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**ENHANCED BRIDGE
WATCH RATING FOR
BARRIERED YOUTH**
SCHOOL OF TRANSPORTATION

ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT OUR COASTAL WATERS? START YOUR CAREER AT SEA AS A DECKHAND!

Explore a marine career working on tugboats, ferries, or deep-sea vessels. With the support of the TK Foundation, a philanthropic partner, BCIT is offering the Enhanced Bridge Watch Rating Program and the hands-on training required for a sea faring career.

If you are a barriered youth between the ages of 18 to 26, you may be eligible for this tuition free program.

Become a Deck Hand

The Bridge Watch Rating is the foundation to beginning your career at sea aboard commercial vessels.

You will learn essential knowledge and skills related to the practice of seamanship, navigation, standards of safe working procedures, and the hazards associated with the marine environment.

The program is designed to provide entry-level personnel with base-level knowledge of seamanship to prepare for a career at sea with BC Ferries, the Canadian Coast Guard, or local tug operations.

Successful completion of this program will also make you eligible for four months of Bridge Watch Rating sea time remission.

Get the Skills You Need to Begin a Career at Sea

This full-time program is based on three modular courses designed to prepare you for a career in the marine industry. You will gain hands-on skills and knowledge in the following areas:

- Keeping a lookout
- Steering the vessel
- Operating communication systems
- Anchoring and mooring
- Responding to emergencies
- Basic environmental protection procedures
- Assisting in cargo operations
- Handling ropes and chains

Earn Training Certificates

This program will help you meet your training requirements for the following:

- BCIT Bridge Watch Rating Associate Certificate
- Transport Canada Bridge Watch Rating Certificate
- WHMIS (BCIT Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System)
- ROC-MC (Industry Canada Restricted Operator’s Certificate – Maritime Commercial)
- MBFA (Marine Basic First Aid Certificate)
- BST (STCW Basic Safety Training)
- PSC (STCW Proficiency in Survival Craft)

Program Start

- October 17, 2022 to February 22, 2023
- February 6, 2023 to May 29, 2023

Class Hours

08:30 – 15:30, Monday – Friday (subject to change)

To successfully complete this Transport Canada accredited program, you must maintain 90% attendance and an aggregated 70% passing grade to achieve full Transport Canada certification. Students receive four months remission on required seat time towards a Transport Canada Watch Rating Certificate, as well as STCW Basic Safety Training (BST) and STCW Proficiency in Survival Craft (PSC). An additional two months on a ship and 10 hours of steering time for ability is also required to write the Transport Canada certification exam for the full Bridge Watch Rating competency certificate.

Application Process

High School Students: Request an application package from your High School Counsellor or Career Coordinator.

Adult Learners: Request an application package by emailing bridgewatchrating_enhanced@bcit.ca

Entrance Requirements

- English 12 or Academic Literacy Evaluation
- Math 11 or Numeracy Evaluation
- Transport Canada Candidate Document Number (CDN)
- Transport Canada Medical Certificate

Resources

- Transport Canada CDN Application
- Transport Canada Medical Certificate Approved Physicians

NOTE:

1. The Transport Canada Candidate Document Number is required before you can book the Transport Canada Medical Exam.
2. The cost for the Transport Canada Medical Exam will be covered under the funding.
3. The Transport Canada Medical must demonstrate the candidate’s ability to perform all Bridge Watch Rating duties.
4. The ability to perform all Bridge Watch Rating duties is required to successfully pass the program and apply for employment.

Placement Readiness

Our objective is for our students to achieve their academic goals and be successful.

The program will assess your application and arrange for a placement readiness evaluation, if it is required.

The results of the placement readiness evaluation will determine if any additional educational support is necessary.

Applicants who meet minimum requirements will be offered a seat.

Upgrading and support will be offered to those who do not meet the minimum requirements.

Receive support in a variety of ways, including:

- BCIT Student Wellness and Success support
- Learning tools required to successfully complete the program
- Individualized learning support
- Career coaching and industry networking opportunities

