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Gateway to the building trades for women

A new program designed to provide women with insight, skills and knowledge of the building trades industries is set to launch at Okanagan College.

Gateway to the Building Trades for Women is a 12-week program offered to women with little or no experience in the trades. Students will benefit from the experience of instructor Lindy Monahan, industry experts and guest speakers as they gain practical and theoretical knowledge in a wide variety of building trade sectors.

"I have worked in all kinds of trades throughout the past 25 years," says Monahan. "The timing has never been better for women interested in entering the building trades. The gates are down right now and there are so many opportunities for women to become trained and find work that pays extremely well."

The program aims to deliver hands-on training in a variety of skilled building trades to provide a foundation from which women can make informed decisions about entering into a career in trades.

Gateway to the Building Trades for Women will be offered beginning Nov. 6, 2006 at the KLO campus in Kelowna as a full-time program. The cost of enrolment is \$1,800 but grant funding is available for women who qualify.

Successful individuals will receive a certificate of completion from Okanagan College at the conclusion of the program. Women who complete the course will be better prepared to enter a Pre-Apprenticeship trades program with the experience and knowledge to succeed.

For more information about the program or to register, contact:
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