

Trades Foundation Programs

Online Tutorial Academic Advising



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Topics of Discussion

- What Programs are offered at TRU
- Apprenticeship Training
- Admission Requirements
- Registration Procedures
- Financial Aid
- Bridging your Trade to a Degree



***TRU is more than a traditional
university...***

*it offers degrees, diplomas,
and certificates, as well as
**Trades Foundation and
Apprenticeship Training***

Trades & Technology [Website](#)

TRU ► School of Trades & Technology



What Trades Foundation Programs are Offered at TRU...

Construction Trades

- Electrical
- Electrical/Industrial Instrumentation
- Joinery
- Plumbing
- Residential Construction

Mechanical Trades

- Automotive Service Tech
- Commercial Transport
- Heavy Duty Mechanics
- Parts & Warehouse
- Power Sports Marine
- Welding



Benefits of Trades Foundation Programs

- Trades Foundation programs are pre-apprenticeship programs
- Provide trainees with the basic knowledge and skills needed for entry into a particular occupation
- Offer a linkage to one or more apprenticeship programs
- May also provide credit towards apprenticeship training



What is Apprenticeship Training...



- Work-based training, usually combined with post-secondary education
 - 80% work-based training
 - 20% technical training taken in a classroom or shop setting
- Length of apprenticeship will depend on trade
 - Most require 4 years



Admission Requirements and Start Dates

CONSTRUCTION TRADES	Gr. 12 or Equivalent	Gr. 10	English	Math	Start Dates	Length of Program
Electrical	X		12 (0600)	12 (0600)	August /February	24 Weeks
Electrical/Industrial Instrumentation	X		12(0600)	12(0600)	August/February	29 Weeks
Joinery	X		12 (0600)	11 (0500)	January	25 Weeks
Plumbing (Piping)	X		12 (0600)	11 (0500)	July/January	25 Weeks
Residential Construction	X		11 (0500)	11 (0500)	July* February**	30 Weeks* 24 Weeks**
MECHANICAL TRADES	Gr. 12 or Equivalent	Gr. 10	English	Math	Start Dates	Length of Program
Automotive Service Technician	x		12 (0600)	11 (0500)	August	8 Months
Heavy Duty/Commercial Transport Vehicle Mechanic		x	10 (0400)	10 (0400)	January/August	9 Months
Parts & Warehouse Person		x	10 (0400)	10 (0400)	September	5 Months
Power Sport & Marine Equipment		x	10 (0400)	10 (0400)	August	6 Months
Welding (C Ticket)		x	10 (0400)	10 (0400)	January/Sept.	7 Months

Download [Trades Advising Handout](#)

Typical Class Schedule for Trades Students...

- Monday to Friday classes
 - 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
 - or if evening – 3:00 pm to 9:30 pm
- Expect 1 to 2 hours of homework per evening
- Regular weekly tests



Learn About TRU's Trades Foundation Programs

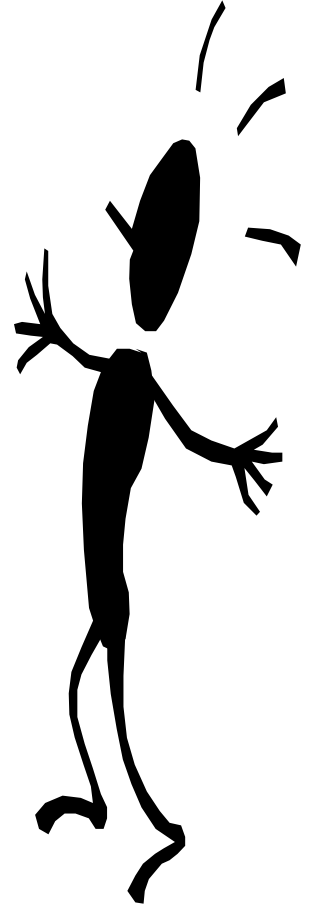
Refer to the [Online Calendar](#) to review:

- Program Descriptions
- Admission Requirements
 - Educational Requirements
 - General Requirements
- Application Process
- Program Start Dates



Do you need to start with upgrading?

- If you have met the admission requirements the next step is to schedule an [Accuplacer](#)
 - This is a test that assesses a students' English and Math skills, it is required for **all** students planning to apply to one of the Trades programs
 - If you do not meet the requirements, or you were not successful on your Accuplacer, you many need to take **University Preparation** courses to qualify for admission





If You are Required to Upgrade ...

- Contact an [Academic Advisor](#)
 - Grade 12 students can book an appointment to meet with an Academic Advisor in February - March when TRU's Advising staff travel to the local high schools to meet with students
 - Contact your school Counsellor to schedule an appointment
 - Those who have either graduated or left school should contact Academic Advising by
 - Calling (250) 828-5075
 - Or Email – advising@tru.ca
- Academic Advisors will answer your questions about attending TRU and will prepare an effective education plan that will help you to attain your educational goals

Apply Early...



Admission into the Trades Foundation programs is
LIMITED

- applicants are admitted by their application date providing they have satisfied:
 - the admission requirements
 - successfully completed an Accuplacer



Three Ways to Apply For Admission:

1. Apply [Online](#)

2. Apply by mail:

Print a copy of the TRU application form
and mail it to:

TRU Admissions
900 McGill Road
Kamloops, BC V2C 0C8

3. Apply in-person

Submit application to the Admissions Office: Old Main Building, room 1155

*Note: TRU starts accepting applications
October 1st for the following year*



First-Time Applicants

- Complete all the information on the application form
- BC High School students must include their PEN number
- Pay a \$25.50 non-refundable application fee
 - One time fee, for new students only
- Submit official copy of most recent high school and post secondary school transcripts

Expect to hear back from TRU Admissions

- You will be notified that we have received your application
- You may be sent an “[Admission Requirements Package](#)” which explains requirements and process
- It is recommended that you read the package carefully and complete all outstanding admission requirements as soon as possible



Trades Students are not Required to Enrol in Individual Courses

- When a student is offered a seat in a Trades program they must pay a \$500 Commitment Fee to hold their seat
- Once received, Admissions will register the student in the required courses
- Trades students will not be required to prepare a timetable, as the courses for these programs are set, students will be automatically registered in courses
- Look up your schedule in late June/July on your myTRU account

Learn how to use myTRU...

[myTRU](#) is a one-stop portal where students can:

- Look for class times, rooms numbers and instructors' names
- Pay your fees
- Print a copy of your schedule
- Request a transcript
- Look up grades

Be sure to memorize your student ID number and password

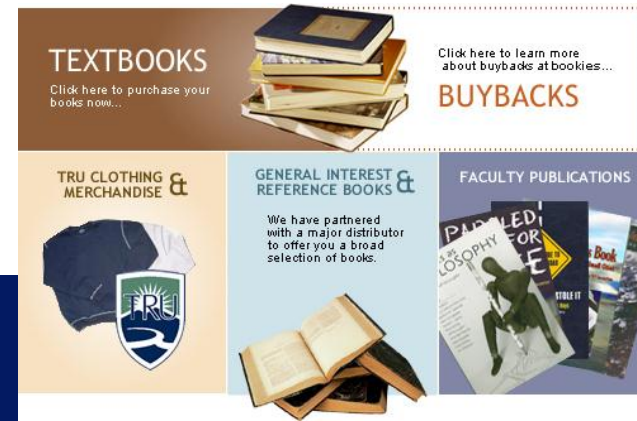
Trade Entry Programs Tuition

- Tuition and student fees are approximately \$450 per month for full-time study
- Trades Students are required to pay the first 4 months of tuition prior to classes starting
 - The \$500 commitment fee is a down payment on this amount
- Each student is also required to pay \$51.04 for a UPASS each semester
- Online [Fee Information](#)



The Bookstore

- Prior to the start of class purchase your textbooks in person or order your textbooks online from [The Bookstore](#)
- Budget \$200 - \$500 per course for textbooks
 - Electrical and Piping Trade Entry programs also require that students buy their own hand tools, information is enclosed in the admission package



Financial Aid and Awards

- Student Loans require a minimum 60% course load, University Prep courses **do not** meet criteria for student loan:
 - Research opportunities for [Financial Assistance](#)
 - Apply online for a [Government Student Loan](#)
 - Apply before July 1th for a September start
- Scholarships and Bursaries
 - Research TRU's Financial Aid & Awards website for information regarding [Scholarships and Bursaries](#)



How to Become an Apprentice

Apprenticeships combine Practical Employment with periods of Technical Training

- To become an Apprentice

- Complete your Trade-entry program at TRU
- Find full-time employment in your trade
- Contact the ITA (Industry Training Authority) to become indentured
<http://www.itabc.ca/>
- Complete specialized Trades Training

- To become a Journeyman

- Complete your apprenticeship training
- Sit for the BCTQ or IP examinations

- Apprenticeship Incentive Grant (AIG) - \$1000.00

- Registered apprentices who have completed 1st or 2nd year
- Must be in a 'Red Seal' trade
- Contact the ITA for [Grant](#) Information

Did you know you can start a Trade in High School?...

- Get a head start on your career
- Combine your High School courses with one of the Trade Entry programs
- If you are in Grade 10 or 11, you may be eligible to take the CTC program – see your High School Counsellor

For Admission details look online:

[TRU Trades Training Options for High School Students](#)



Bridging your Trade to a Degree

- [The Bachelor of Technology](#) (Trades and Technology Leadership) is a degree offered by the Open Learning Division of TRU
- Program recognizes skills, learned within journeyman program, as credit towards degree
 - Can be awarded up to 60 credits towards degree
- Program provides qualified trades persons with the knowledge and skills necessary to become effective team leaders, supervisors, and managers in a changing business and technical environment



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one tradesperson

at a time ...

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