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TRADES FOUNDATION TRAINING PROGRAMS

TRU's Trades Foundation Training programs (formerly known as Entry-Level Trades Training) are designed for those seeking basic entry-level skills to work in a specific trade. These programs prepare students for entry into an Apprenticeship Program and in most cases, will lead to first-year technical training credit within the appropriate apprenticeship program.

APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING

Once a student has been indentured as an apprentice, he or she is eligible to pursue an apprenticeship program. An apprenticeship is paid, work-based training combined with post-secondary education. Typically, about 80-85% of an apprenticeship is made up of work-based training and the other 15-20% is made up of technical training taken in a classroom and shop setting. The length of an apprenticeship can range from one to five years, but most require four years to complete. For more information, please contact Julie Dekowny at 250-371-5659.

Successful completion of both components, along with examinations, is required before an apprentice can earn a certificate or ticket and becomes a certified/journeyperson in his or her trade. An apprentice in B.C. normally writes the Red Seal examination on the last day of his or her fourth year apprenticeship class. The Red Seal certification allows qualified tradespersons to practice their trade in any province or territory in Canada where the trade is designated without having to write further examinations. The Red Seal Program was established to provide greater mobility across Canada for skilled workers.

Listed below are the Trades Apprenticeship programs that are currently offered at TRU. Note that completion of one of the Trades Foundation Training programs will typically give a student credit for the first year of an apprenticeship program.

Construction	Mechanical
Carpentry (Levels 1,2,3,4) Electrical – Construction (Levels 1,2,3,4) Electrical – Industrial (Levels 1,2,3,4) Plumbing (Levels 1,2,3,4) Domestic/Commercial Gas (Levels 1,2)	Automotive Service Technician (Levels 2,3,4) Heavy Mechanical Trades (Levels 1,2,3) Commercial Transport Vehicle Mechanic (Level 4) Heavy Duty Mechanic (Level 4) Welding (Levels 1,2,3) Power Line Technician (Levels 1, 2, 3) Saw Filer (Levels 1,2) – Williams Lake only Bench Person (Level 3) – Williams Lake only

Apprenticeship Training is for those currently working in the industry, and who are indentured into a formal agreement between their employer and Industry Training Authority. Students must have a valid Individual Identification Number. If you wish to become indentured, contact the Industry Training Authority at <http://www.itabc.ca> or call: 1-866-660-6011.

Registered apprentices should contact TRU's School of Trades and Technology directly to schedule their technical training at: (250) 371-5659 or 1-866-371-5659.

Trades Foundation Programs

Listed below are the Trades Foundation Training programs offered at TRU, complete with the Admission Requirements and the start dates of each of the programs. Note that all students will be required to write an Accuplacer/Assessment Test to be admitted to any of the Trades programs. The Accuplacer is used to determine the English and Math skills of each student. The chart indicates the levels required.

CONSTRUCTION TRADES	English	Math	Required Accuplacer Scores				Start Dates	Length of Program
			Reading Comprehension	Sentence Skills	Arithmetic	Elementary Algebra		
Carpentry & Joinery	11 (0500)	11 (0410)	65	60	65	40	February 2015	29 weeks
Electrical Foundation	12 (0600)	12 (0600)	75	70	75	50	August 2014/ February 2015	26/24 weeks
Electrician & Industrial Instrumentation Mechanic	12 (0600)	12 (0600)	75	70	75	50	August 2014/ February 2015	31/29 weeks
Plumbing (Piping) Foundation	12 (0600)	11 (0410)	75	-	65	40	July 2014 / February 2015	27/26 weeks
Residential Construction	11 (0500)	11 (0410)	65	60	65	40	July 2014	32 weeks
Trowel Trades	10 (0400)	10 (0400)	55	-	55	-	September 2014	21 weeks
MECHANICAL TRADES	English	Math	Required Accuplacer Scores				Start Dates	Length of Program
			Reading Comprehension	Sentence Skills	Arithmetic	Elementary Algebra		
Automotive Service Technician	12 (0600)	11 (0410)	75	-	65	40	September 2014	27 weeks
Heavy Mechanical Trades	10 (0400)	10 (0400)	55	-	55	30	August 2014/ February 2015	29/27 weeks
Parts & Warehousing	10 (0400)	10 (0400)	55	-	55	-	September 2014/ February 2015	20/22weeks
Welding Foundations	10 (0400)	10 (0400)	55	-	55	30	February 2014	28 weeks
Discovery Trades	10 (0400)	10 (0400)	55	-	55	30	End of March 2014	12 weeks

Note: the course numbers in brackets are the equivalent TRU courses

Current as of February, 2014