

Career Ed. Newsletter- March 2026

Career Ed. Report

With February well underway SD53 currently has 64 students accessing dual credit post-secondary and trades training programs from 7 different institutions.

Our Careers teachers recently attended the Career Education Society of BC Conference in Vernon. The conference provided valuable insight into opportunities available to students and an appreciation of the collaboration required across all levels of government to successfully create and sustain dual credit programming.

Skilled Trades BC publicly acknowledged School District 53's contribution and the work that we do supporting our youth in trades. Skilled Trades BC did a promotional video with Siobhan Detkavich who acknowledged her start as a professional cook in PC 1 course hosted in our district together with Camosun College.

On February 20, we took 90 students to Skills Canada Regional competition at Okanagan college in Kelowna. All our students did an awesome job the competitions, and we're excited to send our winners to the Provincials on April 15th.

Congratulations to Blake Kriesel (SOSS) and Taylor St. Cyr (SESS) for being selected to attend the Youth RCMP Academy in Vernon April 25-29

Up Coming Events :

Minerva Womens Leadership Forum	March 4th
Interior Health Career Exploration	March 10th
Skills Canada Provincials- Tradex	April 15th
OC Jill of Trades Female Trade Event	April 28th
Youth RCMP Academy	April 25th-29th
Experience Okanagan College Penticton	May 4th
SD53 Wilderness Career Fair- Camp Boyle	May 7th

Please use the link to view information on the Health Care Sampler:
Health Care Sampler

Skills Canada Winners:

Silver in Spaghetti Bridge:

OSS- John Bourne, Cohen Hesketh
Grayden Klein Hofmeijer, Joel Parker

Jr. Spaghetti Bridge Bronze:

SESS - Zack Nelson, Partap Brar,
Sukhman Rai

Sr. Carpentry Gold:

OSS - Alex Satterfield

Sr. Electronics Gold:

OSS - Emmett Madsen

Jr. Gravity Vehicle Gold:

OSS - Selina Backstrom-Resch,
Avery Lockerby, Shanica Szarka,
Charlie Redenbach,

Jr. Gravity Vehicle Silver:

OSS - Maye McDonald, Liliana Bento,
Elena Bento, Mila Keller

Jr. Gravity Vehicle Bronze:

SESS - Luka Manazza, Carson Whelpton

Sumo Robots Gold:

SESS - Kai Rivest, Matteo Manazza

Jr. Sumo Robots Silver:

OSS - Addison Dortman, Grace Kelly

Current Offerings

SEATS ARE AVAILABLE FOR 26/27

Early Childhood Educator,
Refrigeration & Air Conditioning
Mechanic,
Welding,
Automotive Service Technician,
Heavy Duty Mechanics,
Health Care Aid,
Business Administration,
Technology Sampler,
Carpentry
Plumbing
Aircraft Maintenance Engineering
Structures,
Electrician,
Professional Cook,
Trades Sampler,
Health Sampler,
Engineering Sampler,
Academic Dual Credit,
Office Administration,
Nail Technician,
Hairdressing,
Leadership in Action,



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Health Care Sampler at OC

February - June




A 16 week introductory program giving students the opportunity to explore a variety of **high demand** health care careers. Try out **job-related tasks**, discover where your **interests fit**, and learn what it takes to **enter the field**.

Two nights a week online and biweekly Saturday classes at OC and will introduce students to:

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Health Office Administration
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Dental Health
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Pharmacy
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Nursing
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Social Work/ Counselling
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Allied Health

Ready to explore a career in health care?

Scan the QR Code and a staff member from the SD53 Careers Department will get in touch with you



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