



Plumbing Pre-Apprenticeship

Okanagan College (OC) is offering a Plumbing Pre-Apprenticeship program to be delivered in Salmon Arm. This 21-week program is designed to take a student with little or no previous experience in the plumbing trade and to supply them with the necessary skills to seek employment in that industry as an apprentice plumber. The program exposes students to aspects of residential, commercial, and industrial systems in this trade with a focus on developing practical skills. The curriculum follows the B.C. Ministry of Advanced Education guidelines for the first-year in-class components of the plumbing apprenticeship, which includes installation procedures in compliance with the B.C. Plumbing Code.

Credential

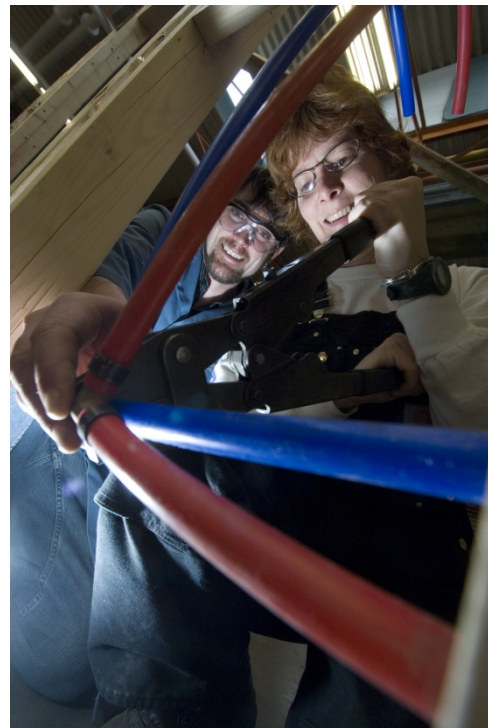
Upon successful completion of the 21 week program students will receive level 1 technical training credit towards their plumbing apprenticeship and an OC plumbing pre-apprenticeship program certificate. Secondary School Students will also be eligible to receive dual credit towards grade 12 graduation.

Career Opportunities

As with most trades, there is a shortage of qualified entry-level/apprentice plumbers to meet the projected need due to an aging workforce. The program meets the need of the plumbing industry by providing students with the necessary practical knowledge and skills to seek employment as an apprentice plumber.

Training Areas

PLMB 101	Trades Mathematics
PLMB 102	Plumbing Science
PLMB 103	Safety
PLMB 104	Hand Tools and Power Equipment
PLMB 105	Pipes, Valves, and Fittings
PLMB 106	Rigging
PLMB 107	Soldering and Brazing
PLMB 108	Drafting and Blueprint Reading
PLMB 109	Electricity
PLMB 110	Level One Technical Exam



Admission Requirements

- Satisfactory standing in basic mathematics and reading tests
- Graduation from Grade 12 (or equivalent) or mature student status (age 19 and out of full time high school for at least one year prior to their commencement in the program)
- Secondary school students please contact your Career Counselor for dual credit program admission requirements

Timeline & Location

- Program duration 21 weeks
- February 20, 2012 to July 13, 2012
- Class runs 8:00 to 3:00, Monday to Friday
- The program will be located at the trades and apprenticeship training facility in Salmon Arm Industrial Park at 5450 48th Ave SE.

Program Fees

Adult students:

- Tuition \$2661.68 (includes ancillary fees)
- Text Books and Supplies approximately \$1,225. Students must provide their own safety boots.
- (All costs and fees are subject to change)

Secondary School Students:

- Tuition for dual credit programs may be paid in part or fully by the school district. Students will be registered as Okanagan College students and they will be responsible to pay for books, tools, project materials, and all ancillary fees.

Five Steps to Enroll

1. Fill out a pre-apprenticeship application form online at <http://www.okanagan.bc.ca/registrar/admissions/apply.html> or drop by the Salmon Arm Campus. The application fee is \$30.
2. Request and complete the practice entrance English and math reading skills practice test. Ask the staff for help if you need further practice or assistance.
3. Schedule a time write the entrance test. The testing fee is \$25.
4. Upon successful completion of the entrance test, you will be sent an offer of admission by mail. A \$200 deposit will secure your seat.
5. Full tuition fees are due February 10, 2012. Contact Financial Aid for information regarding bursaries and scholarships.

For more information, please contact:

Jana Elliott, Program Administrator, 250.832.2126 ext. 8394

Admissions: 250.832.2126 ext 8201

Financial Aid: 250.862.5419 Toll Free Within BC 1.800.767.5492

Dual Credit Secondary Students contact:

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