

Potential salary

Your salary will depend on your location and certification level.

In Oregon, the wages for a building inspector or plans examiner ranges from \$27.74 to \$53.54 per hour, or \$57,700 to \$111,363 annually. The average hourly rate is \$40.59 with an annual average salary of \$84,441—depending on experience and certification levels. Generally, benefits will add another 50% to the salary for total compensation. Generally, Permit Technicians make slightly less, and Building Officials or department managers make more.

Source: 2024 Oregon Employment Department

Program Tuition and Fees for AAS Degree

Classes are primarily held remotely through the Chemeketa Brooks Regional Training Center in Brooks, OR. Approximate two-year AAS program cost—

Tuition and fees (95 credits)	\$13,1100
Class fees	\$2,010
Books	\$2,700
Equipment and supplies	\$600
Total	\$18,420

Apply

1. Apply to Chemeketa online at go.chemeketa.edu
2. Once notified of acceptance you will need to Claim your Account
3. Complete the online orientation video in your My Chemeketa student account
4. Complete the placement assessment; visit <https://www.chemeketa.edu/admission/enroll/placement-assessment/> for additional information
5. Apply for financial aid; learn how at go.chemeketa.edu/financialaid (Although applying for financial aid is not required, we encourage you to do so. The process can take up to 16 weeks so apply as soon as possible.)
6. Submit your completed program application; to download information packet and instructions on how to apply visit go.chemeketa.edu/buildinginspection Application opens Feb. 1 of each year for September (fall term) start.
7. If accepted (notifications start in late June), attend the mandatory Building InspectionTechnology advising/orientation in August, before classes start
8. Building Inspection Technology coursework is cohort-based starting in the fall
9. Classes are generally held Mondays-Thursdays in the evenings, remotely on Zoom (except summer CWE and one spring lab class are held during the day)

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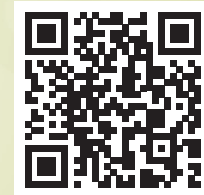


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Earn your AAS degree and begin your career as a building code professional

Through classwork, hands-on instruction and internships, Chemeketa’s Building Inspection Technology program gives you the education and skills needed to launch your career as a construction plans examiner and/or building inspector.

You will earn your Building Inspection Technology Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree through a scripted program of courses in 21 months while you prepare to take International Code Council (ICC) certification exams. With your degree and ICC certifications, you may be eligible to work anywhere in the world ICC certifications are accepted.

Earn a Building Inspector certificate (one-year)*

The Building Inspection Technology certificate is designed for students with extensive and diverse construction backgrounds or for those currently working in the building inspection industry that want to move into an entry level inspector position. The certificate provides experienced students with knowledge and skills in commercial and residential building codes that are necessary for an entry level inspector position.

Application of code knowledge in the inspection process is stressed throughout the four terms of the certificate program.

Career opportunities

From reviewing construction blueprints to performing on site inspections, code professionals work in a variety of positions that ensure residential and commercial construction meets building codes and ordinances. You could work in an exciting career as a—

- **Permit technicians**—High school diploma or GED
Reviews and processes construction project permits including processing permit fees, providing department information to the public and reviewing permit applications. Works primarily in an office environment.
- **Building inspector**—Associates degree
Makes professional judgements about whether a building meets building code requirements. Works primarily outdoors on construction sites.
- **Plans examiners**—Associates degree
Verifies that blueprints and construction documents meet code requirements prior to construction of the building. Works primarily in an office environment.
- **Specialty inspector**—Associates degree
A building inspector that specializes in a specific field of construction such as electrical, concrete or other specialty area.
- **Building official**—Associates or bachelor’s degree preferred
Oversees the building inspection department of a city or county. Manages budgets, operations and personnel and act as the chief code compliance officer for their area.

Course	Title	Credit Hours
Term 1		
BLD130*	Permit Technician	2
BLD141*	International Residential Code 1	3
BLD151*	Building Codes 1	3
BLD158*	Construction Materials and Blueprints.	2
CIS101	Computing Concepts	3
OR		
BA131	Business Computing.	3
Term 2		
BLD142*	International Residential Code 2	3
BLD152*	Building Codes 2	3
BLD165*	Residential Inspection	3
BLD181*	Mechanical Codes 1	3
FE205B	Resumes and Job Search Correspondence	1
Term 3		
BLD153*	Building Codes 3	3
BLD175*	Residential Plan Review	3
BLD182*	Mechanical Codes 2	3
BLD193A	Building Inspection Lab	2
MTH052	Intro to Algebra/Geometry (or higher)	3
Term 4		
BLD280	Cooperative Work Experience (summer term) (40 hrs/week for 10 weeks during summer term)	12
Term 5		
BLD166	Commercial Inspection.	3
BLD268	Foundations, Excavation and Grading.	3
BLD269	Engineering for Code Professionals 1	4
BLD275	Commercial Plan Review	3
WR088	Introduction to Technical Writing 1	3
OR		
WR121	Academic Composition (or higher)	4
Term 6		
BLD155	Building Department Administration.	4
BLD260	Fire Protection for Buildings	4
BLD270	Engineering for Code Professionals 2	4
WR089	Introduction to Technical Writing 2	3
OR		
WR227	Technical Writing	4
Term 7		
BLD170	ADA Accessibility Code	3
BLD273	International Fire Codes.	3
BLD290	Capstone	2
COMM130	Business and Professional Speaking	4

Total Required Credits = 95

*Required courses on this page are for one-year Building Inspection Certificate/43 total credits + or higher