

SKILL START

A large blue graphic featuring a wrench on the left and an arrow pointing to the right, with the words "SKILL" and "START" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters overlaid on the arrow.

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WHAT IS SKILL START?

We all dream of a better life, but sometimes we need a blueprint for how to get there. Skill Start helps you take control of the future with hands-on learning in the building and construction industry. Designed specifically for teens, this program provides skills and certifications that put you on a new path filled with opportunity, growth, and independence.

The path toward a brighter future begins in the classroom, and that classroom is located at the Volt Center. Craven Community College's (Craven CC) new workforce training center allows you to earn certifications and high-demand skills that employers need. Through the Skill Start program, you can build skills in the following career fields:

Carpentry • Electrical •
Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) •
Plumbing • Welding



CARPENTRY

Sharpen your homebuilding skills with our Carpentry program! This curriculum teaches you about the ins and outs of carpentry, building materials, hand and power tools, construction drawings and layouts, floor systems and wall systems, stair layout, and cabinetmaking.

ELECTRICAL

Amp up your job marketability with our Electrical program! This curriculum teaches you the intricacies of electrical wiring operations and introduction to National Electric Code, as well as how to install electrical systems in structures and various mechanisms.

HEATING, VENTILATION, & AIR CONDITIONING (HVAC)

Turn up the heat with an HVAC career! This curriculum teaches you about the operations, maintenance, and troubleshooting of residential and commercial heating and air-conditioning systems.

PLUMBING

Take the plunge with a plumbing career! This curriculum includes residential and commercial plumbing operations and introduces the Building Plumbing Code, as well as how to install wastewater vents, water and sewage systems, plumbing fixtures, and more.

WELDING

Spark a new interest in construction trades with the Arc Welding program! This training opportunity includes hands-on learning and experience with welding safety, oxyfuel cutting, plasma arc cutting, air-carbon arc cutting, fillet welds, SMAW-Groove welds, and more.

NCCER CERTIFICATION

Your classes at the Volt Center include certification by the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER). This industry-recognized certification tells potential employers that you have the skills and safety training to succeed in a hands-on work environment.





ABOUT THE VOLT CENTER

The Volt Center, located in New Bern, is operated by Craven CC and offers training courses in various trades. This Workforce Development training facility opened in 2019 in an effort to produce skilled workers and boost the local economy. The Volt Center was constructed in 1947 and was originally used as an electric plant before undergoing its latest transformation.



Skill Start was developed and funded through a partnership between Craven CC and supporting community organizations that include the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) and the North Carolina Department of Public Safety. The Skill Start program provides free training for at-risk youth ages 16-18 in our community.



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