



**CONSTRUCTION**  
CENTER of EXCELLENCE

**THE CONSTRUCTION CENTER OF EXCELLENCE (CCE) CONNECTS THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TO EDUCATION PARTNERS ACROSS THE STATE OF WASHINGTON.**

**CCE is one of 11 Centers of Excellence that serve all of Washington State. Learn more about the centers at [www.coewa.com](http://www.coewa.com)**

## 2021-2022 SPECIAL PROJECTS



### COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE

CCE partnered with two Centers of Excellence to convene employer roundtables and develop recommendations for Washington's college system to prepare more qualified truck drivers.

**Learn more at: [www.constructioncenterofexcellence.com/cdl](http://www.constructioncenterofexcellence.com/cdl)**

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Providing a direct and sustainable pathway



### REGIONAL PRE-APPRENTICESHIP COLLABORATIVE (RPAC)

CCE hosts the RPAC website, provides staff support, and helped redevelop the RPAC strategic plan and welcome packet for new members.

**Learn more about RPAC at [www.psrpac.org](http://www.psrpac.org)**

**BUILD A CAREER + LEAVE A LEGACY**  
Six tools for apprentices to learn  
Six tools for mentors to teach



### MENTORSHIP MATTERS

CCE partnered with Sound Transit to create a website with video featuring Lakeside Industries and mentoring curriculum for both apprentices and journeyworkers.

**View the site at: [www.soundmentoring.com](http://www.soundmentoring.com)**



### EMPOWER WOMENS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

200+ workers, apprentices, labor members, and employers attended the conference to enjoy inspiring keynotes and informative panels virtually.

**Watch at: [www.tradeempower.com](http://www.tradeempower.com)**



### NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK TOOLKIT

CCE and partners built a toolkit to promote apprenticeship and highlight careers and pathways to living-wage careers in construction.

**Download at: [www.apprenticeshipsrock.com](http://www.apprenticeshipsrock.com)**

### ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

CCE Director Kristi Grassman served as a panelist at the **National Council for Workforce Education's 2022 Conference** in Tucson, AZ.

CCE produced the **Pathways to Apprenticeship video series** to help job seekers explore the possibilities in Washington's building trades.

## WEBINARS

In response to virtual learning needs, CCE produced a range of webinars on a variety of topics:

### Pre-Apprenticeship Summit Series

**#1 Pre-Apprenticeship Summit**, 320 attendees

**#2 Managing Apprenticeship Expectations**, 290 attendees

**#3 Connecting Core Plus Construction & Recognized Apprenticeship Prep**, 87 attendees

**Best Practices for College Pre-Apprenticeship**, 32 attendees

**Substance Misuse & Addiction in Construction**, 140 attendees

**Waging a Counterattack on Opioids in the Workplace and at Home**, 85 attendees

**Neurodiversity and Implicit Bias**, 150 attendees

## RESOURCES

CCE creates, curates, and disseminates resources to support the construction industry. **In addition to the resources highlighted below, website resources were downloaded over 420 times.** The top three downloads were: Construction Math Toolbox (339 downloads), ESL for the Trades (70 downloads), and Human Relations and Leadership Skills (8 downloads).



### PRE-APPRENTICESHIP CURRICULUM

Prepares students and job seekers with the skills they need to succeed in registered apprenticeship.



### MENTORSHIP MATTERS

Employers and apprentices learned how to share knowledge and skills on the job in this training.



### EDGEFACTOR VIDEOS

CCE partnered with 7 local companies to create career exploration content.  
[edgefactor.com/washington](https://edgefactor.com/washington)



### INDIGENOUS PEOPLE IN THE TRADES TOOLKIT

Includes practical ideas for employers to foster a more inclusive workplace.

## K-12 OUTREACH EVENTS

### STEM Café: Construction Trades

including industry experts, hands on activity & curriculum showcase, 68 attended.

**West Sound STEM Panelist:** Removing Barriers and Building On-Ramps to Postsecondary Pathways, 80 attended.

**Educators Workshop: Simpson Strong Tie**, 30 educators attended.

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

CCE convenes the **Pierce County Construction Consortium** by hosting meetings and connecting industry, educators, and labor.

**Community of Practice for Construction Management**  
**CDL Employer Roundtables**