



My final decision to join the Apprenticeship program came after learning that I didn't have to sign a contract to remain at the company once the program was completed. For a company to offer training and education without a commitment, made me realize how Blum was committed to the employee.

Working hands-on was a plus, the classes were challenging, but having co-workers/ classmates going through the same experience gave us a sense of teamwork. The trainers are experienced and very friendly; they go out of their way to make sure the subject being taught is understood by all.

I now have 8 years of working as a Quality Technician (Product Testing Specialist).

The apprenticeship program gave me a deep understanding for technical applications which has carried over into my field. I have been able to develop internal product testing guidelines, for our US markets that involved Studies in which we monitored 25 different kitchens focusing on the average usage of the most commonly used applications. With the information gained from the study we were able to determine the average usage of each application based on family size.

During my time working I have been able to travel to Austria and some travel here in the United States as well.

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