

PLASTERER

DEFINITION

Performs skilled journey-level interior and exterior plastering and cement finishing in the alteration, maintenance, construction, and repair of college facilities.

TYPICAL DUTIES

Mixes various types of plaster, mortar, and concrete for poured walls, block walls, ceilings, floors, steps, curbs, sidewalks, and driveways.
Applies various plaster finishes such as sand and textured finishes and putty coats.
Performs work such as tearing away plaster, removing cement work, preparing surfaces, excavating, and making subgrades for cement work.
Patches plaster walls and ceilings.
Performs hand and machine troweling in the finishing of cement surfaces.
Erects, rigs, moves, and works from scaffolds, swing stages, and extension ladders.
Cleans and/or stores materials and equipment to prevent damage and exposure to moisture.
Adjusts, maintains, and makes minor repairs on plastering hand and power tools and equipment to ensure their safe and efficient operation.
Safely operates hand and power tools and equipment used in the plastering trade.
Reviews plans, blueprints, and specifications for plastering projects to understand scope of projects, complete assigned work orders, and recommend potential changes to supervisor.
May set forms for concrete steps, walks, driveways, and foundations.
May perform minor repairs to brickwork and minor reinforcing in preparation for cement work.
May assist in estimating job costs, preparing material lists and job records, and maintaining an inventory of supplies and tools for assigned area/projects.
May inspect facilities for maintenance and safety problems related to plastering materials.
May assist in inspecting plastering work performed by outside contractors.
May assist in developing job specifications, diagrams, and blueprints related to plastering work.
May provide work direction to staff assigned to the plastering and cement-finishing unit.
Performs related duties as assigned.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

A **Plasterer** performs journey-level plastering and cement-finishing work at a college.

A **General Foreman** plans, coordinates, and supervises the work of skilled journey-level workers of at least three building trades and other staff assigned to work projects at a college and has job site responsibility for various building trades projects.

SUPERVISION

General supervision is received from a General Foreman or facilities management staff. May provide work direction to Maintenance Assistants.

CLASS QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

- Current processes, materials, tools and equipment, and mixtures used in preparing and applying various types of plaster and cement finishes
- Various government ordinances covering the installation of walks, curbs, and driveways
- Methods used in setting up forms for concrete pouring
- Safety precautions required for the application, handling, and storing of plastering materials
- Safety regulations pertaining to erecting and working on ladders, swing stages, rigging, and scaffolds
- Harmful effects of hazardous or toxic materials and the protection and safeguard required when working with or controlling such materials
- Basic recordkeeping procedures
- Capabilities of computer applications, systems, and hardware used in the plastering trade

Skill in:

- Using tools and equipment of the trade

Ability to:

- Apply the skills and practices of the trade to varying circumstances and conditions
- Detect and repair flaws in plaster and cement surfaces
- Determine when plaster bases are in proper condition to receive plaster
- Clean, adjust, maintain, and make minor repairs on plastering equipment
- Read, interpret, and work from sketches, drawings, plans, and blueprints
- Safely operate tools and machines in the plastering trade
- Safely erect and work from ladders, riggings, and scaffolds
- Safely lift heavy equipment and materials
- Keep accurate records
- Work effectively and cooperatively with other staff, administrators, faculty members, students, and contractors
- Effectively utilized computer systems and software applicable to the plastering trade
- Follow oral and written instructions
- Learn the characteristics of new equipment of the plastering trade and update skills to adapt to changing technology
- Learn general and specialized software applications

ENTRANCE QUALIFICATIONS

Education and Experience:

- A. Graduation from high school or its equivalent **AND** completion of a recognized apprentice training program of at least four years' duration in the plastering trade **AND** one year of full-time paid journey-level experience in the plastering trade. Experience in cement finishing and/or masonry is also required.

OR

- B. Graduation from high school or its equivalent **AND** five years of full-time paid experience in plastering work under the supervision of a journeyman or crafts supervisor. One year of the required experience must have been at the journey-level. Experience in cement finishing and/or masonry is also required.

Special:

A valid Class "C" California driver's license
Access to an automobile

SPECIAL NOTE:

Prior to employment, all successful candidates will be required to pass an asbestos medical examination in compliance with the General Industry Safety Orders, Section 5208, Title 8 of the California Administrative Codes.