

CAREERS & TRADES

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

COURTNEY - CENTENNIAL SECONDARY

SD43 Electricians Program and Level 1 Apprentice with Houle Electric

Courtney is a student in the Level 1 Construction Electricians Program At Charles Best Secondary. Before taking the program she was unsure if I was going to enjoy it and was unsure if she wanted to actually pursue Electrical as a career path. What pushed Courtney to give the program a try was her family. Ironically, Courtney's dad, mom and brother all became Electricians. ***One could say that becoming an Electrician "was in her DNA".*** Being a girl made Courtney a little unsure and hesitant about registering for the program. She was unsure if she would be comfortable, welcomed and able to do the job."

“ONE COULD SAY IT WAS IN HER DNA,”

These fears and doubts were quickly shut out by her mom. An Electrician herself, Courtney's mom ensured her that she had everything it took to become an Electrician. She encouraged her to "go for it" and to "just give it a try". This conversation pushed Courtney to take a leap of faith and apply for the program.

Quickly after starting the program, Courtney started to gain confidence in her skills and place in the Trade. She no longer doubted her abilities and was confident that she belonged in the program despite being a female. In particular, Courtney enjoyed performing hands-on work and completing group projects. The technical knowledge and confidence that she developed while in the program encouraged her to apply for an apprenticeship position with Houle Electric, the same company that her Brother and Dad work for.



**Courtney and her brother Brennan
working at Houle Electric**

Since starting her apprenticeship with Houle Electric, Courtney has realized that becoming a Red Seal Electrician is the career path for her. The work experience that she did with Houle Electric was hard work, but satisfying. Courtney enjoyed being challenged and learning new things daily. Everyday on the job was different, which made everyday new and exciting. Courtney gained valuable experience with Houle Electric. Most importantly, she learned what it is like to work on site. She gained an understanding of what her day-to-day would be like as an Electrician. This knowledge reaffirmed her decision to become an Electrician and gave her confidence that she was on the right path.

January is...

TRAIN IN TRADES MONTH

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR 20 DIFFERENT TRADES TRAINING PROGRAMS

Our district is very proud to offer 20+ Trades Training Programs, **TUITION FREE!** Students have an amazing opportunity to gain level 1 technical training while still in high school. All the training programs are dual credit, meaning students gain high school and post secondary credit.

OUR PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- Auto Service Technician
- Auto Collision Repair
- Automotive Painter
- Baker
- Bricklayer
- Carpenter
- Professional Cook
- Electrician
- Refrigeration Mechanic
- Hairstylist
- Heavy Duty Mechanic
- Ironworker
- Metal Fabricator
- Millwright
- Motorcycle Mechanic
- Commercial Painter
- Plumber
- Sheet Metal Worker
- Welder



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MAKE THE
CUT

Passion



The Hairstylist Certificate program is designed to meet the training needs of the Industry and the required training objectives established by the Industry Training Authority (ITA). The Hairstylist program provides a wide range of student learning opportunities in the classroom, salon and workplace settings. Students will gain hands-on practical experience working with clients in the VCC Salon and Spa. Industry work experience provides students with additional opportunities to apply their knowledge and technical skills in a workplace setting. Classroom instruction is designed for students to develop theoretical knowledge and practical skills which will be applied for success in the VCC Salon and Spa.



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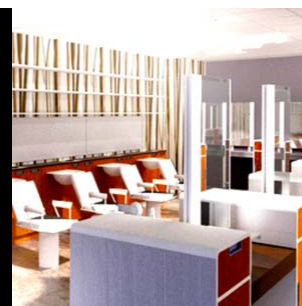
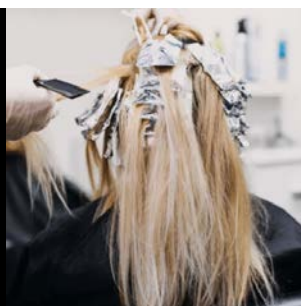
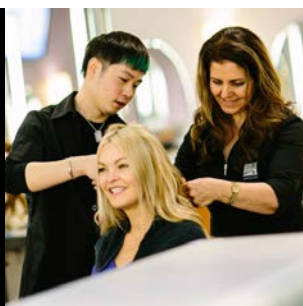
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SD43 ELECTRICIANS PROGRAM



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This “Youth TRAIN in Trades” postsecondary training program is a partnership between the Coquitlam School District 43 and Camosun College. This program gives students the opportunity to earn their Level 1 certification as a certified Electrician while in High School. This is a great opportunity for students who:

- Passion or interest for hands-on work
- Students who are creative and enjoy building projects
- Students who demonstrate strong skills in Math, Critical Thinking and Analytical Thinking
- Students who are focused and have a high degree of maturity and commitment
- Students who are able to multi-task
- Students who have an interest in the trade or learning more about the trade
- Students who are active and see themselves pursuing a career where they are physically active each day.

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YOUR TICKET.

DO YOU GET CREDITS FOR TAKING THIS PROGRAM?

Students who take the Level 1 Construction Electricians Program will receive 16 credits for completing the program. Students will also receive credits with Camosun College as well as a certificate of completion.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

All of our programs are tuition free. Students will only be responsible for the cost of personal protective equipment and supplies. Total cost for this program is \$300.00. On average this saves students and families between \$3,500 and \$4,000.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF TAKING THIS PROGRAM IN HIGH SCHOOL?

Students who take this program while in High School have an opportunity to get a head start. Students will be able to complete their certification earlier, start their apprenticeship earlier and ultimately earn their Red Seal earlier. Students and families also save a significant amount in tuition fees by taking the program through SD43.

KNOW A STUDENT WHO WOULD WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THIS PROGRAM?

The Coquitlam School District is taking applications for the 2021-2022 Electricians Program. If you would like to apply or know someone who would be interested in this program please complete the interest form below or contact program coordinator Doug Maclean.

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SD43 Career and Trades Programs

Watch videos about SD43 students who have taken our programs and learn about their story!

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STUDENT AWARDS



MARIA

SD43 Level 1 Electricians Program- Outstanding Student ***Homeschool- Riverside Secondary***

Maria Kim is the recipient of our Outstanding Student Award in the SD43 Level 1 Construction Electricians Program. Maria is a student from Riverside Secondary and has been acknowledged for his outstanding work and professionalism. Maria has many talents including; playing basketball, ultimate frisbee, tennis, achieving honor roll and working as a barista at Starbucks.

Maria is know for her dedication and ability to work with others. That has won her many awards including Athlete of the year and The Outstanding Student Award for the Electricians Program. After graduation Maria hopes to continue her education and earn her Red Seal as an Electrician.



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**Sports, school
and work have
all helped me
become a well-
rounded
person and
employee**

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CAM

SD43 Level 1 Construction Electrician Program- Outstanding Student ***Homeschool- Riverside Secondary***

Cam Smith was our second Award winner for outstanding student in the SD43 Level 1 Construction Electricians Program. Cam is also a student from Riverside Secondary and has been acknowledged for his outstanding work and professionalism. Cam has earned grades at the top of his class and has demonstrated the ability to complete projects with excellence. Cam is an apprentice with PWPC Electrical Services and has gained valuable skills on the jobsite. Cam hopes to continue his work with PWPC and one day earn his Red Seal.

Cam is also a volunteer in the community and has done exceptional work with the Riverside Community Church. Cam is also known for his exceptional Athletic Abilities. Cam is a member of the Premier Soccer Academy which is built on three main values; **cognition, competence and character**. Over the year Cam has developed and practices these values. Last year he was named captain of his team for this reason and also won the most impactful player award. Cam has learned many valuable life-skills through soccer and plans to apply them in his future career as an Electrician.



INFO SESSION

Coquitlam School District

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN TRADES

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2021



REGISTER TODAY!



Teachers, students, parents and Youth Workers who would like to learn more about Trades Programs for Indigenous Youth are invited to join a virtual information session. Use the QR code to register and receive more information.



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CAREER

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS

