



What is Local 19?

Local 19 is a local affiliate of the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association (SMWIA), a national association that works to protect and raise the living standards of more than 150,000 sheet metal workers in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. Established in the fall of 1887, it serves more than 4300 members from Philadelphia and the Delaware Valley.

Why Work With Local 19?

The level of expertise that comes with working with Local 19 is unprecedented in the industry. Both craftspeople and technicians are certified in all sheet metal work, and adhere to the voluntary technical standards and manuals developed by SMACNA, standards, which have found acceptance among construction communities across the globe. The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) has accredited SMACNA as a standards-setting organization.

Our Training Program

Created in partnership with the Sheet Metal Contractors Association (SMCA), students undergo a thorough training, receiving certification from one of the country's top award-winning apprentice programs. These include:

- Heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC)
- Sheet metal fabrication
- Architectural metal installation
- Testing, adjusting and balancing of environmental systems
- Safety and health training

Local 19 Provides Clean Air Solutions: HVAC Work

One of the areas that has comprised a large amount of work for Local 19 craftspeople and technicians is in HVAC. HVAC systems are one of the biggest consumers of energy. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, HVAC systems use between 40 and 60% of energy in commercial and residential buildings.

Local 19 members are certified in building, installing and updating HVAC systems to help make them more efficient (using less energy) and environmentally friendly. The results of their work in homes, schools, libraries and other public buildings are:

- Improving systems' life cycles
- Providing high performance using green and LEED technology
- And, most importantly, improving indoor air quality

How to Contact Us

Local 19 headquarters is located in the Philadelphia area. To set up a meeting or to learn more about Local 19, please contact our office at (215) 952-1999 or through our Web site at www.smwlu19.org. To learn about our green HVAC work, visit www.greenHVACsolutions.org.



Classes are held at the state of the art Local 19 training center.



Apprentices participate in a highly competitive four-year training program.