

YOUTH WORK IN TRADES



The Youth Work in Trades program provides students with a unique opportunity to earn as they learn. Students earn up to 16 graduation credits (4 courses) for their paid work as an apprentice.



WHAT DOES AN APPRENTICE DO?

- An apprentice is someone who is learning a skilled trade while he/she is employed in that trade
- There are over 100 recognized trades in BC (examples: baker, carpenter, cook, electrician, plumber) administered by the Industry Training Authority (ITA)

WHAT DO I NEED TO START

- You must be 15 years or older but not over 19
- You must be working in a paid job in an ITA recognized trade
- Working under the supervision of a qualified, certified tradesperson
- Registered with the ITA through NWSS' Youth Work in Trades teachers
- Many students enter Youth Work in Trades after completing one of NWSS' Apprenticeship Programs (like Carpentry, Cook or Plumbing)

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- Earn \$\$\$ while completing high school course credits (120 hours of work = 1 course)
- Suits hands-on learners
- Valuable work experience for the resume
- Accelerates becoming a qualified trades person - you could complete your Red Seal Certificate by age 21!
- May lead to \$1000 Award - you can qualify for this award by:
 1. Completing all 4 Youth Work in Trades courses (can be done even after you graduate)
 2. Have 900 work-based training hours reported to the ITA by 6 months after graduation
 3. Have an average mark of 67% or higher in all grade 12 courses (only those courses numbered with "12")

WHEN & WHERE IS THE PROGRAM OFFERED?

- At NWSS, you may start Youth Work in Trades courses at any time of the school year by seeing NWSS' Youth Work in Trades teachers (see below for info)

HOW DO I REGISTER?

- See your counsellor for more information or visit nwss.ca

