

# CAREERS & TRADES

## NOVEMBER 2020



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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

**DELO - Port Moody Graduate 2020**  
2019 Fire Academy Alumni



When the war in Syria started Delo and his family found themselves living day-to-day fearing for their lives. It wasn't until after an explosion near his school which killed dozens of people and left blood running through the streets, that Delo and his family decided they needed to flee their home. This decision led Delo and his family on a 6-year long journey to Canada. In 2014 Delo and his family sought refuge at a camp in **Iraqi Kurdistan**. Delo and his family lived at this camp for 5 long years. Delo describes his time there as "very difficult". One of the greatest difficulties for Delo was not being able to attend school. Delo says **"without school for 5 years I found myself living without any goals"**. Instead of planning for the future, Delo became consumed by just trying to survive.

Dreams and goals were drowned out by fear and anxiety. However, what Delo didn't know was that while living at the camp he would experience an event that would be life changing. This event would later inspire him to pursue a career path.

One day at the camp Delo noticed panic and commotion. He ran quickly to the people crowded around a tent and realized that a fire had broken out and engulfed it in flames. People scrambled to work together in efforts to put out the fire and save those who were trapped inside. Unfortunately those efforts fell short, and two young children died in the fire. In already difficult times, life grew increasingly more difficult. How could such a tragic event happen to people who had already endured so much? This tragic and painful day made an everlasting impression on Delo and his community. In this moment, Delo wished so badly that he could do something to help the families of the children who died, but he couldn't. He was helpless. This feeling inspired Delo to pursue a life where he was equipped to help others and protect his community. This pursuit would eventually lead him to the career in Firefighting.

With the help of relatives in Canada and their church, Delo got an opportunity that many others did not have. In 2019, Delo and his family were able to escape the refugee camp and immigrated to Canada. After arriving to Canada, Delo was placed at Port Moody Secondary and was instantly accepted into the school by friendly teachers, counselors and peers. It was here, at Port Moody, that he would discover the **SD43 Junior Fire Fighters Program**. After only a few months at the school Delo's PE teacher recognized his character and eagerness to help others. It was these qualities that made Delo the perfect fit for the Firefighters Program. Delo's teacher encouraged him to apply for the program and helped him prepare for the physical fitness test and personal interview. With this support, Delo was named one of ten students across the district who were selected for the 2019 Junior Firefighters Program.

During the 8-day program Delo met friends, learned about the educational and practical components of firefighting, repelled from the tops of buildings and got to use the jaws of life! This was an exhilarating and memorable 8-days for Delo and the other students in the program. In fact, Delo enjoyed the program so much that he did not want it to end! Delo enjoyed his experience in the Junior

**"My  
ambition  
does not  
stop as time  
goes on, it  
grows"**

-Delo

Firefighters program and is grateful for the experience he gained and the connections he made. Delo recommends this program to any student who is interested in pursuing a career in the field, or to anyone who enjoys working in a team environment and helping others. For Delo, the opportunity to participate in this program was a dream come true. This was a dream that was unimaginable only 2 short years ago when he was fighting for survival in the refugee camp. Delo wants to encourage students to take advantage of the opportunities they are available to them, ***"they really don't know how lucky they are."***

***To learn more about the Junior Fire Fighters Program visit [43careers.com](https://www.sd43.ca/careers)***

# Coquitlam School District **FIRE ACADEMY**



## MARCH 19-26, 2021

*The Junior Firefighting Program will give the applicants a true understanding of the basic components both physical and educational of Coquitlam Fire/Rescue's basic training for new recruits. This 8-day program takes place at the Coquitlam Fire Department and provides students with the opportunity to learn about what it means to be a firefighter. Students will participate in both educational and practical components of the program. Students will learn about fire behavior, equipment and other educational components, while also having the opportunity to test their strength, endurance and teamwork skills. This program is a hands-on, fun and exhilarating program that is perfect for anyone who is interested in a career in Firefighting.*

**APPLY TODAY!**

**APPLICATIONS DUE FRIDAY DECEMBER 11, 2020**

For more information on how to apply visit our website or simply scan the QR code



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# PROGRAM INFO & UPDATES

## TRAIN IN TRADES ONLINE APPLICATIONS

The TRAIN in Trades Applications for all 19 programs are not in fillable-PDF format and can be completed online. Please visit our website to access applications and follow instructions as posted. If you have any questions about the application process please contact **Doug Maclean at [dmaclean@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:dmaclean@sd43.bc.ca)** or connect with him during his virtual office hours.

## FIRST AID FOR SD43 STUDENTS

SD43 Students can take Occupational First Aid at a discounted price! Students can save up to \$70 on their certification. To register for our next training dates please **complete the survey using the QR code**. For questions please e-mail Doug Maclean.



### Next available training dates:

***Friday, Nov. 13, 2020***

***Saturday, Nov. 28, 2020***

***Friday, Dec. 11, 2020***



## BAKING PROGRAM COVID19 APPLICATION UPDATES

The VCC Baking Program is up and running! Applications for the 2021 intake are now open but students will no longer be required to complete a 4 day practicum at VCC. Instead, students are expected to document their experience through pictures and videos of Baking that they have done at home, in school or at work. For more details on the new application process please visit our website [43careers.com](http://43careers.com) and select "Baking" under the TRAIN in Trades Program page.

# WORK IN TRADES PROGRAM

## WHAT IS WORK IN TRADES?

The WORK in Trades Program provides students ages 14 and older the opportunity to begin apprenticeship while in High School. Students who take this program have the opportunity to earn up to 16 high school credits towards graduation and also have the opportunity to earn a \$1000 award for working in a trade.

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

This program gives students a head start on their career. Students are able to earn valuable work experience, high school credits, start their apprenticeship and more!

## AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM?

Students must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the WORK in Trades Program

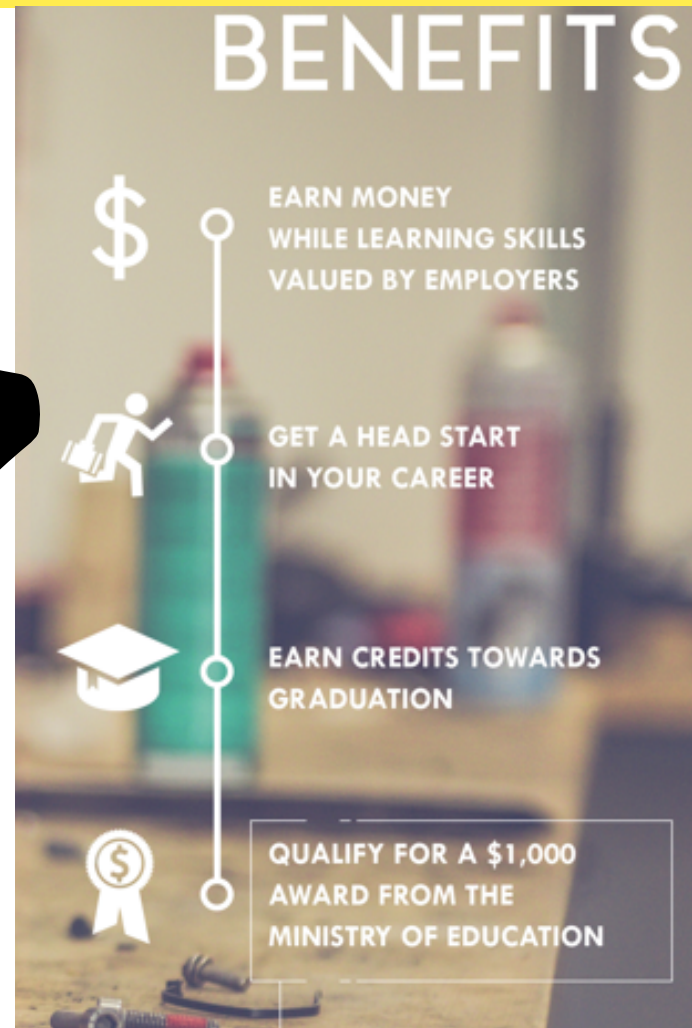
- Students must be 14 years or older
- Students must have a Paid Job
- Students must be working in an apprenticable trade

## HOW DO I REGISTER FOR THE WORK IN TRADES PROGRAM?

If you are interested in the WORK in Trades Program or know someone who may be interested in the program please fill our WORK in Trades questionnaire using the QR code below. You can also contact **Joanna Horvath** directly via phone, email or text if you are interested in the program or know someone who may benefit from it.

**JOANNA HORVATH**

 **604 312-7739**  
 **jhorvath@sd43.bc.ca**



# *November is...*

## YOUTH APPRENTICES MONTH

MEET SOME SD43 WORK IN TRADES STUDENTS & ALUMNI

# TIIANN

*Alumni of Gleneagle Culinary Arts Program  
Professional Chef in Downtown Vancouver*

**Tiiann earned his Level 1 as a Professional Cook while in High School at Gleneagle Secondary**

**The TRAIN in Trades Culinary Arts Program is tuition free. By taking this program Tiiann saved over \$4000 in program fees!**

**Tiiann was able to get a head start on his career. He is now training to be a Red Seal chef and will be one of the youngest in Canada!**







# HEIDI

## **Graduate of Heritage Woods Alumni of the SD43 Carpentry Program**

Trades has always been a part of Heidi's life. Growing up you could find her mixing concrete with her uncles, working on her shed, or working alongside her grandpa in the shop. Needless to say, trades was her passion. In High School Heidi took woodworking class. This is where she fell in love with the trade and found her future career path. Through the SD43 Career and Trades Programs Heidi was able to attain her Level 1 in Carpentry. She is now working for *Sqaurefoot Carpentry*. This spring, Heidi hopes to pass her Level 2 and continue on with her education and eventually earn her Red Seal.

Heidi is thankful for the opportunities that the WORK in Trades and TRAIN in Trades has presented her. Through these programs Heidi has been able to build a career for herself at extremely young age and to become financial secure. This security has supported Heidi throughout her education and has allowed her to achieve her personal goals.





# NATHAN

## **Graduate of Charles Best Secondary Alumni of the SD43 Carpentry Program**

Nathan is a graduate of SD43 and an Alumni of the SD43 Carpentry Program. He graduated in 2016 with his High School Diploma and Level 1 Foundations in Carpentry. While taking the Carpentry Program, Nathan also worked in construction and took the WORK in Trades Program, where he earned 16-credits towards his graduation and received the \$1000 award. Nathan advocates for the WORK in Trades Program and is a part of our Trades Ambassadors Program. Nathan visits our schools as a guest speaker for Trades Programs and encourages students to start their apprenticeship while in High School. He acts as a mentor for our Carpentry Program and supports current students by providing them Work Experience opportunities and employment.

Nathan believes that the WORK in Trades and TRAIN in Trades Programs have allowed him to get a head start on his career. At the young age of only 23 , Nathan is now a Red Seal Carpenter and has a job that he loves. Without having this opportunity in High School, Nathan doesn't know if he would be where he is today.





# DAKOTA

## **Graduate of Centennial Secondary Alumni of the SD43 Auto Mechanics Program**

Dakota graduated in 2018 from Centennial Secondary with a High School Diploma and his level 1 certification as an Auto Service Technician. Dakota has always had a passion for cars and working with his hands. Throughout High School Dakota took auto and tech-ed classes out of interest. In 2018 Dakota made the decision to study Auto Mechanic more seriously and enrolled in The Auto Service Technicians Program at Centennial Secondary. In this program, Dakota turn his passion for cars into a future career path. While in the program, Dakota was able to secure a job with a local company. Through this company Dakota was able to gain valuable hands-on experience and gain an understanding of the industry. Dakota also enrolled in the WORK in Trades program, which gave him the opportunity to start his apprenticeship, earn High Schools credits for working in a trade and also gave him the opportunity to earn a \$1000 award. Dakota is thankful for the opportunity to be able to study something that he is passionate about while in high school. Dakota encourages all students who are interested in pursuing a trade to take a TRAIN in Trades Program and get started! "The process was so easy, and I am so happy I took advantage of it while I was in High School"

# Thank you!

**Without the support of Employers our students would not be able to start their apprenticeship or gain valuable hands-on experience in the trades. We are grateful for their support and willingness to mentor our students. The Coquitlam School District (SD43) thanks the following employers for their continued support of our programs.**

*Status Mechanical Ltd  
Dan's Forklifts  
King Koncepts  
Mr. Lube (Surrey)  
Design Solution Painting  
Fairways Grill & Patio  
DMS Mechanical  
Casalinga Foods  
Oakdale Plumbing & Heating Ltd  
Fairways Grill & Patio  
Mahler Industries  
Torresan Plumbing & Heating  
White Spot (North Road)  
Stilewood International Door & Window  
A & J Massullo Excavating Ltd.  
Dinakis Mediterranean Grill  
King Koncepts  
Isidore Landscapes Inc.  
DMS Mechanical  
Marsic Contracting Ltd / EJTC  
Earls Kitchen & Bar - PoCo  
Orange Kitchen & Bar  
White Spot - Coquitlam*

*PCL Construction  
Millenium 2000 Painting  
VanWasteCo  
Ventana Construction / ICBA  
Brown's Socialhouse - Town Centre  
Highpoint Construction  
Para Space Landscaping  
Big O Tires (Westwood)  
Van Drunen Construction Group  
Westwood Plateau Golf & Country Club  
Open Road Richmond Auto Body  
Cole Campbell Construction  
GP Woodworking  
Gerry's Automotive - OK Tire  
Ambient Fire Protection  
PCL Construction  
Advanced Systems Roofing & Waterproofing  
Quadrant Towing  
Square Foot Construction  
Epic Metalworks  
Budget Brake & Muffler (Westwood)  
Coordinate CNC*

# INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN TRADES



There are a number of community providers that offer training, learning and career opportunities grounded in first-peoples learning principles. These opportunities are focused to meet the needs of indigenous students and under-represented groups within Trades.

The programs below provide a range of individualized and group services and supports, hands-on trades exploration training, entry level (pre-apprenticeship) technical training, industry certification training, mentorship, job coaching and employment placement services.

Below is a brief description of each sponsored program.

Learn more about these programs and eligibility please visit their website or contact Ashley Impellezzere at [aimpellezzere@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:aimpellezzere@sd43.bc.ca)

## ACCESS BC



Region: Mainland/Southwest -  
Vancouver Area

Website: [www.accessfutures.com](http://www.accessfutures.com)

Email: [hboyce@accessfutures.com](mailto:hboyce@accessfutures.com)

A 23-week program offering 8 weeks of essential skills upgrading and 15 weeks of the Pre-apprenticeship program. Upon successful completion of this program, participants may have the opportunity for employment to continue their apprenticeship.



# CAMOSUN COLLEGE



## Camosun College/Vancouver Island University - Indigenous People in Trades Training (IPTT)

An introductory program that includes Indigenous Culture components, life skills, essential skills, academic assessment, and industry recognized certifications. Camosun and VIU will provide 12-week trades exploration program, Foundation technical training and employment transition supports including Job Coach & Apprenticeship employment outcomes for high demand trades occupations.

Region: Mainland/Southwest - Victoria, Nanaimo, and local First Nations communities in this region

Website: [www.camosun.ca/iptt](http://www.camosun.ca/iptt)

Susan Wilson, Coordinator

Phone: [250-370-4779](tel:250-370-4779)

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Larry Underwood, Coordinator

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Email: [underwoodl@camosun.ca](mailto:underwoodl@camosun.ca)

Website: [www.viu.ca/iptt](http://www.viu.ca/iptt)

# SQUAMISH NATION TRADES TRAINING



SQUAMISH NATION  
NEKWIŠTNAK  
TRAINING & TRADES CENTRE

## Squamish Nation Trades

### Training Centre

This 12-week Introductory Construction Training program provides Indigenous women opportunity to explore Carpentry, Plumbing, Electrical, Finishing Trades, and General Construction Training. This includes Culture and Essential Skills Training, Safety Certificates, job readiness support, resume writing assistance and paid work practicum.

Region: Lower Mainland - North Vancouver

Website: [www.squamish.net/contact-us/](http://www.squamish.net/contact-us/)

Phone: [604-980-7946](tel:604-980-7946)

Email: [tradescentre@squamish.net](mailto:tradescentre@squamish.net)

# KITSELAS FIRST NATION



**Kitselas First Nation - Kitselas  
Community-Led Apprenticeship Development  
(KCAD)**

Region: Mainland/Southwest - Terrace  
and Kitselas First Nation

Website: [www.kitselas.com/](http://www.kitselas.com/)

David Hansen

Phone: [250-641-3678](tel:250-641-3678)

Email: [training@kitselas.com](mailto:training@kitselas.com)

This program consists of orientation (introduction to Kitselas, Indigenous cultural competency, safety, apprenticeships, unions, current labour markets), essential skills training, community project, industry certifications and job-readiness training (pre-employment counselling/coaching, professionalization, resume/cover letter writing, interview skills, job search assistance, and job applications).

# THOMPSON RIVER UNIVERSITY



**Thompson Rivers University**  
**Transition & Heavy Mechanic Foundation  
Program - Starts April 2020**

Region: Mainland/Southwest -  
Williams Lake

Website: [www.tru.ca/trades](http://www.tru.ca/trades)

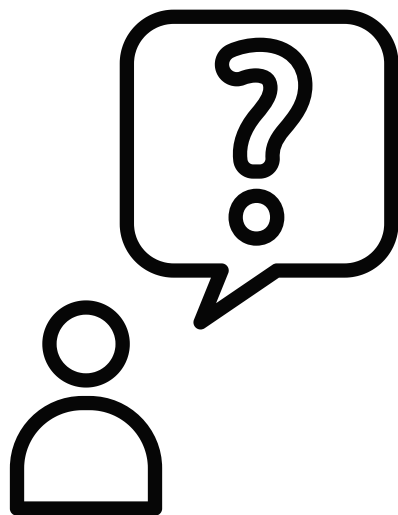
Phone: [250-392-8045](tel:250-392-8045)

Email: [mfournier@tru.ca](mailto:mfournier@tru.ca)

This program offers a Pathways to Heavy Mechanics program and a Heavy Mechanics foundation program. Participants will receive Cultural supports, Workplace Certifications and employment assistance, including job readiness skills.

# MORE INFO

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