

TRADES & TECHNOLOGY APPRENTICESHIP

If you want to enter into the trades the Recommended Path is

English 30-2

Math 30-3

Physics 30, Chemistry 30, or Science 30

Related CTS Courses

There is also the Minimum Requirements path which consists of:

English 20-2

Math 20-3

Science 10

GED (General Education Degree)

Entrance Exam (very hard)

I recommend that you take Science 10 and do your very best. Take the courses you need to get Math 30-3. This will help you in the long run as the entrance exam to start a trade is very hard.

Apprenticeship also requires:

You must find suitable employment with an employer who is a journeyman or employs a journeyman in the trade of your choice.

Once employed, you and your employer must sign apprenticeship application forms. These forms are available from the Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training (AIT) regional offices.

If you think you have related work experience and/or training which could be credited toward your apprenticeship, discuss it with your employer and request credit on the application form.

Once your apprenticeship application is approved and your school transcripts or entrance exam marks are recorded, final approval is given and contracts are drawn up.

Graduation Requirements

An Alberta Journeyman Certificate is granted to apprentices who:

Complete the required hours of on-the-job training and receives a satisfactory report from the supervisor

Successfully complete the formal instruction

Passes all required examinations

Has forwarded his/her record book to the Career Development Centre, AIT for completion

When apprentices receive an Alberta Journeyman Certificate, they can use the term certified with the name of the trade. They should also be paid journeyman wages.

RED SEAL:

A Red Seal shows that you have successfully completed an inter provincial standards exam. You'll get a distinctive red seal to attach to your journeyman certificate.

This means you will be able to work anywhere in Canada without having to write another province's trade exam.

The Red Seal Program was created in 1952. It encourages the standardization of apprenticeship training and certification programs across Canada. A national occupational analysis of each of the 56 Red Seal trade is used as a base document for inter provincial exams and is encouraged for use in curriculum development.

The Canadian Council of Directors of Apprenticeship (CCDA) administers the program. Currently the CCDA is working on harmonizing 30 Red Seal trades by 2020.

For more information, check the Red Seal Website <http://www.red-seal.ca/w.2lc.4m.2-eng.html> Exams, samples questions, and individual trade standards are included.

Lakeland also offers prep courses for red seal exams for anyone who hasn't achieved their red seal status. Check continuing education for those courses.

BLUE SEAL:

Blue Seal program is the common name for the Achievement in Business Competencies Program. This program was established by Alberta Apprenticeship to encourage journeymen who go on to study business

If you have a valid Alberta Journeyman Certificate, you are eligible to receive a Blue Seal business certificate after completing 150 hours of study in an approved business program.

The Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board established the Achievement in Business Competencies Program, It both encourages and recognizes business studies by anyone who is already certified in an Alberta designated trade or occupation.

Those business studies can be taken at Lakeland College.

Complete details are available on the Blue Seal website:

[**Business Competencies \(Blue Seal\) Program**](#)

[**Red Seal Program**](#)