



Selkirk College

# ACE IT

ACCELERATED CREDIT ENROLMENT IN INDUSTRY TRAINING

*Gain skills and qualifications as an apprentice before you complete high school. Study a trade-based program offered collaboratively between regional high schools and Selkirk College, with funding provided by the BC government's Industry Training Authority (ITA) for each participating student.*

### GET A HEAD START ON TECHNICAL TRAINING

ACE IT gives high school students the opportunity to receive post-secondary Foundation/Apprenticeship Level 1 Technical Training in a variety of trade areas. Participating students are registered as an apprentice with the Industry Training Authority (ITA) with their School District as their sponsor. The program is open to students in Grades 11 or 12, who are 15-19 years old and who have not achieved Ministry of Education graduation.

### ACE IT PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

- Carpentry Foundation
- Electrical Foundation
- Hairstylist
- Heavy Mechanical
- Metal Fabricator
- Millwright/Machinist
- Professional Cook Training
- Welding

### SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Through ACE IT students receive a combination of practical, hands-on and theory based training leading to graduation and recognized industry certification. ACE IT is a dual credit program—successful students receive high school graduation credits (credits vary depending upon program), Level 1 Technical Training credential plus Work-Based Training hours credited towards apprenticeship requirements.

### WHERE ARE THE PROGRAMS LOCATED?

Trades programs are taught at Selkirk College, Silver King Campus and Tenth Street Campuses in Nelson.

### WHEN DO ACE IT PROGRAMS START?

Programs typically start August/September and/or February each year.

### PROGRAM FUNDING

Full or partial funding is available for ACE IT students (funding varies by school district). Further funding is available through the Selkirk College Secondary School Transitions Award (*Please note: This funding varies year to year and is based on financial need*). Visit [selkirk.ca/internal-awards](http://selkirk.ca/internal-awards)

### HOW TO APPLY

**Remember it's best to apply in Grade 10 or at the beginning of Grade 11.**

1. Select a program, review prerequisites and check start dates.
2. Download the ACE IT application form (PDF) at [www.itabc.ca/youth/programs#ace-it](http://www.itabc.ca/youth/programs#ace-it)
3. Submit the completed application to your high school counsellor or ACE IT representative.
4. Meet with your school counsellor or ACE IT rep to review your eligibility/suitability for the program. Applications are evaluated based on factors including trades program pre-requisites, high school attendance record, attitude and maturity, etc.
  - a. Create an education plan to ensure you are set to graduate from high school
  - b. Create a financial aid plan as to how you will secure funds to pay for this education (if not fully funded by the ITA/School District).

### MORE INFORMATION

Speak to your high school counsellor to find out how you can study an ACE IT program.

Visit the ITA website to view the ACE IT program guide: [www.itabc.ca/youth/educators#ace-it](http://www.itabc.ca/youth/educators#ace-it)

*I have always taken classes above my grade, so I thought it was a great opportunity. Who gets to go to college when they're still in high school?*

AMBER BECKJORD, SELKIRK COLLEGE HAIRSTYLIST & ACE IT PROGRAM GRADUATE. GOLD MEDAL WINNER AT THE BC SKILLS COMPETITION IN HAIRDRESSING.



# YOUR PATHWAY TO LEARNING A TRADE

Many start their apprenticeship after they graduate high school through direct entry into the workforce.

You can save some of the labour and ladder into a Level 2 apprenticeship through **Selkirk's Foundation programs** and the **ACE-IT program** for highschool students. Speak to your high school counsellor for more information.



## Lay the Foundation

Start with 18-36 weeks during your grade 12 year or after high school graduation.

Programs include Carpentry Foundation, Electrical Foundation, Hairstylist, Heavy Mechanical, Metal Fabricator, Millwright/Machinist, Professional Cook Training and Welding.



PLANT OPERATOR



Industry Recognized Certificate of Completion

HAIRSTYLIST



Certificate of Qualification

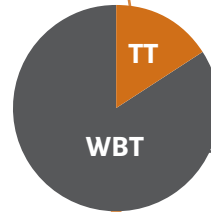


Certificate of Apprenticeship

On completion of Foundation Training/ACE IT, most students qualify for entry into Level 2 apprenticeship in the following areas:

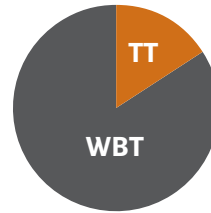
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Technical Training

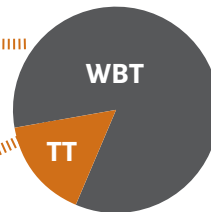


Workbased Training (WBT)

\$\$ Level 2



\$\$\$ Level 3



\$\$\$\$ Level 4