

# Carpenter



*Do what you love... Love what you do... Do what you love... Love what you do... Do what you love... Love what you do... Do what you love...*

## BUILD YOUR FUTURE

If you would like constructing, erecting and repairing buildings and other structures made of wood, wood substitutes, steel and other materials, then a career as a carpenter may be for you. You will enjoy the combination of on the job technical training in an earn while you learn environment.

## About the Apprenticeship

Apprenticeship is a combination of on-the-job and technical training in an earning-while learning arrangement that leads to certification as a journeyman in a recognized trade. The apprenticeship programs at Olds College are under the administration of Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training.

Apprentices work under a qualified tradesman becoming familiar with the principles, skills, tools and materials of a trade. Depending on the trade, the term of apprenticeship varies from two to four years. Olds College provides technical training for four year trades. During this time, apprentices are indentured (under contract) to an employer(s) who agree to provide opportunities for apprentices to work and gain experience in the trade, and to attend in-school technical training.

Apprentices are usually paid an hourly wage, which increases according to their time, and experience in the trade. Rate of pay is based on a specific percentage of the prevailing journeyman's wage in their shop.

Registered apprentices receive notification listing the dates for technical training sessions at Olds College, which provides training for their specific trade from Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training. Olds College is currently offering first period training in this trade. Subsequent periods of training may be offered, but are currently subject to approval. Apprentices are encouraged to register by calling Olds College as soon as they receive their notification in early May to ensure a seat, as spaces are allocated on first come, first serve basis.

# Apprenticeship



## What people say about us...

*"I feel I have had very good instruction. The facilities are good and I'm enjoying the program. I hope to continue right through into the second period."*

— Lee Minor

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# Program Description

## First Period Training - Topics Include:

Safety, Building Materials, Hand and Power Tools, Site Preparation and Building Layout, Foundation, Floor Frame, Estimating and Plans.

## Second Period Training - Topics Include:

Frame Structures, Residential Roofs, Interior and Exterior Finishes, Wood Stairs, Estimating and Plans.

## Third Period Training - Topics Include:

Safety, Concrete, Building Layout, Commercial Formwork, Commercial Interiors and Timber Construction, Estimating and Plans.

# Admission Requirements

## Applicants must have:

Applicants must have the following:

Completion of Grade 9 or successful completion of an Apprenticeship Entrance Exam or participate in an Educational Improvement course with a Grade 9 level.

## Application Procedure

To enter an apprenticeship program and become an apprentice, registrants must be at least 16 years of age and have the educational qualifications for the specific trade. Apprentices attending Olds College must be first indentured as apprentices in the Province of Alberta unless special circumstances exist.

All applications and inquiries regarding becoming an apprentice should be made to a Regional Service Centre of Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training.

Prospective apprentices are encouraged to visit the Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Web site [www.tradesecrets.gov.ab.ca](http://www.tradesecrets.gov.ab.ca).



## Career Opportunities

Career opportunities may vary according to the type of job.

Residential jobs involve cribbing basements, framework, building walls, roofs, exterior and interior finishes, installing doors, windows, flooring, cabinets, stairs, handrails, paneling, moulding and ceiling tiles.

Commercial or industrial jobs building concrete forms, scaffolding, bridges, trestles, tunnels, shelters, towers and other structures.

## What people say about us...

*"The teachers spend time with individual students. They work with you around your schedule and make efforts to handle every unique situation. Its a great program and awesome to be here."*

John Patterson

## What people say about us...

*"I really appreciate the small class size. It helps with getting more one-on-one instruction. Also the instructors really take an interest in our education. They want us to pass."*

Eric Ritchie

*Olds College leads real-life, hands-on education in Canada. We help you explore your passion.*



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