

Skilled Trades - Apprenticeship Training Programs



Confederation College is located in the city of Thunder Bay, a culturally diverse community that serves as the education and government hub of northwestern Ontario. Located in the heart of one of the finest outdoor recreation and tourism destinations in Canada, Confederation College students enjoy the benefits of living and learning in a community that provides a rich lifestyle right at your doorstep.

At Confederation College we change lives through learning. We are committed to meeting the needs of our learners, employers and communities, and we are here to help you succeed in meeting your life goals. To arrange for a Thunder Bay campus tour call (807) 475-6110 or [book a tour online](#).

CAMPUSES

Thunder Bay »

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P.O. Box 398
Thunder Bay, ON
Canada P7C 4W1

Dryden »

Fort Frances »

Geraldton »

Kenora »

Marathon »

Red Lake »

Sioux Lookout »

Wawa »

ADMISSIONS

The minimum admission requirement for a postsecondary program is an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, or its equivalent, with minimally 2 senior credits at the college, college/university or university preparation level. Some programs have additional admission requirements. For specific admission requirements, please see the program descriptions included in this publication, visit the [Admissions website](#) or contact our Admissions Office at (807) 475-6213.

SERVICES FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

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Admissions & Recruitment »	(807) 475-6213
Career & Placement Services »	(807) 475-6193
Centre for Continuing Education »	(807) 475-6550
Counselling Services »	(807) 475-6110
Distance Education »	1-800-563-9435
Financial Aid »	(807) 475-6637
Fitness Centre »	(807) 475-6239
General Inquiry »	(807) 475-6110
Health Centre »	(807) 475-6169
International Students »	(807) 475-6175
Learning Centre »	(807) 475-6618
Library Learning Commons »	(807) 475-6219
Negahneewin College of Academic & Community Development »	(807) 475-6465
Oshki Anishnawbeg Student Assoc. »	(807) 475-6314
Registration Services »	(807) 475-6265
Residence/Housing »	(807) 475-6381
Student Union »	(807) 475-6226

Apprenticeship Training Programs

We offer a selection of apprenticeship training opportunities for people working in skilled trades areas who want to expand and refine their skills to a new level of proficiency.

- There are more than 130 skilled occupations that can be practiced through Ontario's apprenticeship training system. Chefs, educational assistants and plumbers are all defined as "skilled trades," and represent occupations that are integral to the functioning of Ontario's economy.
- Becoming an apprentice is the best way to begin on a promising career path. Skilled workers are in high demand by all kinds of industry.
- Apprentices learn a skilled occupation by combining in-school training courses with paid on-the-job training. About 90 per cent of apprenticeship training is provided in the workplace by an employer, while the remainder involves in-school instruction at a training institution like Confederation College.

How long do apprenticeship training programs last?

Most apprenticeships last two to five years, with most time spent on a work site.

What are the apprentice entrance requirements?

In general, it is best to have a minimum of Grade 12 for most skilled occupations. Apprentices must be at least 16 years old.

How do I get started to become an apprentice?

There are three ways to become an apprentice:

- an applicant can find an employer who is willing to train
- enroll in a pre-apprenticeship program like the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) through their secondary school; or
- contact the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities Apprenticeship Branch
Thunder Bay, Ontario Office 807-346-1550

People who want to become apprentices usually apply directly to employers, unions or joint apprenticeship training committees for the trade they are interested in.

How do I register?

Apprentices are registered by the regional office of the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Workplace Training Branch. Unless you are in a pre-apprenticeship program or a co-apprenticeship program, you cannot register for an apprenticeship at Confederation College. You or your future employer can call the regional office and ask one of the training consultants to visit your workplace. The

consultant will make sure that you both understand what apprenticeship is all about.

How can I get more information on the "in-school component" of apprenticeship training?

Call the School of Engineering Technology and Trades at Confederation College 807-475-6384.

The following is a list of the Apprenticeship Programs offered at Confederation College:

- Automotive Service Technician
- General Carpenter
- Cook
- Electrical Construction and Maintenance
- Industrial Electrician
- [Instrumentation Co-op Diploma Apprenticeship ...](#)
- Heavy Duty Equipment Technician
- Industrial Mechanic Millwright
- Roofer
- Truck and Coach Technician
- Welding

Admission Requirements

For admissions information specific to this program please contact us at (807) 475-6110

