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WENTWORTH INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Construction Managers Ride Boston's Building Boom

Earn a degree in construction management and your future is nailed. With \$109,900 as the annual median wage for a construction manager in Massachusetts, there's no better way to build a solid career.

Graduates of the four-year construction management bachelor's degree program at Wentworth Institute of Technology can be found on any major job site in Boston and beyond. "When it comes to construction, most people think of the handyman who is renovating your kitchen or the carpenter working on the deck. They don't realize that it's a multi-million dollar business with unlimited potential," says Michael C. Sanchez, chief of construction at Shawmut Design and Construction.

Sanchez started as a Wentworth coop at Shawmut two decades ago and worked his way up from project superintendent to vice president of field operations and then to his current role.

Wentworth also offers an associate's degree in construction management, which provides instruction

in the core principles of construction management, including CAD, programming, and contracts, with evening classes during the part-time program.

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or they attend the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. Others earn a civil engineering degree from schools like University of Massachusetts-Lowell or Worcester Polytech Institute in Worcester.

Middlesex Community College and Springfield Technical Community College also offer an associate's degree in construction management, with coursework in architectural design, estimating,

surveying, and project scheduling. Both programs provide the background needed for the Construction Supervisor Licensing examination, which covers OSHA regulations, building code rules, and energy updates, thus opening the door to becoming a construction professional.

"Construction management is such a fascinating field with tremendous opportunity for growth," said Warren Hall, head of Springfield Technical's construction management program. "There isn't a major construction firm in Boston—Suffolk, Shawmut, Consigli, Columbia, Gil-bane—that doesn't have our construction management graduates on their team. If you want to have a part in building the future, this is the career for you." ■

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