

Alberta's Next Generation Workforce

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In Alberta and around the world, efforts to integrate 21st century skills into teaching and learning to prepare students for a global, knowledge-based economy are often referred to as the skills movement.

THE SKILLS MOVEMENT IN ALBERTA

- Alberta has 10 per cent of Canada's working age population, but employs and trains more than 20 per cent of Canada's apprentices.
- Alberta has produced more tradespeople with an Interprovincial Standards Red Seal than any other jurisdiction in Canada.
- There are more than 70,000 registered apprentices in Alberta.
- The apprenticeship and industry training system produces a highly skilled, internationally competitive workforce in 50 designated trades and nine designated occupations.

TECHNICAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- Apprenticeship technical training is offered at 11 public post-secondary institutions across the province.
- While in high school, students can become apprentices through the Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP). In RAP, students obtain hours of on-the-job training and work experience as credit toward both an apprenticeship program and a high school diploma while earning an income.

For information on apprenticeship and industry training, visit www.tradesecrets.gov.ab.ca

PROVINCIAL SKILLS PARTNER ORGANIZATION

- Skills Canada Alberta is a provincially funded not-for-profit organization under the national umbrella of Skills Competence Canada.
- Throughout the year, this organization administers provincial grants for career and technology studies and coordinates regional and provincial skills competitions.

For more information on Skills Canada Alberta, visit www.skillsalberta.com

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- Alberta's revised Career and Technology Studies (CTS) program is a complementary program designed for secondary school students as a program of choice.
- CTS offers all students important learning opportunities to:
 - refine career-planning skills,
 - develop technology-related skills,
 - enhance employability skills,
 - apply and reinforce learning developed in other subject areas, and
 - prepare for transition into the community, post-secondary education or training and the workplace.

To learn about high school career and technology studies courses, visit www.education.alberta.ca

CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND LABOUR MARKET SERVICES

- Albertans have access to a variety of career information resources, including interactive CDs, on-line and print materials.
- Topics include → choosing a career path → planning for post-secondary learning → accessing funding for education and training → finding employment → adapting to change or moving from one job or occupation to another.
- The province's network of 40 Labour Market Information Centres provides in-person career and employment services informing individuals, communities and employers about labour market trends and training and education opportunities.

For resources on career planning, job search, education and training or credentials recognition, visit www.alis.alberta.ca

To learn about safe and fair workplaces, visit www.employment.alberta.ca