NORTHERN LIGHTS COLLEGE
REGISTRAR'S OFFICE
PROGRAM INFORMATION AND COMPLETION GUIDE

Program Name: Enhanced Carpentry Foundation
Credential/Certification: Certificate in Enhanced Carpentry Foundation
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Program Description: The Enhanced Carpentry Foundation Program is a 32-week program in which students earn credit for Carpentry Levels 1 and 2 technical training. Theoretical and practical instruction is provided through a variety of projects including stairs, concrete forms, framed floors, walls and roofs, finishing work and rigging/hoisting. Students will spend approximately seventy percent of their time in practical skill development by participating in the building of a construction project from start to lock-up stage.
Individuals who successfully complete the Enhanced Carpentry Foundation program will receive 450 work-based hours towards the completion of their Carpentry Apprenticeship.
A February reading week is included in this program (exact dates will vary).

Admission Requirements:
Math – one of the following:
BC Math 10 (minimum final grade of C+), or BC Math 11 or BC Math 12 (minimum final grade of C), or equivalent.
MATH 030 or higher, with a minimum final grade of C+, or equivalent.

English – one of the following:
BC Language Arts 10 Courses – 4 credits earned, minimum individual grade of C+, or equivalent.
BC Language Arts 11 Courses – 4 credits earned, minimum individual grade of C+, or equivalent.
BC Language Arts 12 Courses – 4 credits earned, minimum individual grade of C+, or equivalent.
ENGL 030 or higher, with a minimum final grade of C+, or equivalent.
IELTS score of 5.5 overall with no band less than 5.0 or equivalent English placement test and score.

OR

ESTR 037 (Intermediate-Level Essential Skills for Trades) with a minimum final grade of 67%.

OR

Successful completion of the NLC POWER program.

Post-Admission Requirements:
After being accepted into the program but before the add/drop date, students will be required to provide proof of the following certifications:
• Intermediate First Aid
• Industrial Worker Fall Protection

* All certificates must be valid for the duration of the program. Failure to provide proof may result in immediate dismissal from the program.

Length of Program: (weeks and total hours) 32 weeks (960 hours)

Program Intake: (start/finish dates)
September to April

Available Seats: 14

Application Deadline: All completed applications must be received one month prior to the start of the program. Completed applications received after this date will be reviewed based on seat availability.

Career Prospects: There are excellent opportunities for carpenters in both local and regional industries. They can be employed by construction companies, contractors or as part of the maintenance departments of factories, plants and other industries. Carpenters can also be self-employed.

Affiliations/Partnerships: Skilled Trades BC (STBC), SD 59, 60, 81 and 87

Location: Dawson Creek

Additional Requirements/Supplies: (fees, supplies, materials)
A complete list of tools and equipment will be provided upon acceptance into the program.

Students are required to have a computer (laptop or other mobile device) with minimum computer requirements as listed on the NLC website (www.nlc.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Minimum_Computer_Requirements_2025.pdf).

Students will require appropriate personal safety clothing, coveralls, CSA approved steel toed boots, hard hat, gloves, goggles and ear protection.

Eligibility for Canada Student Loans: (Yes or No)
Yes

Required Minimum Grade: (overall and/or minimum within a course)
70%

Residency Requirement: (percentage of courses which must be taken at NLC)
100% or approval of the Dean

Required Courses: (list courses required to complete credential)
CARP 150 Enhanced Carpenter Foundation Level 1 (600 hours)
CARP 250 Enhanced Carpenter Foundation Level 2 (360 hours)