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YOUTH IN TRADES

Educators Presentation Deck



ITA Youth's mission is to inspire, support and empower BC's youth throughout their trades journey—from exploration through certification.

This deck is designed to introduce students to the trades and provide practical information about a career in trades.

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WHAT IS A TRADE?

When people think of skilled trades, there's a few that immediately come to mind – Plumber, Carpenter, Electrician – but the trades are much more extensive with over 95 to choose from in BC. Trades people use their head, hands and heart to get the job done.

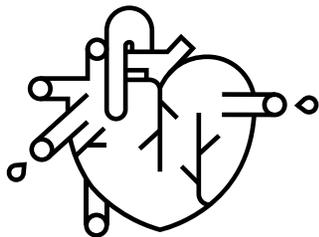
EXAMPLES OF TRADES THAT ARE IN DEMAND

- Carpenters
- Industrial Mechanic (Millwright)
- Cooks
- Electricians
- Heavy Equipment Operators
- Painters and Decorators
- Plumbers
- Sprinkler System Installers
- Steamfitters and Pipefitters
- Welders

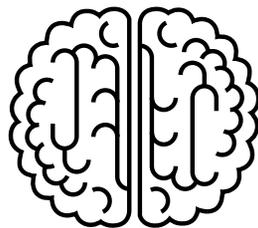
WHY CHOOSE TRADES?

Earn a good living doing something you love. The trades offer endless opportunities for a mobile, flexible career that suits your unique interests. As a certified tradesperson, your skills are in high demand all over the world.

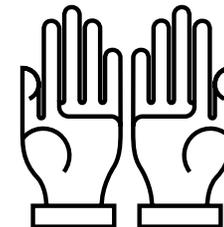
DO SOMETHING YOU
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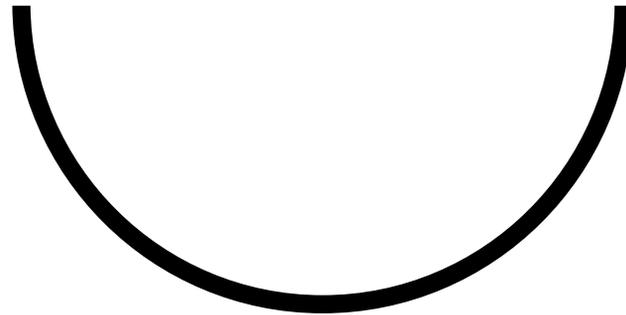
MAKE GOOD
MONEY



BE PART OF A
COMMUNITY



LIVE THE TRADES LIFE



Hear from these young apprentices



—
CARPENTER

JOY WOSK

19 years old, Vancouver, BC

My company is like a family. One of my former co-workers is now one of my closest friends. Whenever you meet someone who is also in the trades, you have an instant connection.

—
“I love knowing that I’m building a great career while I’m young.”



AUTOMOTIVE PAINTER

RICKY SANDHU

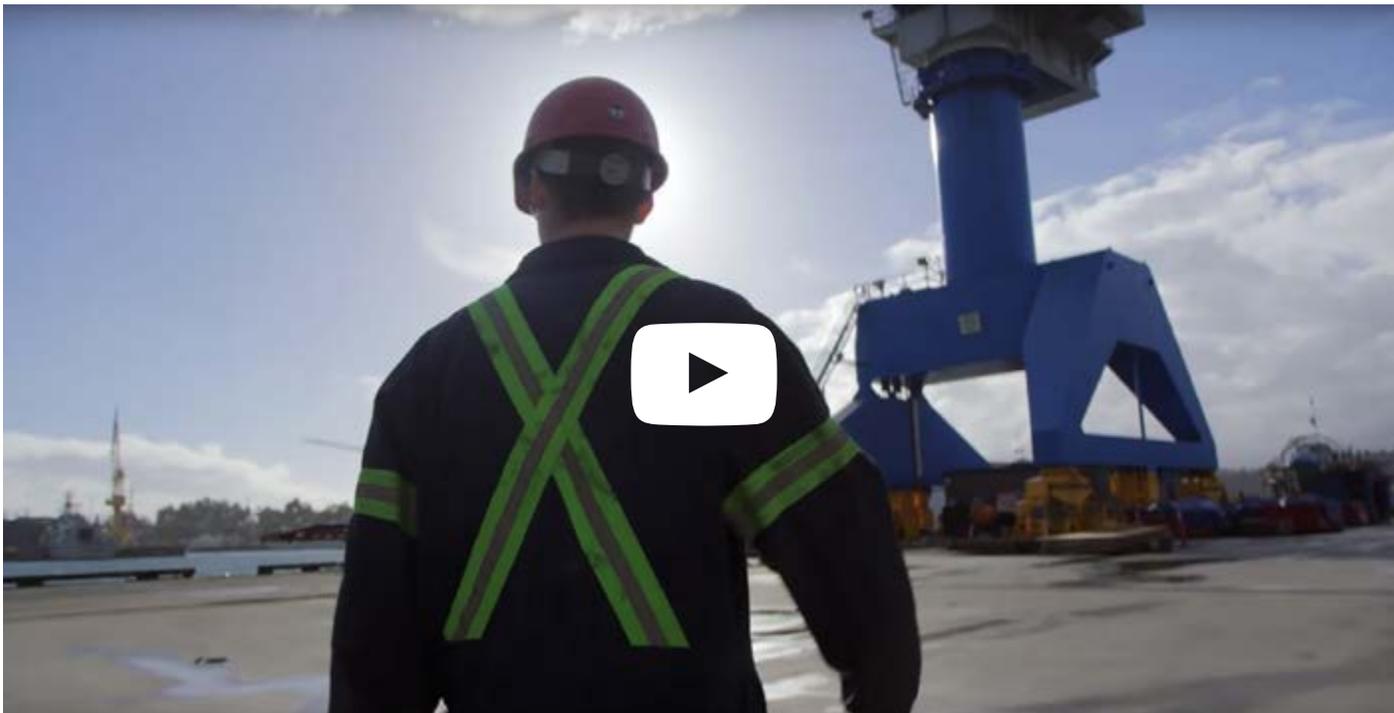
26 years old, Surrey, BC

I'm excited to be moving forward with my own business and seeing what other doors open for me. You can learn so much. You can go anywhere for training: you can go to London, England and Germany. You can go almost anywhere in the world and still be qualified.

“Starting my own business is something that I’ve always wanted to do.”

TRADES LIFE VIDEOS

Check out these videos of real youth trades apprentices



Link to Youtube Videos: <http://bit.ly/2ejlapz>

THERE'S MONEY IN TRADES

The trades offer competitive wages and room for advancement. Depending on what trade you choose, you can be making over \$20 per hour while still in high school. The more experience you get, the more money you can make.



ARBORIST TECHNICIAN

EARN

\$44K - \$53K annually
\$15.00 - \$34.00 hourly



**AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE
TECHNICIAN**

EARN

\$53K - \$66K annually
\$18.00 - \$36.00 hourly



**CONSTRUCTION
ELECTRICIAN**

EARN

\$58K annually
\$14.00 - \$39.00 hourly

TRADES ARE IN DEMAND

Up to 1 million job openings in BC



By 2025, there are expected to be up to 1 million job openings in BC — almost half of these jobs require technical or trades training. By starting your trades training early, you'll have skills you need to land a great job, even before you graduate.

FIND THE ITA YOUTH PROGRAM FOR YOU

ITA Youth Trades Programs help you gain the knowledge and skills you need for a career in your trade.

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DISCOVER

SPARK YOUR INTEREST IN TRADES WITH HANDS-ON TRADES ACTIVITIES

Youth Discover Programs will get you talking about trades. The programs vary from one day events with local tradespeople to regular classroom activities that incorporate trades thinking and skill building. You'll learn about what a trade is and why trades are awesome!

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DISCOVER

THE TRADES

Spark your interest in trades

Get hands-on experience in a trade at a Youth Discover the Trades event in your community.

**formerly named YES 2 IT*

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THE MAKER WAY

Get creative with hands-on trades activities

Put away your books and work in small teams to build a creative solution to a design challenge.

**formerly named Maker Day*

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DISCOVER



Lions in the House

A one-day event for youth in grades six through nine to learn about the power of choice and opportunities in trades.

IS A YOUTH DISCOVER PROGRAM FOR YOU?

- You're in grade 5–10
- You're looking for an introduction to the trades

YOUR NEXT STEPS

- Ask your teacher if a Youth Discover Program is being offered at your school

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[YOUTH.ITABC.CA/PROGRAMS](https://youth.itabc.ca/programs)



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EXPLORE

TRY OUT DIFFERENT TRADES AND BUILD YOUR SKILLS IN MULTIPLE TRADES

Youth Explore Programs let you try out different trades so you can figure out what trade you like best. There are two different Youth Explore Programs available.

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EXPLORE

TRADES SKILLS

Try out a few different trades

This program gives you hands-on experience in more than one trade.

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EXPLORE

TRADES SAMPLER

In-depth way to build your skills in multiple trades

This program lets you explore multiple trades in greater depth.

**new program*

IS A YOUTH EXPLORE PROGRAM FOR YOU?

- You're in grade 10–12
- You're interested in trying out different trades
- You may have some trades experience already

YOUR NEXT STEPS

- Talk to your career counsellor to see if an Youth Explore Program is offered in your area

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TRAIN

GET A HEAD START ON YOUR TECHNICAL TRADES TRAINING

Attend a trades training class at a local high school, a partner post-secondary institution or an ITA-certified training facility. You'll learn from skilled instructors and earn credits that count towards your high school diploma and Level 1 of your technical trades training. Youth Train in Trades and Youth Work in Trades Programs can be taken in any order and there are no prerequisites.

**formerly named ACE IT*

PROGRAM PATH



IS THE YOUTH TRAIN PROGRAM FOR YOU?

- You're in grade 11–12
- You found a trade that you like and want to learn more

YOUR NEXT STEPS

- Talk to your career counsellor to see if a Youth Train Program is offered in your area

Learn More

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GET ON-THE-JOB TRAINING AS A YOUTH APPRENTICE

Get ahead on the work-based training of a trade apprenticeship while you're still in high school. Not only will you take home a pay cheque, you'll earn up to 16 credits towards your high school diploma, log 480 training hours toward your trade credential and maybe even earn a \$1,000 award. Youth Train in Trades and Youth Work in Trades programs can be taken in any order and there are no prerequisites.

**formerly named SSA*

PROGRAM PATH



IS THE YOUTH WORK PROGRAM FOR YOU?

- You're in grade 10–12
- You want to get on-the-job training in your trade

YOUR NEXT STEPS

- Talk to your career counsellor
- Connect with an ITA Apprenticeship Advisor in your area

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WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP?

A trade apprenticeship is how you gain the knowledge and skills you need for a career in your trade. Most apprenticeships take about four years to complete. You'll spend approximately six to eight weeks per year in the classroom or shop learning from an instructor. The rest of the year, you'll earn while you learn, working on a job site alongside experienced tradespeople and getting paid to do it.

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DISCOVER

Spark your interest in trades with hands-on trades activities and special events.

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EXPLORE

Build your skills in a few different trades to find out what trade you like best.

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Classroom-based trades training that counts towards your trade apprenticeship.

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WORK

Find a job and get started on the work-based training for your trade apprenticeship.

20% CLASSROOM TRAINING

In a classroom or shop at a university, college or private institution.

80% WORK-BASED TRAINING

Earn while you learn on a job site, working alongside your employer sponsor and experienced tradespeople in your field.

6,000–10,000 HOURS UP TO 4 YEARS

TO COMPLETE APPRENTICESHIP

CERTIFICATION EXAM

YOUR TRADE TICKET

CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION

Work anywhere in BC (and maybe other provinces too, depending on the trade)

OR

RED SEAL ENDORSEMENT

Work in most provinces in Canada (if your trade is one of 50 Red Seal trades)

RESOURCES

VIDEOS & EXERCISES

FIND YOUR TRADE

A fun tool to help students self-identify personal traits and find their trade.

ATHLETIC AGILE CALM
ANALYTICAL ATTENTIVE
ADVENTUROUS
COLLABORATIVE
INDEPENDENT CAREFUL
DEXTEROUS CREATIVE
CURIOUS MATHEMATICAL
INQUISITIVE COORDINATED
MECHANICAL EXPRESSIVE
NIMBLE PRECISE TACTILE
LOGICAL DECISIVE
RESOURCEFUL INVENTIVE
OUTDOORSY PERSISTENT
CONFIDENT SYSTEMATIC
VISUAL

Link:
<http://youth.itabc.ca/trade-finder>

ITA YOUTH TRADES GUIDE

Help students build their future in trades with this book.



Link:
http://youth.itabc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/ITA_Youth_Trades_Guide_Edition_Three.pdf

ITA YOUTH EDUCATORS PAGE

This page has a huge stash of great resources for educators.



Link:
<http://youth.itabc.ca/educators>

CAREER TREK VIDEOS

A career finder tool with hundreds of videos.



Link:
<http://www.careertrekbc.ca/episodes#icCategory=47>



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