

OUR PROGRAM



Introduction:

The AIRW Apprenticeship Program follows NRWA's nationally recognized training model and includes an approximately two-year blend of classroom instruction, hands-on learning, and structured on-the-job training. Apprentices train directly with experienced operators, gaining daily exposure to water and wastewater treatment processes, system maintenance, safety practices, regulations, and essential plant operations.

Expand Your Reach:

Throughout the program, participants earn while they learn, completing required coursework, logging field hours, and building the practical skills needed to run and support Indiana's utility systems. When all requirements are met, apprentices receive a U.S. Department of Labor-recognized credential, marking their readiness to step into full-time roles as water or wastewater operations specialists.

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• Nationally Recognized •

- **2025** – NRWA Outstanding Achievement in Technical Assistance
- **2024** – NRWA Association of the Year
- **2024** – NRWA Department of Labor Apprenticeship Ambassador Certificate of Recognition
- **2022** – NRWA Outstanding Achievement in Training
- **2021** – NRWA Publications and Public Relations



Non-Discrimination Policy

The Alliance of Indiana Rural Water will not discriminate against apprenticeship applicants or apprentices based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), sexual orientation, genetic information, or because they are an individual with a disability or a person 40 years old or older. The Alliance of Indiana Rural Water will take affirmative action to provide equal opportunity in apprenticeship and will operate the apprenticeship program as required under Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 30.



APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

From Apprentice to Essential



The Alliance of Indiana Rural Water is a proud affiliate of the National Rural Water Association



WHO WE ARE

The Alliance of Indiana Rural Water is dedicated to supporting the state's water and wastewater utilities through training, technical assistance, and strong industry partnerships. Our mission is to empower utilities to ensure sustainable operations and reliable access to safe water for every community they serve.

As the leading resource for water and wastewater needs in Indiana, we provide comprehensive education, on-site expertise, and effective legislative advocacy. We strive to equip every system—large or small—with the tools, knowledge, and support needed for proactive source water protection and long-term success. Together, we're building a stronger, safer water future for all Hoosiers.

Essential. Skilled. AND INDISPENSABLE.

Water and wastewater professionals are the backbone of every thriving community, ensuring safe drinking water flows to our homes and that treated wastewater is responsibly returned to the environment. These skilled specialists protect public health, safeguard natural resources, and keep essential infrastructure running smoothly. Without their expertise, communities couldn't grow, innovate, or even function. Their work is vital—and their impact felt every single day.



WHY APPRENTICESHIP?

Our apprenticeship program is part of the National Rural Water Association, ensuring consistent, high-quality training standards nationwide. Our award-winning training program was developed in response to the industry's need to train the next generation of skilled workers and standardize training across the state of Indiana.

With over 90% of the U.S. served by small and rural utilities, career opportunities in this field are abundant nationwide. Upon completion, apprentices receive NRWA approval and a U.S. Department of Labor Certificate—opening doors to high-demand careers with no student debt.

- ❖ **Earn as you learn**
- ❖ **Impact your Community**
- ❖ **Gain practical skills you can take anywhere**
- ❖ **Train alongside an experienced technician (2-year program)**
- ❖ **Unlimited Career Growth**