



# Residential Construction Pre-Apprenticeship Revelstoke

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The Residential Construction Program is a 26-week program (900 hours) that provides both adult learners and students in the senior grades of secondary school the necessary theoretical and practical knowledge and skills to seek employment as an apprentice carpenter in the residential construction industry. The program introduces students to all aspects of the trade including the use of hand tools, portable power tools, and other equipment used by carpenters. Through the construction of an actual house, students are given the opportunity to work with a variety of materials used by carpenters including lumber, panel products, concrete, fasteners and hardware. The focus is on developing practical skills for the residential construction workplace.

## Credential

Upon successful completion of the program, students will receive the Okanagan College Residential Construction Program certificate as well as Level 1 Technical training credit and 450 work-based hours credit towards completion of the Carpenter Level 1 apprenticeship program from the Industry Training Authority (ITA). Successful students will also be given the opportunity to challenge the Residential Construction Framing Technician Certificate exam invigilated by the Industry Training Authority. Secondary School students will be given credit towards grade 12 graduation from their secondary school.

## Career Opportunities

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

## Admission Requirements:

- Satisfactory standing in basic mathematics and reading entrance tests
- Graduation from Grade 12 (or equivalent) or mature student status (age 19 and out of full time high school for at least 1 year prior to their commencement in the program).
- Secondary school students please contact your Career Counselor for dual credit program admission requirements



## Program Outline:

The program consists of the following components with a minimum-passing grade per component of 70%.

- RCST 01 Worksafe
- RCST 02 Trade Mathematics
- RCST 03 Drawings and Specifications
- RCST 04 Materials
- RCST 05 Tools and Equipment
- RCST 06 Building Science/Special Construction
- RCST 09 Site Layout, Building Concrete Forms
- RCST 10 Residential Housing
- RCST 11 Level 1 Carpentry Final Exam

## Timeline:

- Program length: 26 weeks
- Program location: 10 weeks of theory and practical training at the Revelstoke Centre and an additional training facility and 16 weeks of practical training at the building site
- Program Dates: February 22, 2010 to August 20, 2010
- Days of week: Monday to Friday
- Enrolment: 19 maximum

## Educational Costs:

**Mature students** (over 19 and out of full time high school for at least one year) can expect to pay approximately \$3,513 for tuition and fees, \$700 for text books, and \$225 for specialty tools, pouch, steel-toe boots, and work clothing and related costs.

**Secondary Students:** Tuition only for this program (\$2,815) may be paid by the School District for Secondary Students who are under 19 years of age as of June 30th in the year they are accepted into the program. The Southern Interior Development Initiative (SIDIT) will pay for approximately \$700 of ancillary fees which includes Student Fees, Health and Dental, Application Fee and Testing Fee. Students will be responsible for purchasing approximately \$700 of text books and approximately \$225 for specialty tools, pouch, steel-toe boots, work clothing, and related costs.

**Inquiries** about financial assistance should be directed to the Financial Awards Office at 1-800-767-5492. Student loan applications may be picked up at any Okanagan College Campus or you can apply on-line @ [www.bcsap.ca](http://www.bcsap.ca). Fees are subject to change.

## 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 Revelstoke Centre. The application fee is \$30.
2. Contact the Revelstoke Learning Centre staff. Request and complete the entrance English and math reading skills practice test. Ask the staff for help if you need further practice or assistance.
3. Schedule a time with Learning Centre staff to 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 13, 2010. Contact Financial Aid for information regarding bursaries and scholarships.

**For more information**, call the Revelstoke Centre at 250-837-4235  
**Financial Aid:** 250-862-5419 Toll Free Within BC 1 800 767 5492  
**Dual Credit Secondary Students contact:** Lori Milmine, SD 19, 250-837-2173 [lmilmine@sd19.bc.ca](mailto:lmilmine@sd19.bc.ca)  
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