



Exploring Skilled Trades Program

SAIT

Helping junior high students and teachers explore pathways in the trades

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Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge that the Town of Olds is on the traditional territories of the people of the Treaty 7 Region of Alberta, which includes the Blackfoot Confederacy (the Siksika, Piikani, and Kainai First Nations), as well as the Tsuut'ina First Nation and the Stoney Nakoda (the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Goodstoney First Nation). This area is also home to the Métis Nation of Alberta.

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- Provides **accessible and structured** learning content.
- Aims to **bridge knowledge gaps** about trades careers.
- Supports students in making **informed career decisions**.

Program Overview

- **Online resource** – A dedicated platform providing a centralized hub for skilled trades information.
- **Addressing knowledge gaps** – Helps students and educators understand trade career options.
- **For junior high students & teachers** – Designed to introduce trades at an early stage.
- **Comprehensive learning approach** – Integrates existing trade-related resources into one place.

Key Features

- **8 hours of online content** – Engaging and interactive modules to introduce skilled trades.
- **Equitable access** – Ensures that students in rural or remote areas can participate.
- **Supports hands-on activities** – Can be used as a supplement to practical experiences.
- **Prepares students for events** – Ideal for pre- and post-event learning (e.g., Jill of All Trades).

Development and Collaboration

- **SAIT stakeholder consultations** – Ensuring alignment with educational best practices.
- **School board partnerships** – Working with educators to tailor content to student needs.
- **Third-party content development** – Collaborating with experts to create engaging digital learning materials.
- **Five school boards involved** – A broad collaboration to ensure comprehensive representation.

The 4 A's Framework

Access – Making skilled trades information available to as many students as possible, regardless of location.

Awareness – Introducing trades early to broaden students' career perspectives.

Aptitude – Helping students recognize the skills required and assess their own strengths.

Awesomeness – Showcasing the creativity, innovation, and opportunities in trades careers.

How It Works

For Teachers:

- Register on the platform and create an account.
- Receive a unique access code to share with students.
- Monitor student progress and engagement through the dashboard.

For Students:

- Create an account and use the teacher's access code.
- Gain access to engaging online content.
- Explore trade career pathways and track progress on activities

Completion



Participation and Next Steps

- Visit exploringskilledtrades.ca to sign up and explore available content.
- Educators can integrate the modules into their curriculum.
- Schools and organizations can use this as a pre-event or follow-up tool for hands-on learning experiences.
- Join the initiative and help expand awareness about career opportunities in skilled trades!

Thank you!

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