

Career Ed. Newsletter- February 2026

Career Ed. Report

As we wind down semester one, WEX students and Youth Work in Trades students are finishing hours and completing final assignments. While Train in Trades students continue to work in their programs at OC.

With Semester 2 approaching School District 53, has 21 students starting trade programs at Okanagan College, Camosun College and UFV, as well as 5 students starting academic dual credit programs for the winter semester at OC, TRU and College of the Rockies. The success that SD53 students are having in post-secondary dual credit courses can be attributed to having support through their transition from secondary to post-secondary.

Trades programs throughout the province fill up quickly so if the school district needs to secure more than our priority seats it is important that students interested in dual credit programs apply when applications open.

Skills Canada Regionals is just around the corner on February 20, 2026. All three secondary schools have students competing in a variety of skills.

Finally, our dedicated careers team and CLE and CLC teachers will be attending the Career Educator Society's interior mini conference.

Up Coming Events :

Interior Health Career Exploration
February 10th

Career Education Society Interior Conference
February 13th

Skills Canada Regionals
February 20th

Check out this link for more information about the ECE program:
[Early Childhood Education-Okanagan College](#)

WORK EXPERIENCE



Work Experience prepares students transitioning from secondary school to the world of work. It consists of 100 hours of work at a work site, combined with 20 hours of related career and work experience assignments.



The Goals of Work Experience

- Students have the opportunity to observe and practice generic employability skills required in the workplace, as well as technical and applied skills relating to occupations or industries.
- Connect what they learn in the classroom with the skills, knowledge and attitudes needed in the workplace to be successful
- Develop job readiness skills for specific occupations and careers
- Understand the similarities and differences in behavior standards between the workplace and school



What does the course consist of?

- Unpaid work meant to gain employability skills, many students turn their placements into paid jobs.
- Provide work to an employer with a Placement Agreement in place, ensuring that students are covered by the Ministry of Education's Workers Compensation plan- The School District will handle any WCB claim.
- Students must complete all safety assignments and provide documentation prior to commencing work experience at the placement

READY TO EXPLORE CAREER EDUCATION WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM?

Scan the QR Code and a staff member from the SD53 Careers Department will get in touch with you
Have a question? Email Mr. Turnbull at: bturnbul@sd53.bc.ca



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,