Disneyland Resort Apprenticeship Programs 10/25/18

Currently Fullerton College and Disneyland Resort partner on two apprenticeship programs:

1. Disney Cohort: Machinist Training Program

Provides training in attraction maintenance and transportation services. The training is supported by the International Association of Machinists Lodge 947, and each student earned a Journeyman card, which certifies them to perform advanced technical work. The machinist training program offers practical, industry-specific coursework in a variety of topics, including blueprint reading, technical mathematics, CNC machining, welding, metallurgy, manufacturing processes, and transportation services. Due to the students' certification and completed courses, they are eligible for job advancement and to earn a higher pay rate at the Disneyland Resort.

2. Disney Cohort: Theme Park Specialist

Provides training for sound technicians

The Disneyland Resort Apprenticeship programs are only open to current Disneyland Resort employees.

The vast majority of people in the program started work in the park as a custodian or other entry level and then applied internally for the apprenticeship position. Just like jobs here at the college, Disneyland Resort has internal postings and because the program is popular almost all fill from within. A prospective applicant may have to start at the low end of the hourly scale to be able to have access to internal openings after years of proven work. Of course Disneyland then knows if they show up to work on time, are professional, meet their conduct standards and all of that...so that is a way for Disneyland to have very good technicians.

Fullerton College has two certificate programs that provide a student with similar training as the Disneyland apprenticeship programs for employment opportunities at theme parks:

1. Industrial Maintenance Technician Certificate (slated to begin in Fall 2019)

 The Industrial Maintenance Technician Certificate is designed to provide fundamental, hands-on training on industrial systems and equipment. Students will study the basic principles, applications, concepts and functions of manufacturing, measurement systems, electrical components and motors, programmable logic controllers, mechanical components, and hydraulic/pneumatic systems. This certificate requires a total of 45-49 units. A minimum of grade of C is required in each course taken. At least one half of the units toward the certificate must be completed at Fullerton College. The Industrial Maintenance Technology program prepares students to install, adjust, troubleshoot and repair a variety of industrial machinery used in manufacturing settings. Technicians may work in factories that manufacture, finish or assemble many different types of products. Students study the basic operations common to production equipment used in industry today. Electricity and electronics are emphasized because most modern manufacturing equipment is electrically operated. Pneumatic, hydraulic and mechanical power are also covered. This highly skilled trade offers many employment opportunities. Since each production facility has different needs, the program allows students to select technical electives specific to a particular production area.

2. Theme Park Technician Certificate (currently available, see 2018-2019 catalog)

 The Theme Park Technician Certificate is designed to prepare the student for occupational competency as a technician for theme parks. This certificate program requires a total of 22 units of all of which are in required courses. A minimum grade of C is required in each course taken.

If a student is interested in learning more about opportunities at Disneyland Resort, it is advised that they contact Disneyland Resort Human Resources.