

Crew members complete a specific task in a crew of four to six people with a crew leader guiding them. Ideally, these are people who understand and support Habitat for Humanity's mission, purposes and goal. Habitat has always made use of the efforts of unskilled crew members by giving them the opportunity to learn. Crew members are often the trainees on the job site or during typical basic skills training workshops, including lessons on measuring, marking, cutting, hammering, lifting and hauling. Individuals' skills are very diverse, but a list of competencies might look like this:

Core Competencies for Skilled Crew Members

Habitat for Humanity Knowledge

- History of Habitat for Humanity.
- Mission and goal of Habitat for Humanity.
- Relationship between their participation and Habitat's goal.

Construction Safety

- Participates according to Habitat site-safety policies.
- Uses personal protective equipment appropriately.

Construction Knowledge

- Can identify common building materials and fasteners.
- Can identify basic construction equipment, hand tools and power tools.
- Can identify construction symbols and marks.

Construction Skills

- Uses correct techniques for measuring, marking, cutting, fastening, lifting and carrying.
- Is willing to follow the directions of the crew leader.