

APPRENTICESHIPS

An apprenticeship is a combination of on-the-job training and classroom learning that leads to a trade credential – or “ticket”. SkilledTradesBC (<https://skilledtradesbc.ca/>) leads and coordinates British Columbia’s skilled trades system. SkilledTradesBC works with employers, apprentices, industry, labour, training providers such as KPU, and government to issue credentials, support apprenticeships, fund programs, set program standards and increase opportunities in the trades. The following apprenticeship training programs are offered periodically through KPU. KPU does not issue apprenticeship credentials; this is done by SkilledTradesBC.

Requirements and Programs

- Apprenticeship Fees (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/apprenticeships/fees/>)
- Apprenticeship Grades and Records (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/apprenticeships/grades-records/>)
- Apprenticeship in Arborist Technician (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/apprenticeships/arborist-technician-apprenticeship/>)
- Apprenticeship in Automotive Service Technician (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/apprenticeships/automotive-service-technician-apprenticeship/>)
- Apprenticeship in Building Envelope Technician (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/apprenticeships/building-envelope-technician-apprenticeship/>)
- Apprenticeship in Carpentry/Building Construction (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/apprenticeships/carpentry-building-construction-apprenticeship/>)
- Apprenticeship in Climbing Arborist (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/apprenticeships/climbing-arborist-apprenticeship/>)
- Apprenticeship in Construction Electrician (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/apprenticeships/construction-electrician-apprenticeship/>)
- Apprenticeship in Industrial Mechanic/Millwright (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/apprenticeships/industrial-mechanic-millwright-apprenticeship/>)
- Apprenticeship in Landscape Horticulturist (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/apprenticeships/landscape-horticulturist-apprenticeship/>)
- Apprenticeship in Metal Fabrication (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/apprenticeships/metal-fabrication-apprenticeship/>)
- Apprenticeship in Parts & Warehousing (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/apprenticeships/parts-warehousing-apprenticeship/>)
- Apprenticeship in Plumbing (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/apprenticeships/plumbing-apprenticeship/>)
- Apprenticeship in Production Horticulturist (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/apprenticeships/production-horticulturist-apprenticeship/>)
- Apprenticeship in Welding (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/apprenticeships/welding-apprenticeship/>)

Apprenticeship Training Overview

There are three major components of apprenticeship training:

- A formal agreement between the employer, apprentice and SkilledTradesBC
- In-school technical training
- Work-based training (on the job)

Role of an Apprentice

Apprentices have an employer to sponsor them and are registered with SkilledTradesBC; more importantly they have made a commitment to learn applied skills both on the job and in school. To enhance your understanding of the requirements to earn certification it is recommended you review the Industry Training Program Profile for your trade on the SkilledTradesBC website (www.skilledtradesbc.ca (<https://skilledtradesbc.ca/>)).

In-School Technical Training

As an apprentice discuss appropriate times with your employer to attend in-school technical training for approximately 6 - 10 weeks per year over a four year period. To progress, an apprentice must meet SkilledTradesBC program requirements for the in-school technical training and standardized level exam that includes both practical and theoretical components. KPU offers in-school apprentice technical training in the skilled trades listed below.

Work-Based Training

All apprenticeship programs have identified work-based training. On-the-job training provides an opportunity for students to apply the theory that they learned through their in-school technical training into practice. Track your hours/work with your sponsor and report this information to SkilledTradesBC every 6 to 12 month. Review your apprentice transcript on line through SkilledTradesBC Portal (<https://portal.skilledtradesbc.ca/SignIn/>) to ensure your information is up-to-date and accurate.