

VITICULTURE TECHNICIAN

Diploma



The Program

The Viticulture Technician Diploma is designed to provide an academic balance of theoretical knowledge and hands-on practical experience. This program prepares graduates to work as part of the vineyard management team to plan, develop, plant and maintain a vineyard for the production of quality wine.

The program is structured around the viticulture growing season, providing opportunities to develop and apply skills leading to sustainable practices within commercial vineyards.

Students are exposed to the dynamic environment of viticulture and develops a range of skills and knowledge, including canopy management, pest control, pruning, training vines, sensory evaluation, occupational health and safety, and operating equipment.

Benefits to Employers

- An opportunity to evaluate employees without an obligation to permanent employment.
- A proven cost-effective method of meeting human resource needs.
- Access to a pool of motivated, temporary employees for special projects, peak periods, vacation relief, and coverage without costly advertising.

Co-op students are available: May–August

Hire an Okanagan College Co-op Student

Email your job posting to coop@okanagan.bc.ca

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Co-op department staff are registered with the Canadian Association for Co-operative Education (CAFCE)



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Recommended Co-op Schedule for Viticulture Technician

September – December	January – April	May – August
Academic Term 1	Academic Term 2	Work Term 1
Academic Term 3	Academic Term 4	Graduates are available

A summer co-op term with a local employer provides students with a chance to gain relevant work experience in the industry, and build a comprehensive understanding of production practices and processes.

The Viticulture Technician Diploma is “work-ready, transfer ready” option. It equips students with appropriate education for immediate employment as well as the opportunity to ladder into a baccalaureate degree.

