# **Heavy Mechanical Trades**



# **Program Outline**

Heavy Mechanical Technicians maintain and repair heavy equipment and large vehicles. This can includes buses, heavy trucks, construction vehicles, and other wheeled or tracked vehicles.

This program takes place Monday to Wednesday or Wednesday to Friday.

It is critical for applicants to be actively working to obtain a valid BC drivers license for work in this trade.

# **Application Process - apply in Grade 11**

Start by visiting careerprograms.vsb.bc.ca to download an application. Students are encouraged to discuss the application with a school counsellor and family.

Application Deadline March 1st
Interview Period March - April
Acceptance Decisions April - May
Orientation Session June

Specific details about the Orientation Session will be included in the acceptance letter. Students must attend along with a parent or guardian.

## **Program Location & Intake Dates**

The Foundation program takes place at the VCC Broadway campus. The program starts in September and November.

Students are encouraged to enroll at South Hill Education Centre to complete remaining graduation requirements.

## **Additional Information**

### **Eligibility**

This program is available to students who hold Canadian citizenship or Permanent Resident status and who attend a Vancouver School Board school or alternative program.

### **Required Courses**

None

#### **Recommended Courses**

Any Grade 11 Metalwork or Automotive course Youth EXPLORE Trades (where offered)

### **Funding Commitment**

Tuition will be paid by the VSB for the first level of training. Students are expected to pay for program supplies, equipment, tools, and PPE - approximately \$1750.

#### **Graduation Credits**

Foundation Program - 28 credits Apprenticeship - up to 16 credits

#### **Program Contact**

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