



Begin your
journey
in **trades.**



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Why Coast Mountain College?



High-quality, affordable training

Complete your Foundation or work on your Apprenticeship levels at an affordable price in modern, up-to-date facilities and shops.



Dedicated instructors and supportive staff

Our instructors and staff will go above and beyond to support your success at Coast Mountain College.



Work opportunities

Northwest BC is teeming with industry and growth. In 2024, of those who were employed, 92% of Trades Foundation graduates reported they were working full-time*.

*Source: BC Student Outcomes Survey



Amenities for every need

Terrace students can take advantage of on-campus housing[†], a free fitness centre, and delicious meals from the campus cafeteria and café.

[†]Housing fills up quickly, so apply early!

Foundation versus Apprenticeship

What's the Difference?



Foundation

The Foundation Program can jump-start your career without employee sponsorship by supplying the knowledge and skills to enter your apprenticeship directly at Level 2.*

If you have no prior work experience in the trade, you will need to take the Foundation Program before progressing into an apprenticeship.

*Refer to SkilledTradesBC for alternate paths into the occupation.



Apprenticeship

To apprentice, workers must be sponsored by an employer.

For most trades*, the apprenticeship program comprises Levels 1 to 4 of progressive technical training. Each level takes between 7 and 10 weeks to complete, in addition to accumulating work-based training.

A person who successfully completes an Apprenticeship Program and the final certification exam earns a Certificate of Qualification and their Red Seal Designation.

*Welding, hairstylist, and professional cook have different models. Contact trades@coastmountaincollege.ca for more information.

Student Outcomes†

93%

of CMTN apprentices received their Certificate of Qualification (Red Seal).

95%

of CMTN Foundations students said the quality of instruction was good or very good.

94%

of CMTN Foundations students were satisfied with their programs.

†Source: BC Student Outcomes Survey

Trades Programs at CMTN

Unsure where to begin? 

Scan the QR code to take a quiz on SkilledTradesBC to find out which trade you would be best suited for based on your interests. Or, contact one of our trades support staff to talk more about your options:
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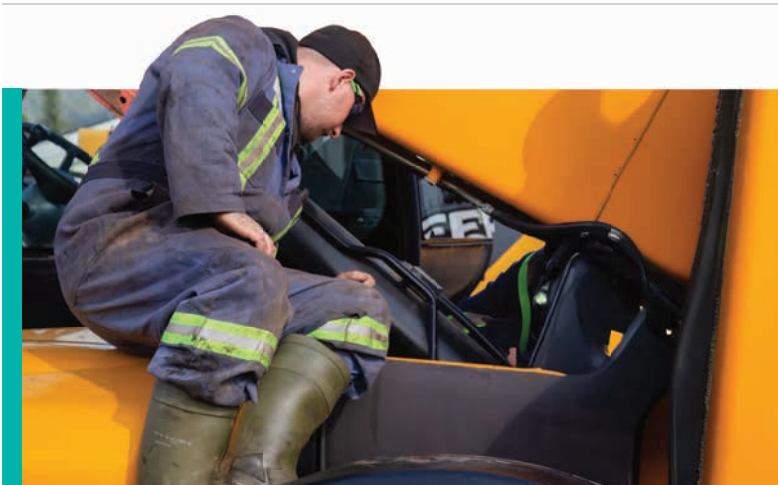
Welding

Foundation (28 weeks)
Level B (8 weeks), Level A Modular (16 weeks)



Electrical

Foundation (20 weeks)
Apprenticeship Levels 1 to 4 (10 weeks each)



Heavy Mechanical

Foundation (36 weeks)
Apprenticeship Levels 1 to 4 (length varies)



Automotive

Foundation (30 weeks)
Apprenticeship Levels 1 to 4 (7 weeks each)



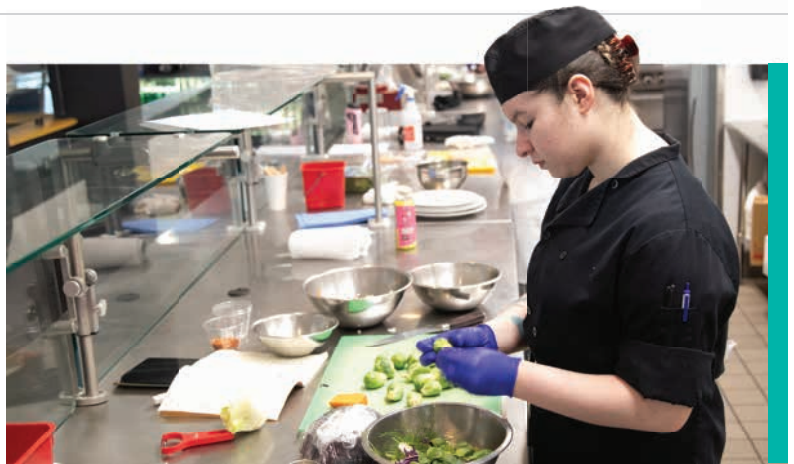
Carpentry

Foundation (20 weeks)
Apprenticeship Levels 1 to 4 (7 weeks each)



Professional Cook

Apprenticeship Levels 1 to 3 (length varies)



Hairstylist

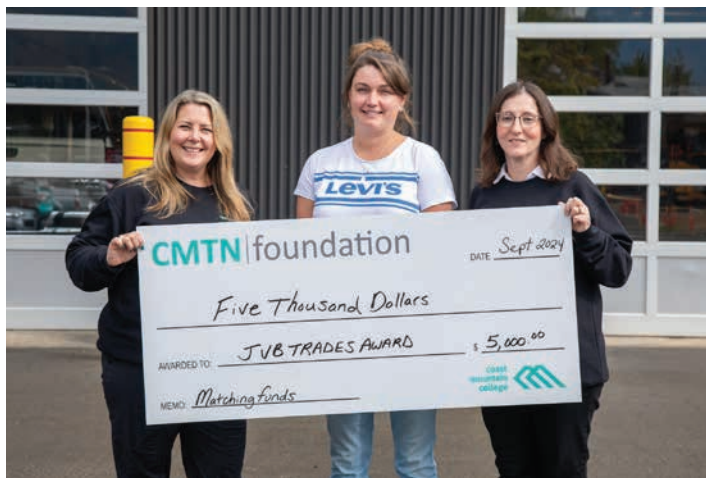
Foundation (37 weeks)



Discover More

Upgrading – Trades Pathway

Missing some admission requirements for your trades program? CMTN offers tuition-free high school courses in-person and online. If you're not sure where you should start, contact one of our Educational Advisors for assistance: advising@coastmountaincollege.ca.



Fund Your Education

Over 200 awards, bursaries, and scholarships are given out to CMTN students every year, many of which are specific to trades students.

Four out of five aid applicants were successful in receiving financial assistance.

In the 2024-2025 academic year, we gave out over **\$250,000** in financial aid to students, excluding entrance awards.

Learn more: coastmountaincollege.ca/financial-aid

What are the top trades in-demand in BC over the next 10 years?*

*Source: WorkBC career profile & BC Labour Market Outlook for 2024-2034

8,800 Chefs and cooks	4,500 Barbers and hairstylists	2,900 Electricians
8,500 Carpenters	2,700 Welders	5,310 Automotive service technicians
		5,310 Heavy duty equipment technicians

Here to Support You



Academic/Course Support

Advisors, accessibility services, and learner services can provide one-on-one support to help you succeed with your courses and program.

coastmountaincollege.ca/student-services



Health and Wellness

Your well-being is a priority. Our Director of Student Health Services can help you navigate and access resources for your mental and physical health.

coastmountaincollege.ca/health-wellness



Indigenous Student Support

First Nations Access Coordinators are here to help with every step of your educational journey. Connect with them here:

coastmountaincollege.ca/indigenous-resources



Student Life

- Meet friends and engage in free events and activities throughout the school year with our Student Engagement team.
- Campus libraries have equipment for loan including bikes, snowshoes, basketballs, and much more!

Frequently Asked Questions – Trades Foundation Programs

Q. Are trades programs offered at all campuses?

A. All trades programs are offered at our Terrace campus, but select programs are occasionally offered at other locations across Northwest BC. Please see website for details.

Q. How much is it going to cost?

A. Costs will vary depending on your chosen trade. You can view specific costs on our website by selecting your trade and clicking on “Program fees”: coastmountaincollege.ca/trades. If you think you might need financial assistance, please contact the financial aid office: financialaid@coastmountaincollege.ca

Q. What materials and equipment will I need?

A. In addition to tuition costs, your program may require toolkits, textbooks or online learning resources, a laptop, school supplies, appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), and student ID cards. Refer to our website for more information on your specific program.



How to Apply

- Choose your program at coastmountaincollege.ca/trades.
- Apply online at apply.educationplannerbc.ca or complete an application for admission through any campus registration desk.
- Register for your program. Fees are due 10 days before the program start date. Pay tuition in-person or over the phone.

Connect with us!

Book a campus tour

- experience our shops and campus spaces firsthand.

Get help with your application

- we'll guide you through every step.

Explore financial aid and community funding

- discover options to make your training affordable.

Ask us anything

- no question is too big or too small.

Whatever your pathway,
we are here to help every step of the way.



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Toll-free all campuses: 1.877.277.2288