



Career Programs

Welcome to



Secondary School Apprenticeship (SSA)

Secondary School Apprenticeship (SSA) is a career program that provides students with the opportunity to begin an apprenticeship while still in high school, and to earn high school credits for doing so.

A Secondary School Apprenticeship involves part-time work within a trade – something many secondary students are doing anyway. Once they register as Secondary School Apprentices, such students can get academic credit for their work towards high school graduation and work experience credit towards completion of their apprenticeship.

Like other apprentices, Secondary School Apprentices are responsible for finding an employer who will hire them and commit to their training.

If you have an interest in a Secondary School Apprenticeship, but are unsure of what type of trade you'd like to pursue, have a look at www.itabc.ca/ICC-Overview.php **Industry Careers A-Z**. It provides students with a good sense of the scope of the options, and detailed information.

Hidden Apprentices

Secondary School Apprenticeships aren't just for students who are looking to enter the working world. If you are a high school student working part-time in a trade, you are probably a "hidden apprentice". By registering as a Secondary School Apprentice, you will be able to earn high school course credits for the work you're already doing, become eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship, and get a head start on earning your trade certification. **Talk to your school's career counsellor or the work experience coordinators about the kind of work that qualifies, and about how to register as a Secondary School Apprentice.**

Secondary School Apprenticeship Scholarships Criteria

As an added bonus, secondary school apprentices qualify for a \$1,000 scholarship if they:

- complete at least 480 hours of paid work experience in their chosen trade
- graduate with a C+ average on grade 12 numbered courses; and

are still pursuing their apprenticeship six months after graduation. Applications for a SSA Scholarship must be received within six months of your graduation date.

Schools, parents, students, employers:

Check Out!!!! The Hands On! Work Futures for Trade and Technical Occupations website:

www.handson.workfutures.bc.ca

This provincial resource tool was developed, in partnership with HRSDC, to provide objective and factual information on trades and technical occupations in BC for potential trades and technical students, career counsellors, youth, parents and the public.

The site includes over 100 profiles of trade and technical occupations, as well as personal profiles of individuals in these fields, and industry overviews.

A Quick Glance at the site...

Kelly Mah, Electrician



Electricians work in construction where they install and repair electrical wiring and equipment. This is a tremendously varied job. Electricity is literally everywhere in all buildings, even those not connected to the electrical grid. Some electrician's work comes close to the work performed by electrical engineers. However, electricians are very hands on and actually implement their own designs.

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