In-Demand Careers in the Preservation Trades

"Make good money, be your own boss, have pride in your work."





96% of preservation

tradespeople surveyed report satisfaction in their careers

95%

of survey respondents believe that preservation trades can provide an interesting, fulfilling and profitable career path

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These creative, hands-on work opportunities engage skills in building and construction, engineering, arts, history, and more while maintaining and restoring older homes, buildings and other historic structures.

What sorts of jobs can be preservation trades?

- Architectural Design and Planning
- Carpentry
- Deconstruction
- Decorative Finishes
- Electrical
- Energy and Efficiency
- Engineering
- Flooring
- General Contractor
- HVAC
- Insulation
- Ironwork
- Interior Design

- Landscaping
- Lighting Design
- Masonry
- Materials Conservation
- Painting
- Project Management
- Plastering
- Plumbing
- Specialty Trades and Crafts (Examples: Stained Glass, Textiles, Stone Carving)
- Roofing
- Windows/Glazing

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