

## Apprenticeship

An apprentice is someone who learns a skilled trade on the job, under the direction of more experienced workers. Becoming an apprentice can be an important first step to learning new skills and building a rewarding career. Jobs in the skilled trades pay well, are interesting, challenging and you can earn while you learn. Our Employment Specialists can provide guidance while you explore apprenticeship as a career path.

### Job Seeker Pathways to Apprenticeship

There are many different ways you can get apprenticeship training and prepare for a new career.

- **Co-Op Diploma Apprenticeship Programs**  
Co-Op Diploma Apprenticeship programs allow you to get apprenticeship training while earning a college diploma. <http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/apprentices/coop.html>
- **Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP)**  
OYAP allows high school students to learn about apprenticeship training and have an opportunity to begin apprenticeship training while you are still in high school. <http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/apprentices/oyap.html>
- **Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program**  
This program helps unemployed individuals upgrade and develop your job skills which can lead to an apprenticeship. [http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/apprentices/pre\\_apprent.html](http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/apprentices/pre_apprent.html)

### Resources:

- **Information for Apprentices & Employers Looking to Find Apprentices:**  
<http://www.apprenticesearch.com/>
- **Apprenticeship Offices by Location:**  
<http://services.findhelp.ca/eo/tcu/appoff>
- **Ontario College of Trades:**  
<http://www.collegeoftrades.ca/trades>
- **Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities:**  
<http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/employmentontario/training/>



Additional resources can be found on our [Links and Tools](#) page.

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