



GERRY JONES



Journey-level Electrician

Inside Electrical (MA 1046) General Journeyman
Constructing Hope graduate

Gerry Jones knew he was interested in an electrical career path after studying as an electrical major in high school. He rediscovered his passion years later when he learned about **Constructing Hope**, a Pre-Apprenticeship program dedicated to training men and women in the construction field. After completing his Pre-Apprenticeship, he began his Inside Electrician program.

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During his time as an apprentice, Gerry worked and studied full time for five years, collecting support from everyone around him. He went to class four hours per week for nine months and paid his own tuition. Every six months, he received a raise. “It’s a great career path,” said Gerry. “There are many pay raises so there’s a feeling of self-worth while you’re learning valuable skills that you can take with you anywhere.”

As an apprentice, you’ll have the opportunity to receive paid training and mentorship from experts in your trade. You’ll build skills and connections to help advance your career in the field you’re passionate about.

Gerry’s advice for new apprentices:

- Be dedicated
- Be punctual
- Be ready to learn
- Follow directions

Looking back, Gerry says that he’s gained new respect for the men and women with a journey level card. Now that his apprenticeship is complete, he has a job he loves at SolarCity, where he plans to stay for a long time. His only regret? That he didn’t start his apprenticeship sooner.

Q: WHAT DOES AN INSIDE ELECTRICIAN DO?

A: Inside electricians perform electrical installations, construction, maintenance, repair, and service. They work on electrical construction projects ranging from single-family residences to state-of-the-art industrial plants. They install conduits and wire lighting, switches, converters, and complex computerized systems.