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Get a head start



on your CAREER



Why enroll in a District Program?

District Career Programs provide fundamental training and work experience while students are still in high school.

Benefits may include:

- Free tuition for post-secondary program
- Earn dual credits – high school and post-secondary credits concurrently
- “Hands on” learning
- Work experience in a direct career path
- Pursuing a passion and building skills to transition to work in a given field
- Career opportunities
- Youth Work in Trades Award - \$1000.00
- Build professional skills that are required in the workplace

How to apply:

Visit the Career Programs website to learn more about your chosen field and download the application.

When to apply:

Applications are accepted throughout the year with most programs having a deadline date of March 1st. Exceptions are Healthcare Assistant, Auto Refinishing Prep Technician and Baker, with a November 30th deadline.

How much does it cost?

Students enrolled in Dual Credit / Youth Train in Trades programs do not pay tuition. There are supplemental fees assigned for equipment, tools, and consumable materials. More information on required fees can be found for each program on the VSB Career Programs website.

Work Experience

Through Work Experience, students prepare for the transition from secondary school to the world of work. Students will have the opportunity to observe and practice employability skills required in the workplace, as well as technical and applied skills relating to specific occupations or industries.

This school based 4 credit course is offered to students in Grade 11 and 12.

Job Training for Students with Diverse Abilities

The Job Training program integrates classroom learning with practical work experience. The program links resources of secondary schools, business/industry, and community to provide youth with diverse abilities a highly motivating educational experience.

Through the work experience intake interview, supported and independent work experience placements are provided based on student interest, support needs and career goals.



School Based Programs

There are three specialty programs open to students throughout the district who have a keen interest in the areas of fashion, IT networking, construction, and automotive trades. Participants divide their time between their home school and the program school.

ENHANCED TRADES

Designed for Grade 11 students interested in exploring trades.

Killarney Secondary school, Day 2, September to June

Earn credit for Metalwork/Welding 11, Automotive 11, Drafting/Engineering 11 and Social Studies 11.

Characteristics

Good hand-eye coordination, enthusiastic, and hard working.

Requirements

Grade 10

Career Opportunities

Skilled trades



FASHION DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Develop a portfolio, design and create fashion garments and participate in work experience.

Eric Hamber Secondary, September to June, either Day 1s or Day 2s

Two-year program during Grades 11 and 12.

Characteristics

Hardworking, creative, and have an eye for fashion.

Requirements

Textiles and Art courses (recommended)

Career Opportunities

Clothing and textile companies

KILLARNEY IT PROGRAM

Develop skills to build computers, program, and work with the Linux system.

Killarney Secondary School, Day 2, September to June

Earn 12 graduation credits.

Characteristics

Interest in computers, software and hardware.

Recommended

Information and Communication Technology courses

Computer Science and Math courses

Career Opportunities

IT firms in both private and public sectors

Youth WORK in Trades

The Youth WORK in Trades program provides students with skill development through practical, hands-on work experience.

Students who attend high school and are employed in a trade recognized by the ITA may be eligible to earn credits for both graduation and apprenticeship.

Requirements

Be working with an employer who is willing to sponsor the student as an apprentice.

Benefits

Work hours accrued will count toward the work-based training hours required for the trade. Potential to receive a \$1000 award.

Dual Credit

CARPENTER

Carpentry Foundation [YT]

Acquire basic skills, build frames and structures, concrete form work.

British Columbia Institute of Technology, February to July, Monday to Friday

This program has limited seat availability.

Earn 20 graduation credits and Level 1 Technical Training.

Characteristics

Physically fit, good dexterity and hand-eye coordination, comfortable working at various heights.

Requirements

Math 11

An "L" driver's license

Woodworking and Drafting (recommended)

Career Opportunities

Residential, commercial, light industrial or heavy construction fields in the areas of new construction, renovations, and maintenance



CONSTRUCTION ELECTRICIAN

Electrical Foundation [YT]

Learn to lay out, assemble, install, test, troubleshoot and repair electrical wiring, and fixtures.

British Columbia Institute of Technology, various start dates, Monday to Friday

This program has limited seat availability.

Earn 28 graduation credits and Level 1 Technical Training.

Characteristics

Physically fit, have good hearing, eyesight, and hand-eye coordination.

Requirements

Pre-Calculus 11 and Physics 11 (recommended)

Math 11

An "L" driver's license

Career Opportunities

Residential, commercial, and industrial settings

HAIRDRESSER

Hairstylist [YT]

Train to cut, design and style hair.

Vancouver Community College, September to June, 3 days a week

Earn 48 graduation credits and VCC Hair design certificate.

Characteristics

Artistic, good eye for detail and depth perception, normal colour vision, hand-eye coordination, able to stand for long periods of time.

Recommended

Art courses

Career Opportunities

Hair salons, spas, barber shops, schools, hair replacement clinics, health care establishments, hotels, and in the cruise, fashion and entertainment industries



HEALTHCARE ASSISTANT

Develop knowledge and skills necessary to function effectively as a front-line caregiver.

Vancouver Community College, September to April, Monday to Friday

Earn 36 graduation credits.

Characteristics

Good communication skills, able to handle trauma, has endurance and empathy.

Requirements

Criminal record check, Immunization history, Standard First Aid and FOODSAFE Level 1

Career Opportunities

Hospitals, nursing homes and care facilities

HEAVY DUTY EQUIPMENT TECHNICIAN

Heavy Mechanical Trades Foundation [YT]

Inspect, service and repair commercial vehicles and industrial heavy-duty equipment.

Vancouver Community College, various start dates: September, November, April, July, (nine months), Monday to Thursday.

Earn 20 credits and Level 1 Technical Training.

Characteristics

Mechanical aptitude, good manual dexterity and hand-eye coordination, able to tolerate noise and vibration.

Requirements

An "L" driver's license

Automotive Technology 11 & 12 (recommended)

Career Opportunities

Equipment dealer, mines, road construction companies

INDUSTRIAL MECHANIC

Millwright Foundation [YT]

Acquire skills to install, maintain and repair all types of machinery in almost any industry.

British Columbia Institute of Technology,

February to July, Monday to Friday

Earn 20 graduation credits and Level 1 Technical Training.

Characteristics

Physical strength, good hearing, good eyesight, normal colour vision, manual dexterity and hand/eye coordination, practical mathematical skills and mechanical aptitude.

Requirements

Math 11

Applied Design, Skills and Technology courses (recommended)

Career Opportunities

Ski resorts, bottling plants, mines, pulp, and paper



METAL FABRICATOR (FITTER)

Metal Fabrication [YT]

Learn to layout, shear, cut, drill, form, fit and weld steel plates and shapes.

British Columbia Institute of Technology, February to July, Monday to Friday

Earn 20 graduation credits and Level 1 Technical Training.

Characteristics

Good hand/eye coordination and in good physical condition.

Requirements

Math 11

Applied Design, Skills and Technology courses (recommended)

Career Opportunities

Construction, mining, logging, and ship building

MOTORCYCLE MECHANIC

Motorcycle & Power Equipment Technical Foundation [YT]

Diagnose, repair, overhaul and replace mechanical and electrical parts of motorcycles and other power equipment.

British Columbia Institute of Technology, February to July, Monday to Friday

Earn 20 graduation credits and Level 1 Technical Training.

Characteristics

Mechanical aptitude; manual dexterity; and good hand/eye coordination.

Requirements

Math 11

Applied Design, Skills and Technology courses (recommended)

Career Opportunities

Service shops of motorcycle dealers and retailers and by independent service establishments



Dual Credit

PAINTER AND DECORATOR

Painting and Decorating [YT]

Learn basic skills required by the industry: home interiors and residential painting. Finishing Trades Institute of British Columbia, June to July, Monday to Friday

Earn 4 graduation credits and Level 1 Technical Training.

Characteristics

Good hand-eye coordination, able to work with numbers to perform calculations, disciplined and precise.

Recommended

An "L" driver's license

Career Opportunities

Residential or Commercial work with contractors or organizations

PROFESSIONAL COOK 1

Professional Cook Level 1 [YT]

Study how to prepare and cook a wide variety of meals.

David Thompson and Sir Charles Tupper Secondary schools, Day 2, September to June, plus Vancouver Community College, four weeks in the summer.

Earn 20 graduation credits and Level 1 Technical Training.

Characteristics

Creative, ability to stand for prolonged periods, withstand stressful environments, and good hand-eye coordination.

Requirements

FOODSAFE Level 1

Foods Studies and Culinary Arts courses

Career Opportunities

Restaurants, tourist lodges, mining and logging camps, cruise ships and catering companies

PLUMBER

Plumbing Foundation [YT]

Learn basic skills in soldering, piping, safe work practices, reading drawings and schematic plans.

Requirements.

Piping Industry College of BC, June to July, Monday to Friday.

Earn 4 graduation credits and Level 1 Technical Training.

Characteristics

Manual dexterity; good hand-eye coordination; math skills; visualize drawings and structures.

Requirements

An "L" driver's license

Math 11

Career Opportunities

Residential or commercial contractors, construction companies and maintenance departments.

EXPLORE TRADES SAMPLER

Hands-on experience in fifteen trade areas.

British Columbia Institute of Technology, February to May, Monday to Friday (7:30 am to 2:30pm)

Earn 12 graduation credits.

Characteristics

Hardworking, self-disciplined, manually dexterous, desire to have a career in the trades.

Requirements

Math 11,

An "L" driver's license and Technology courses 11 and 12 (recommended)

Career Opportunities

Transition into a post-secondary program or an apprenticeship.

EXPLORE TRADES SAMPLER

TUPPER TECH

Hands-on experience in a variety of trades.

Sir Charles Tupper School, September to June, Day 2s

Earn 16 credits.

Characteristics

Hardworking, self-disciplined, manually dexterous, and a desire to explore the trades.

Requirements

Math

Technology courses 11 and 12 (recommended)

Good academic standing

Career Opportunities

Transition into a post-secondary program or an apprenticeship.

Dual Credit

The Vancouver School Board has partnered with several post-secondary institutions to offer students a head start on pursuing their chosen career. These partnerships give students both secondary graduation and post-secondary credit.

Students in Dual Credit programs must be on a path to complete secondary school graduation, as well as meet the individual program requirements. For Youth TRAIN in Trades [YT] achievement of 70% or greater is required to receive credit for Level 1 Technical Training.

AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE ENGINEER

Aircraft Maintenance Engineer [YT]

Learn skills to service aircraft engines, mechanical, hydraulic and flight control systems; learn to troubleshoot and repair structural, mechanical, and electrical problems.

British Columbia Institute of Technology Aerospace campus, Monday to Friday, 16-month continuous program. The Vancouver School Board pays tuition for one term only.

Characteristics

Mechanically inclined, manual dexterity, and good colour vision

Requirements

Math 11

Automotive Technology 11 (recommended)

Physics 11 (recommended)

Career Opportunities

Airports in cities and rural communities

AUTO Collision & Refinishing

Automotive Refinishing Prep Foundation [YT]

Learn to prime, repair, and finish damaged vehicles.

Vancouver Community College, 35 Weeks, Monday to Thursday, start dates Jan, September

Earn 20 graduation credits and Level 1 Technical Training

Characteristics

Mechanically inclined, able to tolerate noise and strong odors, physical strength and stamina, good manual dexterity and hand-eye coordination, good eyesight, and normal color vision.

Requirements

an "L" driver's license

Automotive Technology 11&12 (recommended)

Career Opportunities

Automobile dealerships, automobile repair shops and automobile appraisal

AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECHNICIAN

Automotive Service Technician Foundation [YT]

Perform routine maintenance, diagnose, test and repair motor vehicles.

Britannia Secondary School, Day 2, September to June

Earn 24 graduation credits and Level 1 Technical Training.

Characteristics

Mechanically inclined, able to tolerate noise and vibration, good manual dexterity and hand-eye coordination.

Requirements

an "L" driver's license

Automotive Technology 11&12 (recommended)

Career Opportunities

Motor vehicle dealers, garages, fleet maintenance companies, service stations, automotive specialty shops, and transportation companies.



BAKER

Baking and Pastry Arts [YT]

Develop industry standard baking preparation skills.

Vancouver Community College, August to January, classes Monday to Thursday

Earn 24 graduation credits and Level 1 Technical Training

Characteristics

Artistic, good dexterity and hand-eye coordination, able to stand for long hours, and work well under pressure and in extreme heat.

Requirements

FOODSAFE Level 1

Foods & Nutrition courses (recommended)

Career Opportunities

Specialty bakeries, restaurants, hotels and supermarkets