Support in the installation of frameworks, walls, floors, roofs, doors, windows, cabinets, and moldings.
- Help fit and install trim, baseboards, and crown molding to enhance the aesthetic appeal of completed projects.
- Carry out repairs to damaged frameworks or structures as directed by carpenters.
- Collaborate with other tradespeople, including electricians and plumbers, to assist in integrated projects.
- Learn to select and use appropriate tools, such as power saws, drills, chisels, and sanders, under the supervision of experienced carpenters.
- Maintain a clean and organized work area, ensuring tools and materials are properly stored.
- Adhere to safety protocols and regulations, including the proper use of personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Assist in ensuring the accuracy of measurements and alignment during installation and assembly processes.
- Troubleshoot and resolve construction-related problems or issues as directed by the carpenters.
- Collaborate with carpenters, project managers, and clients to understand project requirements and specifications.
- Learn to estimate project costs, materials, and time requirements with guidance from experienced carpenters.
- Stay updated on industry trends, new materials, and building codes relevant to carpentry.
- Seek opportunities to learn and develop skills by actively observing and engaging in carpentry tasks.
- Perform general tasks to support the carpentry team as needed.

## **Qualifications:**

- High school diploma or equivalent. Enrollment in or completion of a carpentry program or vocational training is a plus.
- Previous experience in construction or carpentry-related work is preferred.

- Basic knowledge of construction methods, materials, and tools used in carpentry.
- Ability to follow instructions and learn from experienced carpenters.
- Physical stamina and the ability to perform physically demanding tasks, such as lifting heavy materials and working in various weather conditions.
- Strong work ethic and willingness to take initiative.
- Attention to detail and the ability to work in a fast-paced environment.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Basic mathematical skills for measurements and calculations.
- Valid driver's license and reliable transportation.

At Cortese Construction, we are committed to providing a supportive learning environment for our employees. This Carpenter Assistant position offers an opportunity to gain hands-on experience and develop skills in carpentry. We offer competitive compensation packages, opportunities for growth, and a positive work environment. If you are passionate about construction and eager to learn from experienced professionals, we would love to hear from you.

To apply, please submit your resume, along with a cover letter detailing your interest in the Carpenter Assistant role and any relevant experience, to mstani@cortese.net.