

NFCAP | National Flooring Contractors Apprenticeship Program

NFCAP is formed to train and educate students, both male and female, into the flooring installation trade. This group is made of industry veterans brought together to facilitate the installation shortage identified by our industry.

Robert Blochinger, chairman of the former FCLC, current President of the National Institute of Certified Floorcovering Inspectors (NICFI), Carlos Mongalo, president of Mongalo Designs, a second-generation wood flooring installer and finisher, started this movement in 2018 with intention of using a national chain of training facilities. In conjunction with Sonny Callaham, Director of Education for National Academy of Floor Covering Training, (NAFCT) and Greg Roberts, Philanthropic Advisor of GIVE TV, have formally organized NFCAP to move forward the training of students in the flooring installation industry.

An advisory council, made up of installers, manufacturers and inspectors, has been formed to ensure progressive movement of the NFCAP and guide the curriculum of the NAFCT to graduate students that are qualified and certified to become an apprentice. Students will learn substrate preparation, installation of products with adhesive and free-floating products as well as both hard and soft flooring products. This aggressive program also has a job placement guarantee for the apprentice with local and/or national flooring contractor thru a formalized agreement of support. After graduation, the apprentice is evaluated for up to 12 months during their employment for positive progress and continued training.

This effort will require support from everyone in our industry. Please reach out to Robert Blochinger at Bob@blochinger.net or Sonny Callaham at Sonny@NAFCT.com and find out what you can do to help!