Upon acceptance into the apprenticeship program, you will be required to complete five years of training, with each year consisting of up to 2,000 hours of on-the-job training and a minimum of 216 hours of classroom instruction. "Proof" that you're the best trained worker for the job. After successfully completing the five-year program, you become a full-fledged journeyperson. Once reaching journeyperson status, union workers are evaluated for individual skill level and have the opportunity to advance their careers through U.A. continuing education programs.

Apprentices and journeymen can also earn an Associates Degree of Applied Science in Apprenticeship Pipefitting. In addition, they have the opportunity to pursue U.A. STAR certification after the fifth year of apprenticeship. Upon passing the U.A. STAR test, apprentices and journeymen will walk away with even higher earning power and 30 credits toward an Associates Degree in Construction Supervision. US STAE training is ISO3002 certified and ANSE approved.