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Alberta trades – More than a job.

The difference between a job and a career is hard to measure. Usually a job is temporary, a means to an end. A career is something you build over time, through education and experience. As an apprentice that's exactly what you'll do – combine on-the-job training with classroom instruction to build a skill set able to carry you through your working life.

Certified journeypersons have the foundation for a lifelong career with endless possibilities. Take your certificate and grow – continue your training into another trade, open your own business, become an educator, move into management – there's no limit to your options.

“Some people think that if you work in the trades you ended up there by default, but that's wrong. I'm challenged more working in the trades than I ever was in an office.”

Tamara Fleming Certified Journeyperson Welder



Learn a skilled trade from experience experts on the job and in the classroom.



“My journey into apprenticeship started when I was looking for a stable income. I worked as a freelance artist before, and [bricklaying] was something I can transfer those skills across. I get to show people that I've taken initiative to have a certain quality of work.”
Shane LaRose, AIT Top Apprentice Award Recipient - Bricklayer

It's all in the numbers.

90%

Graduates were satisfied with their on-the-job training experience.

93%

When it comes to classroom instruction, a high majority of graduates were satisfied with the overall quality of their program.

89%

Overall graduates of Alberta's apprenticeship program would still have chosen to become an apprentice.

**Numbers based on the Survey of 2018/2019 Graduates of Apprenticeship Programs (Spring 2020)*

Get started!

Once you have done a little research to figure out which trade is right for you, becoming an apprentice takes only a few more steps.

1. Find a sponsor

A sponsor is a **person** or **organization** who agrees to set you up with **paid employment and mentorship** in your trade. You can register as an apprentice and attend classroom instruction without having a sponsor. However, to earn on-the-job hours toward your apprenticeship, you must have a sponsor.

2. Apply online

Complete the online application at Tradesecrets.alberta.ca to register your apprenticeship and begin learning your trade

3. Start learning on the job

The best way to learn is by doing, and that is exactly what you do as an apprentice. Working side by side with a certified tradesperson is an integral part of your experience. You must complete a required number of hours that are logged and submitted to your local Apprenticeship and Industry Training office.

4. Attend classroom instruction

In addition to your hands-on training, you will spend four to 12 weeks per year in classroom instruction at a college or technical institute. Check the list in this brochure to learn more about the classroom instruction component of your apprenticeship program. During this training, you may be eligible for scholarships, employment insurance benefits and grants.

5. Become a certified journeyperson

When you complete your apprenticeship program, you will become a certified journeyperson – your ticket to a great career! As a certified journeyperson you are more employable, earn higher wages, and you have proven that you meet Alberta's high industry standards.

Don't wait! Get started today!

Visit tradesecrets.alberta.ca, call the Apprenticeship and Industry Training Information Line (1-800-248-4823), or visit one of the local offices listed on the back of this brochure.

Alberta Apprenticeship Education Programs

● Agricultural Equipment Technician

Maintains, repairs and overhauls agricultural equipment
Advanced Diploma
➤ 4 periods
➤ four 8-week in-class sessions

● Appliance Service Technician

Installs, services and repairs appliances
Diploma
➤ 3 periods
➤ three 8-week in-class sessions

» **Commercial Appliance Service Technician**
Installs, services and repairs commercial appliances
Certificate
➤ 3 periods
➤ two 8-week in-class sessions

● Auto Body Technician

Repairs and replaces damaged motor vehicle structures and body parts, including interior and exterior finishes
Diploma
➤ 4 periods
➤ two 6-week and two 7-week in-class sessions

» **Auto Body Prepper**
Restores anti-corrosion treatments, and conducts substrate identification, surface preparation, undercoat product mixing and application
Certificate of Achievement
➤ 2 periods
➤ one 6-week in-class session

» **Auto Body Refinisher**
Performs damage appraisals, surface preparation, minor damage repairs, masking, colour matching, priming and top coating
Certificate
➤ 2 periods
➤ two 6-week in-class sessions

» **Auto Body Repairer**
Performs damage appraisals, frame and unibody structural repairs, body sheet-metal work, plastic repairs, component replacement and alignment
Certificate
➤ 3 periods
➤ one 6-week and two 7-week in-class sessions

● Automotive Service Technician

Diagnoses and repairs motor vehicles, including cars and light trucks
Advanced Diploma
➤ 4 periods
➤ four 9-week in-class sessions

● Baker

Prepares and bakes breads, cakes, cookies, pastries, pies and other baked goods
Diploma
➤ 3 periods
➤ three 8-week in-class sessions

● Boilermaker

Builds, erects, repairs, tests and maintains all types of boilers, tanks and pressure vessels
Diploma
➤ 3 periods
➤ three 8-week in-class sessions

● Bricklayer

Prepares and lays brick and other masonry units to construct and repair structures
Diploma
➤ 3 periods
➤ three 8-week in-class sessions

● Cabinetmaker

Builds and repairs custom or production-type cabinets and furniture, and architectural millwork
Advanced Diploma
➤ 4 periods
➤ four 8-week in-class sessions

● Carpenter

Constructs, erects and repairs buildings and other structures made of wood, wood substitutes, steel and other materials
Advanced Diploma
➤ 4 periods
➤ four 8-week in-class sessions

Communication Technician

Installs, maintains, removes and/or repairs wiring networks, communication equipment and specialized wireless equipment
Diploma
➤ 4 periods

● Concrete Finisher

Places and finishes concrete floors, driveways, sidewalks, curbs, bridge decks and other concrete structures
Certificate of Achievement
➤ 2 periods
➤ two 4-week in-class sessions

● Cook

Prepares food in eating establishments, plans menus, monitors nutritional components, and manages the kitchen and associated food costs
Diploma
➤ 3 periods
➤ three 8-week in-class sessions

Crane and Hoisting Equipment Operator

» **Boom Truck Operator**
Sets up, services and operates hydraulic booms that are mounted on revolving platforms attached to trucks
Certificate of Achievement
➤ 1 period
➤ one 6-week in-class session

» **Mobile Crane Operator**
Services and operates booms that are mounted on crawlers or wheeled frames; and traveling, fixed or climbing type hoisting equipment with a vertical mast or tower and a jib
Certificate
➤ 3 periods
➤ two 6-week in-class sessions

» **Tower Crane Operator**
Services and operates traveling, fixed, climbing or self-erecting type hoisting equipment with a vertical mast or tower and a jib
Certificate of Achievement
➤ 2 periods
➤ one 6-week in-class session

» **Wellhead Boom Truck Operator**
Sets up and operates hydraulic booms used for wellhead pumping, wireline, perforating, coiled tubing, snubbing, and the rig-up and rig-out of slant service rig operations
Certificate of Achievement
➤ 1 period
➤ one 5-day in-class session

Electric Motor Systems Technician

Tests, rebuilds and repairs electric motors, generators, transformers, controllers and related electrical and mechanical equipment
Advanced Diploma
➤ 4 periods
➤ four 8-week in-class sessions

● Electrician

Installs, alters, repairs and maintains electrical systems for all types of buildings, structures and premises
Advanced Diploma
➤ 4 periods
➤ two 8-week and two 10-week in-class sessions

Elevator Constructor

Installs, modifies, services and repairs electric and hydraulic elevators, personnel and man-hoists, moving walkways, stage lifts, escalators and related equipment
Certificate of Achievement
➤ 4 periods

● Floorcovering Installer

Installs many types of floor coverings in buildings
Certificate
➤ 2 periods
➤ two 7-week in-class sessions

Gasfitter

» **»Gasfitter - Class A**
Sizes, installs, tests, adjusts and services natural gas and propane equipment ranging from residential furnaces to industrial boilers
Diploma
➤ 3 periods
➤ three 8-week in-class sessions

» **»Gasfitter - Class B**
Sizes, installs, tests, adjusts and services natural gas and propane equipment ranging from residential furnaces to industrial boilers not exceeding 400,000 British Thermal Units (BTUs)
Certificate
➤ 2 periods
➤ two 8-week in-class sessions

● Glazier

Cuts and installs glass and aluminum systems for commercial and residential applications
Diploma
➤ 4 periods
➤ four 6-week in-class sessions

● Hairstylist

Cuts and styles hair to suit the client's face and lifestyle
Certificate
➤ 2 periods
➤ two 10-week in-class sessions

» Barber

Cuts and styles hair as well as shaves, trims and shapes beards and mustaches
Certificate of Achievement
➤ 1 period
➤ one 10-week in-class session

Heavy Equipment Technician

Performs all the tasks described below under Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic (Off-Road), Transport Trailer Mechanic and Truck and Transport Mechanic
Advanced Diploma
➤ 4 periods
➤ four 8-week in-class sessions

» **»Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic (Off-Road)**
Maintains, repairs and overhauls large off-road and industrial equipment such as bulldozers and graders
Diploma
➤ 3 periods
➤ three 8-week in-class sessions

» Transport Trailer Mechanic

Maintains, repairs and overhauls commercial transport trailers
Certificate of Achievement
➤ 2 periods
➤ one 8-week in-class session

» Truck and Transport Mechanic

Maintains, repairs and overhauls on-highway vehicles such as semi-trucks and buses
Diploma
➤ 3 periods
➤ three 8-week in-class sessions

● Industrial Mechanic (Millwright)

Installs, maintains, repairs and troubleshoots stationary industrial machinery and mechanical equipment
Advanced Diploma
➤ 4 periods
➤ four 8-week in-class sessions

● Instrumentation and Control Technician

Installs, maintains and repairs the measuring and control instruments used in industrial and commercial processing
Advanced Diploma
➤ 4 periods
➤ two 8-week and two 10-week in-class sessions

● Insulator (Heat and Frost)

Applies, removes and repairs thermal and acoustical insulation on all types of industrial equipment
Diploma
➤ 4 periods
➤ four 6-week in-class sessions

Ironworker

» **Metal Building Systems Erector**
Fabricates, constructs and joins scaffolding, erects pre-engineered buildings, and performs reconstructive work on existing structures
Certificate
➤ 2 periods
➤ two 6-week in-class sessions

» **»Ironworker (Reinforcing)**
Places and ties reinforcing material, joins scaffolding, and performs post tensioning
Certificate
➤ 2 periods
➤ two 6-week in-class sessions

» **»Ironworker (Structural/Ornamental)**
Fabricates, constructs and joins scaffolding, structural steel buildings, bridges, ornamental ironwork and pre-cast structures
Certificate
➤ 3 periods
➤ three 6-week in-class sessions

● Landscape Horticulturist

Carries out landscaping operations including construction, maintenance and selecting and installing plants, trees, grass and irrigation systems
Advanced Diploma
➤ 4 periods
➤ four 8-week in-class sessions

● Lather (Interior Systems Mechanic)

Installs a wide variety of wall and ceiling systems and exterior finishes, bringing various buildings to a completed state
Diploma
➤ 3 periods
➤ three 8-week in-class sessions

Locksmith

Installs, adjusts and repairs locks, makes keys, and changes lock combinations; works on lock sets and door hardware
Diploma
➤ 3 periods
➤ three 8-week in-class sessions

● Machinist

Sets up and operates precision metal cutting and grinding machines to make and repair products made from metals, plastics, rubber textiles, fiberglass and other materials
Advanced Diploma
➤ 4 periods
➤ four 8-week in-class sessions

● Metal Fabricator (Fitter)

Lays out, prepares and assembles structural steel, metal vessels, containers and miscellaneous components
Diploma
➤ 3 periods
➤ three 8-week in-class sessions

● Motorcycle Mechanic

Assembles, maintains, repairs and restores motorcycles and other lightweight all-terrain vehicles with astride seating and handlebar controls
Diploma
➤ 4 periods
➤ two 8-week and two 6-week in-class sessions

Natural Gas Compression Technician

Installs, commissions, maintains and repairs equipment used to gather, store and transmit natural gas
Advanced Diploma
➤ 4 periods
➤ four 8-week in-class sessions

Outdoor Power Equipment Technician

» **Power Equipment**
Repairs and maintains aerators, air compressors, chippers, compaction equipment, generators, lawn tractors, mowers, chain saws, seeders, sprayers, snow removal equipment, golf carts and utility vehicles
Certificate
➤ 3 periods
➤ one 6-week and two 8-week in-class sessions

» **Recreational Equipment**
Repairs and maintains recreational equipment such as boats, trailers, snow mobiles and off-road multi-wheeled vehicles other than motorcycles
Certificate
➤ 3 periods
➤ one 6-week and two 8-week in-class sessions

● Painter and Decorator

Applies paint, wall coverings and other finishes to interior and exterior surfaces of buildings and other structures
Diploma
➤ 3 periods
➤ three 8-week in-class sessions

Parts Technician

» **Materials Technician**
Manages and dispenses parts and goods in bulk, wholesale and warehousing operations
Certificate
➤ 3 periods
➤ three 6-week in-class sessions

» **»Parts Technician**
Manages and dispenses parts and goods in wholesale and retail businesses
Certificate
➤ 3 periods
➤ two 6-week and one 8-week in-class sessions

● Plumber

Plans, installs and services plumbing systems, fixtures, piping equipment and controls. Training also includes Gasfitter - Class B certification
Advanced Diploma
➤ 4 periods
➤ four 8-week in-class sessions

● Powerline Technician

Constructs, maintains or operates electrical distribution systems
Diploma
➤ 4 periods
➤ three 7-week in-class sessions

Power System Electrician

Installs, maintains and repairs electrical generation systems
Advanced Diploma
➤ 4 periods
➤ two 7-week and two 8-week in-class sessions

● Recreation Vehicle Service Technician

Installs, repairs and maintains interior and exterior components on motor homes, trailers and campers
Diploma
➤ 3 periods
➤ three 8-week in-class sessions

● Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic

Installs, maintains, repairs and overhauls refrigeration and air conditioning systems and their component parts
Advanced Diploma
➤ 4 periods
➤ four 8-week in-class sessions

● Roofer

Prepares and applies protective coverings to flat and sloped roof surfaces
Certificate
➤ 4 periods
➤ three 6-week in-class sessions

● Sheet Metal Worker

Designs, fabricates, assembles, installs and repairs sheet metal products required in a wide variety of industries and settings. Training also includes Gasfitter - Class B certification
Advanced Diploma
➤ 4 periods
➤ four 10-week in-class sessions

● Sprinkler Systems Installer

Fabricates, installs, tests, maintains, inspects and repairs sprinkler systems
Diploma
➤ 4 periods
➤ three 8-week in-class sessions

● Steamfitter-Pipefitter

Lays out, assembles, fabricates, maintains and repairs piping systems which carry water, steam, chemicals or fuel used in heating, cooling, lubricating and other processes
Advanced Diploma
➤ 4 periods
➤ Four 8-week in-class sessions

Transport Refrigeration Technician

Installs and repairs heating and cooling equipment in mobile units used to haul perishable cargo
Diploma
➤ 3 periods
➤ three 8-week in-class sessions

Water Well Driller

Sets up and operates drilling rigs and develops, maintains and decommissions water wells
Certificate
➤ 2 periods
➤ two 6-week in-class sessions

» **Earth Loop Technician**
Sets up and operates mobile drilling rigs or trenching equipment used to construct residential and commercial earth loops for heating and cooling
Certificate
➤ 2 periods
➤ two 6-week in-class sessions

● Welder

Applies heat to metal pieces to melt and/or fuse them together using all welding processes and fillers
Diploma
➤ 3 periods
➤ three 8-week in-class sessions

» **Wire Process Operator**
Applies heat to metal and/or fuse metal pieces together using specific wire feed welding processes
Certificate of Achievement
➤ 2 periods
➤ one 8-week in-class session



Apprenticeship Credentials

Advanced Diplomas, Diplomas, and Certificates are academic credentials recognizing successful completion of a post-secondary program of study.

Scan to learn more at tradesecrets.alberta.ca/credentials.

» Specialized branch of an apprenticeship program.

● Graduates are eligible to write the Red Seal exam.

Graduates of apprenticeship education programs in Alberta-designated trades also receive Alberta journey person certification.



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