

TRADES AND APPRENTICESHIP

Build your career. Build your community. Build your future.

Unprecedented economic growth and a workforce primed to retire means your time is now. If you want to earn while you learn in a career with job security and growth potential, look no further than OC's Trades and Apprenticeship programs. With over 20 areas of concentration to choose from, your passion is waiting to be discovered and explored.



"Without OC's programming, I wouldn't be where I am now! Thanks to my time at OC I was able to not only discover the sheet metal trade but also learned the skills required to work my way up from apprentice to journeyperson to now a commercial estimator."

- Jessica Marak, OC Trades and Apprenticeship graduate

Okanagan College equips future trades professionals with the expertise they need to be in high demand. Employers around the world recognize the practical skills, safety focus, and real-world experience you'll bring to the workplace, whether it's in the shop, in the kitchen, or on the job site.

Our students are making a great impression:



"I am a firm believer that OC produces some of the best electricians in the industry. We employ students that are currently attending the OC electrical program or have completed their schooling. We are always looking to hire from OC as we know the students have a solid foundation behind them."

- Ryan Coe, Owner Coe & Company Electric

Build the foundation of your career with Okanagan College. OC Trades has over \$1 million in Trades **Foundation scholarships** available over the next 5 years, including Trades **High School Entrance Awards** of \$6500. OC offers **small class sizes**, which means **personal mentoring** from your instructor, and shorter programs in trades means affordable tuition and less student debt. **Industry-professional** led training with **industry-standard** tools and **techniques** in **state-of-the-art facilities** means you're ready to start making your mark on day one in the workplace.

TRADES FAST FACTS

- The average **Red Seal tradesperson in Canada earns \$111,500** per year
- **Opportunity for everyone: 84 per cent** of BC construction employers have diversity policies in place.
- Women are building careers in the trades. **Over 20 per cent of OC foundation program students are female.**
- Apprentices can quickly make **\$25-30 an hour** and up to **\$35-40** as they work towards their Red Seal certification.
- **12 per cent** of our Trades Foundation students are Indigenous.

Not sure how to proceed on the path to your dream career? Our Recruitment team has all the information you need for the journey. Whether you're just setting out towards your future or ready to take your career to new heights, Okanagan College has the certificate, apprenticeship, and diploma programs to help you reach your goals.

FOUNDATION CERTIFICATES (PRE-APPRENTICESHIP)

- Heavy Mechanical
- Plumbing & Piping
- Automotive Collision & Refinishing
- Recreational Vehicle Service
- Automotive Service Technician
- Refrigeration and Air Conditioning
- Carpenter
- Sheet Metal Worker
- Carpenter & Joiner
- Welding
- Electrician

CERTIFICATES

- Culinary Arts
- Pastry Arts
- Aircraft Maintenance Engineer

APPRENTICESHIPS

- Autobody & Collision
- Industrial Electrician
- Automotive Glass
- Plumber
- Automotive Refinishing Prep
- Professional Cook
- Automotive Refinishing Tech
- Recreational Vehicle Service
- Automotive Service Tech
- Refrigeration & Air Conditioning
- Baker
- Sheet Metal Worker
- Carpenter
- Steamfitter/Pipefitter
- Construction Electrician
- Gas Fitter Class B
- Truck & Transport Mechanic
- Heavy Duty Equipment Tech
- Welder

DIPLOMAS

- Automotive Service Technology
- Collision Repair and Refinishing
- Culinary Management

We also offer Trades camps with Camp OC, weekend courses and Trades Sampler programs for youth and adults, including female-focused intakes, and we support dual-credit high school students in Trades Foundation and Youth Train in Trades apprentice training.



Let's Plan Your Future Today!

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