

Career Training Available in Northern BC



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1. Introduction

Northern BC is in a period of growth not seen since the 1950s-1970s era of province building. Communities and regions are experiencing transformational change as the industrial manufacturing and natural resource sector – including oil and gas, mining, forestry, and energy – expands and renews. Expanding industrial markets are often accompanied by an increased need for skilled workers. Recent research, however, has identified a shortage in skilled workers and whether or not there is available training for these sectors is in question.

In December of 2013, an exploration was performed to uncover the presence and availability of career oriented training programs, including skilled trades programs, in Northern British Columbia. To carry out this task, this project compiled tables of the career oriented programs available at four educational institutions in Northern British Columbia:

- the College of New Caledonia,
- Northern Lights College,
- Northwest Community College, and
- the University of Northern British Columbia.

To complete the tables, the proceeding questions were asked about each career oriented training program:

- What will the training result in (e.g. certification, ticket, diploma, etc.)?
- What is the length of the training program?
- What are all the locations that the training program is offered at?
- What are the prerequisites required to gain acceptance to the training program?

The following pages depict answers to these questions using tables developed for all of the aforementioned educational institutions. The tables only include programs that are career oriented, meaning the program trains an individual to do a specific job. Programs that do not train for a specific career, but instead provide a general skill set are excluded from these tables (e.g. Bachelor of Arts in English). Continuing studies programs are also included in these tables. It should be noted that many of the training programs included in the table will only run if they have enough students to make the course viable. Many of the programs are also only offered intermittently and are not available annually.

2. Table of Career Oriented Training Available

2.1 College of New Caledonia

Table 2-1 - CNC Career Oriented Training Available

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|---|---|-------------------|---|--|
| ABT Admin Assistant | Certificate | FT – 34 weeks | Burns Lake Prince George Vanderhoof, Mackenzie, Quesnel | Grade 12 or equivalent English 12 Keyboarding proficiency assessment |
| Accounting and Finance | Diploma | FT or PT 2 years | Prince George | Grade 12 or equivalent English 12 Foundations Math 11 |
| Air Conditioning Basics | Certificate | FT – 12 hours | Prince George | CFC Certification |
| Autobody Repair: Foundation Level (Motor Vehicle Body Repair) | ITA Certificate of Completion and credit for level 1 technical training | FT – 30 weeks | Prince George | Grade 10 English 10 Apprenticeship and Workplace Math 10 |

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|---|---|--------------------|--|---|
| Automotive Service Technician: Foundation Level | ITA Certificate of Completion and credit for level 1 technical training | FT – 30 weeks | Prince George | English 10 Apprenticeship and Workplace Math 11 |
| Automotive Service Technician: Levels 1-4 | Levels 1-4 Certificates | Varies | Prince George Quesnel (Levels 2-4) | Work based training hours |
| BC Hydro Electric Utility Fundamentals | Certificate | PT – 120 hours | Online (Prince George) | NONE |
| Boiler Safety Awareness | Exam preparation | FT – 8 hours | Prince George | NONE |
| Bookkeeping | Certificate | FT or PT – 2 years | Prince George | English 11 Apprenticeship & Workplace Math 11 |
| Business Admin | Certificate | FT or PT – 1 year+ | Vanderhoof Prince George Quesnel Some individual courses may be available at other campuses | Grade 12 or equivalent English 12 Foundations Math 11 |
| Business Admin | Diploma | FT or PT – 2 years | Prince George | Grade 12 or equivalent English 12 Foundations Math 11 |

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------|---|---|
| Business of a Photographer: Going Pro | Course Credit | PT – 24 hours | Prince George | None |
| Carpentry: Foundation Level | ITA Certificate of Completion and credit for level 1 technical training | FT – 21 weeks | Burns Lake Mackenzie Prince George Quesnel | Grade 10 English 10 Apprenticeship and Workplace Math 11 |
| Carpentry: Levels 1-4 | Levels 1-4 Certificate | Varies | Burns Lake, Fort St. James, Mackenzie, Prince George, Quesnel and Vanderhoof | Work based training hours |
| Carpentry: Levels 2-4 | Levels 2-4 Certificate | Varies | Burns Lake Fort St. James Mackenzie Prince George Quesnel Vanderhoof | Work based training hours |
| Carpentry: Review for Red Seal Exam | Exam Preparation | PT – 70-80 hours | Prince George | ITA requirements for exam challenge |
| CFC/HCFC/HFC Control and Recovery | Certificate from the Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Institute of Canada (HRAI) | PT – 8 hours | Prince George | None |

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|---|--|-------------------|--|--|
| Commercial transport Mechanic Training: Years 1-4 | Levels 1-3 Heavy Duty Mechanics certificate Year 4 Commercial Transport Certificate | Varies | Burns Lake, Fort St. James Mackenzie Prince George Quesnel Vanderhoof | Work based training hours |
| Community Support Worker | Certificate | PT – 1 year | Prince George | English 12 |
| Computer/Network Electronics Technician | Certificate | FT – 1 year | Prince George | Grade 12 or equivalent English 12 Foundations of Math 11 |
| Computer Science | University transfer credits | FT or PT – 1 year | Prince George | Grade 12 or equivalent English 12 |
| Construction Safety Officer | Certificate | FT – 80 hours | Prince George | 19 years of age One year of relevant experience |
| Dental Assisting | Certificate | FT – 1 year | Prince George | Grade 12 or equivalent English 12 Biology 12 |

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|--|------------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| Dental Hygiene | Diploma | FT – 2 years | Prince George | English 12 Bio 12 Chem 11 Foundation Math 11 1 st year university courses: Biology, Psychology, Chemistry, English, and Stats |
| Dental Office Receptionist | Course Credit | PT – 60 hours | Prince George | Grade 10 or equivalent |
| Designated Inspection Facility Operator | Training | PT – 8 hours | Prince George | None |
| Driver Training: Air Brakes | Training for licensing | PT – 20 hours | Burns Lake Fort St. James Fraser Lake Mackenzie Vanderhoof | None |
| Driver Training: Class 4 or 5, with Endorsement 20 | Training for licensing | Varies | Fort St. James Fraser Lake Vanderhoof | None |
| Driver Training: Class 4 or 5, with Endorsement 51 | Training for licensing | Varies | Fort St. James Fraser Lake Vanderhoof | None |

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|--|---|---------------------|---|--|
| Driver Training: Class 4, Unrestricted | Training for licensing | PT – 4 hours | Burns Lake Fort St. James Fraser Lake Vanderhoof | 19 years of age |
| Early Childhood Education | Certificate | FT or PT – 9 months | Burns Lake Quesnel Prince George | Grade 12 or equivalent English 12 |
| Early Childhood Education: Aboriginal Specialization | Certificate | FT or PT – 38 weeks | Fort St. James Online (Mackenzie) | Grade 12 or equivalent English 12 |
| Education Assistant | Certificate | PT – 1 year | Quesnel Prince George | English 12 |
| Electrical: Foundation Level | ITA Certificate of Completion and credit for level 1 technical training | FT – 20 weeks | Mackenzie Prince George Quesnel | English 11 Math 11 Physics 11 |
| Electrical: Levels 1-4 | Levels 1 - 4 Certificate | Varies | Prince George | Work based training hours |
| Electrical: Level 2 | Level 2 Certificate | Varies | Quesnel | Work based training hours |
| Electrical: Review for Red Seal Exam | Exam Preparation | PT – 80 hours | Prince George | Meet ITA requirements for exam challenge |
| Emergency Medical Responder | Certificate | FT or PT – 3 weeks | Prince George | None |

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Engineering | Certificate in Applied Science | FT or PT – 1 year | Prince George | Grade 12 English 12 Pre- Calculus 12 Chemistry 12 Physics 12 |
| Excavator Training | Certificate | FT – 9 weeks | Fort St. James Vanderhoof | None |
| Foot Care Certificate: Advanced | Certificate | FT – 37 hours | Prince George | Must be a licensed practicing LPN, RN, or RPN. |

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Forest Industry Safety Training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All-Terrain Vehicle Rider Course • BC Faller Certification • Bear Aware • Chainsaw Safety • Environmental Management Systems • Fire Suppression • First Aid • Heat and Cold Stress • Helicopter Safety • Log Scaling and Grading • Residue and Waste Measurement • Resource Road Driving • Spill Response • Snowmobile Rider Courses • Transportation of Dangerous Goods • WHMIS • WorkSafeBC Training Modules | Certificates | FT or PT – varies | Burns Lake Mackenzie Nechako region | None |
| Forklift Operator Certification | Certificate valid for 2 years | FT – 8 hours | Burns Lake Mackenzie Prince George Vanderhoof | Prior forklift experience |

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Forklift Operator Certification: Introduction | Training | FT – 16 hours | Burns Lake Mackenzie Prince George Vanderhoof | None |
| Health Care Assistant | Certificate | FT or PT – 29 weeks | Prince George Quesnel | Grade 11 |
| Heavy Duty Mechanics/Commercial Transport Mechanical Repair: Foundation Level | ITA Certificate of Completion | FT – 30 weeks | Fort St. James Prince George | Grade 10 English 10 Apprenticeship and Workplace Math 11 |
| Heavy Duty Mechanical Repair: Levels 1-4 | Certificate | Varies | Prince George | Work based training hours |
| Heavy Equipment Operator | Certificate | FT – 5 weeks | Mackenzie Quesnel | None |
| Heritage Building Conservation | Certificate | FT or PT – 22 weeks | Quesnel | Grade 10 English 10 Principles of Math 10 |
| Holistic Massage | Certificate | PT – 24 hours | Prince George | None |
| Horticulture Tech Foundation Program | Certificate | FT – 36 weeks | Quesnel | Grade 10 English 10 Math 10 Science 10 |

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| Human Resources Management | Diploma: Post | FT or PT – 10 courses over 3 semesters | Prince George | 2 year diploma |
| Human Service Citation | Citation | PT - Varies | Prince George | English 12 |
| Industrial Mechanic Inter-Provincial Certification: Review for Exam | Exam Preparation | PT – 70-80 hours | Prince George | ITA requirements for exam challenge |
| Industrial Mechanic (Millwright)/Machinist: Foundation Level | ITA Certification of Completion and credit for level 1 technical training of their apprenticeship. | FT – 22 weeks | Burns Lake Mackenzie Prince George | Grade 10 English 10 Apprenticeship and Workplace Math 11 |
| Legal Administrative Assistant | Certificate | FT or PT – 10 courses | Online (Mackenzie) | Administrative Assistant Certificate of Office Assistant Certificate |
| Maintenance Management Professional | Certificate | PT – 225 hours | Prince George | None |
| Marketing and Management | Diploma | FT or PY – 2 years | Prince George | Grade 12 or equivalent English 12 Math 11 |
| Millwright: Levels 1-4 | Certificate of Completion for levels 1-4 | Varies | Quesnel Prince George | Work based training hours |

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|--|---|-----------------------|--|---|
| Mining Industry | Certificate | FT – 16 weeks | Burns Lake Fort St. James Mackenzie Prince George | Grade 12 or equivalent Foundations of Math 10 |
| Information and Communication Technology | Certificate | FT – 1 year | Online (Mackenzie) | Math 10 English 10 |
| Information Technologies | Post-Diploma | FT – 24 months | Prince George | Computer Science diploma or Business Information Technologies |
| Legal Admin Assistant | Certificate | FT or PT – Varies | Online (Mackenzie) | Administrative Assistant program or Office Assistant Certificate |
| Life Skills Coach | Certificate | FT – 240 hours | Prince George | Grade 12 or equivalent |
| Liquefied Petroleum Gas or Compressed Natural Gas | Certificate | PT – 24 hours | Prince George | 4th year apprentice or TQ in heavy duty, automotive or commercial transport |
| Machinist: Levels 2-4 | Certificate of Completion for levels 2-4 | NA | Prince George | Work based training hours |
| Management | Diploma | FT or PT – 2 years | Prince George | Grade 12 or Equivalent English 12 Foundations of Math 11 |

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|
| Marketing and Management | Diploma | Ft or PT – 2 years | Prince George | Grade 12 or Equivalent English 12 Foundations of Math 11 |
| Medical Device Reprocessing Technician | Certificate | FT – 420 hours | Prince George | Grade 12 CNCs Medical Terminology Course |
| Medical Lab Technology Science | Diploma | FT – 2.5 years | Prince George | Grade 12 or equivalent English 12 Biology 12 Chemistry 12 Foundations of Math 12 |
| Medical Office Assistant | Certificate | FT or PT – varies | Online (Mackenzie) | Administrative Assistant program or Office Assistant Certificate |
| Medical Radiography Technology | Diploma | FT – 2 years | Prince George | Grade 12 or equivalent English 12 Biology 12 Physics 12 Foundations of Math 12 |
| Natural Resource and Environmental Technology | Diploma | FT – 2 years | Prince George | Grade 12 or equivalent English 12 Foundations of Math 11 Biology 11 or Chemistry 11 or Physics 11 |

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|
| New Media Communications and Design | Diploma | FT – 2 years | Prince George | Grade 12 or equivalent English 12 |
| Nursing BSN | Degree: Bachelor of Science | FT or PT – 4 years | Prince George Quesnel | UNBC admission requirements Grade 12 or equivalent English 12 Math 11 Chemistry 11 Biology 12 |
| Practical Nurse | Diploma | FT – 2 years | Prince George Quesnel | Grade 12 or equivalent English 12 Math 11 Biology 130 |
| Nursing Unit Clerk | Citation | PT – 405 hours | Prince George | English 11 CNCs Medical Terminology Course |
| Office Assistant | Certificate | FT or PT – 20 courses | Online (Mackenzie) | Grade 12 or equivalent |
| Outreach Advocacy Support Worker | Certificate | FT or PT – 7 courses | Burns Lake | Grade 12 or equivalent English 12 |
| Plumbing: Foundation Level | ITA Certificate of Completion and credit for level 1 technical training of their apprenticeship | FT – 21 weeks | Prince George Quesnel | Grade 10 or equivalent Apprenticeship and Workplace Math 11 |
| Plumbing: Levels 2-4 | Certificate of completion | FT – 6weeks | Prince George Quesnel | Work based training hours |

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|---|--|-------------------|---|---|
| Power Engineering: 3rd Class Certificate | 3 rd Class Certification – (qualification to take exam) | FT – 25 weeks | Prince George | 4 th Class Power Engineering Certification |
| Power Engineering: 4th Class Certificate | 4 th Class Certification – (qualification to take exam) | FT – 1,200 hours | Prince George Quesnel | Grade 12 or equivalent |
| Primary Care Paramedic Certificate | Certificate | FT – 6 months | Prince George | 17 years of age Grade 12 English 12 |
| Professional Cook: Entry Level Training | Certificate | FT – 10 Months | Burns Lake Fort St. James Prince George | Grade 10 or equivalent English 10 Apprenticeship & Workplace Math 10 |
| Professional Cook: Level 3 | Certificate of Completion | NA | Prince George | Work based training hours |
| Project Communications & Stakeholder Management | Course | PT – 15 hours | Prince George | None |
| Provisional Prosthodontics: Clinical | 22 Continuing Education Credits | PT – 128 hours | Prince George | Certified Dental Assistant or Registered Dental Hygienist with a minimum one year of experience |
| Psychosocial Rehabilitation: Certificate in Mental Health | Certificate | PT – 120 hours | Prince George | Introduction to Mental Health course |
| Residential Construction Framing Technician | Certificate | FT – 23 weeks | Quesnel Vanderhoof | Grade 10 |
| Rigging and Lifting | Course | FT – 8 hours | Mackenzie Prince George | None |

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------|--|---|
| Road Builder and Heavy Construction: Foundation Level | Certificate of Completion | FT – 5 weeks | Available on demand at some campuses | Grade 10 English 10 Math10 |
| Skid Steer Operator: Introduction | Training | FT – 16 hours | Prince George | None |
| Skid Steer Operator | Certification | FT – 8 hours | Prince George | Prior Skid Steer Experience |
| Small Engine Repair | Certificate of Completion | PT – 30 hours | Prince George | None |
| Social Service Worker | Certificate | PT or FT – 9 months | Fort St. James Prince George Quesnel Vanderhoof | Grade 12 or equivalent English 12 |
| Social Service Worker | Diploma | PT or FT – 2 years | Prince George | Grade 12 or equivalent English 12 |
| Social Service Worker | Diploma – University Transfer | PT or FT – 2 years | Burns Lake Prince George | Grade 12 or equivalent English 12 |
| Teacher Replacement Training | Citation | FT – varies | Online (Burns Lake) | Grade 12 or equivalent English 12 Criminal Record Check Immunization Records |

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| Transportation of Dangerous Goods | Certificate | FT – 3 hours | Burns Lake Fraser Lake Fort St. John Mackenzie Prince George Vanderhoof | None |
| Travel Writing | Course | PT – 14 hours | Prince George | None |
| Vehicle Inspection | Endorsement | PT – 30 hours | Prince George | 4th year apprentice or TQ in the heavy duty, automotive or commercial transport industries |
| Welding: Level C | Level C Certificate | FT – 7 months | Burns Lake Fort St. James Prince George Quesnel | Grade 10 or equivalent English 10 Apprenticeship & Workplace Math 10 |
| Welding: Levels 1-4 | Certificate of Completion | Varies | Prince George | Work based training hours |

2.2 Northwest Community College

Table 2-2 - NCC Career Oriented Training Available

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Aboriginal Community Mental Health Worker | Certificate | FT – 25 weeks | Hazelton | English 11 |
| Accounting Cycle | Training | FT – 6 hours | Varies | None |
| Adult Special Education: Workplace Skills Training | Certificate | FT or PT – 1 year | Prince Rupert Terrace | None |
| Applied Business Technology | 3 Certificates | FT or PT – Varies | Smithers | Math 10 English 10 |
| Applied Earth & Environmental Studies | Certificate | FT – 1 year | Hazelton Houston Kitimat Masset Prince Rupert Queen Charlotte Skidegate Smithers Terrace | Currently under review |
| Archaeological & Cultural Resource Management Specialization | Degree: Associate of Arts | FT or PT – 2 years | Under review | Grade 12 |
| Automotive Service Technician: Foundation Level | Certificate | FT – 30 weeks | Terrace | Grade 12 English 10 Math 10 |
| Automotive Service Technician: Levels 2-4 | Certificates | FT – 6-7 weeks | Terrace | Currently under review |

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Basic Security Guard Training | License | FT – 40 hours | Hazelton Terrace | Must be 19 or older Grade 10 |
| Become a Veterinary Assistant | Training | Under review | Online | Under review |
| Boom Lift (Aerial) | Training | FT – 20 hours | Terrace | Under review |
| Business Administration | Certificate and Diploma | FT or PT – 3 years | Prince Rupert Terrace | English 12 Math 11 |
| Camp Operations | Under review | Under review | Under review | Under review |
| Carpentry: Foundation Level | Certificate | FT – 20 weeks | Terrace | Grade 12 recommended English 10 Math 10 |
| Carpentry: Levels 1-4 | Certificates | FT – 6 weeks | Terrace | Work hours |
| Carpentry: IP Refresher | Exam Preparation | PT – 60 hours | Terrace | Work hours |
| Cashier Training | Training | FT – 6 hours | Hazelton Terrace | None |
| Certified Utility Arborist | Certificate | FT – 6 weeks | Under review | Grade 12 recommended English 10 Math 10 |
| Coastal Eco-Adventure Tourism | Certificate | Varies | Varies | Must meet individual course requirements |
| Commercial Vehicle Inspection | Training | FT – 24 hours | Terrace | NA |
| Community Mental Health Worker | Certificate | FT – 15 weeks | Varies | English 12 |

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|---|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Comprehensive Class 1 Driver Training | Training for licensing | FT – 98 hours | Masset Prince Rupert Terrace | NA |
| Comprehensive Class 3 Driver Training | Training for licensing | FT – 70 hours | Terrace | NA |
| Cook's Helper | Certificate | FT – 13 weeks | Terrace | NA |
| Cross Connection Training (BC Waste Water) | Training | FT – 30 hours | Kitimat | NA |
| Drill Core Technician: Basic Training | Training | Under review | Under review | Under review |
| Early Childhood Education: Basic Level | Certificate | FT – 1 year | Terrace | English 12 |
| Early Childhood Education: Diploma Level | Diploma | FT – 2 years | Terrace | Post Basic Level ECE courses |
| Early Childhood Education: Post Basic Level | Certificate | FT – 1 year | Terrace | ECE certificate |
| Electrical: Foundation Level | Certificate | FT – 24 weeks | Terrace | Grade 12 recommended English 10 Math 10 |
| Electrical: Levels 1-4 | Certificate | FT – 10 weeks | Terrace | Work hours |
| Employment Skills Access | Certificates | Varies | Terrace | Must be unemployed |
| Environmental Monitor Assistant Program | Training | Under review | Under review | Under review |

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------|---|--|
| Essential Skills for Work | Certificate | FT – 25 weeks | Fort Babine Gitxaala Hazelton Houston Port Simpson Skidegate Smithers | English 020 |
| First Nations Access to Practical Nursing | Certificate | FT – 8 months | Terrace | Grade 12 English 12 Math 10 600 hours as a residential care attendant |
| First Nations Health Care Assistant | Certificate | FT – 8 months | Varies | English 10 |
| Forklift Operator | Certificate | FT – 20 hours | Prince Rupert Terrace | None |
| General Trades Labourer Training | Training | FT – 8 weeks | Terrace | None |
| Health Care Assistant | Certificate | FT – 6 months | Smithers Terrace | English 11 |
| Heavy Duty Equipment Technician / Commercial Transport: Foundation Level | Certificate | FT – 30 weeks | Terrace | Grade 10 English 10 Math 10 |
| Heavy Duty Equipment Technician: Level 1 | Certificate | Varies | Varies | Must be an apprentice |
| Heavy Equipment Operator: Foundation Level | Certificate | FT – 150 hours | Terrace | Grade 12 recommended English 10 Math 10 |

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|---|
| Heavy Equipment Operator IP Refresher Training | Exam Preparation | F – 35 hours | Terrace | Work hours |
| Heavy Equipment Operator Technician: Foundation | Certificate | FT – 5 weeks | Terrace | Grade 12 recommended Successful completion of foundation program |
| HVAC Technician | Certificate | FT or PT – 320 hours | Online | None |
| Industrial Mechanic (Millwright): Foundation Level | Certificate | FT – 20 weeks | Varies | Grade 12 recommended English 10 Math 10 |
| Industrial Mechanic (Millwright): Levels 1-4 | Certificate | Varies | Terrace | Registered apprentice |
| Information & Communications Technology | Certificate | FT or PT – 1 year | Online | English 12 Math 10 InfoTech 11 |
| Information & Communications Technology | Diploma | FT or PT – 2 years | Online | Information and Communications Technology Certificate Math 11 |
| Introduction to Forestry | Under review | FT – 12 days | Under review | Under review |
| Introduction to Metal Leaching and Acid Rock Drainage (ML/ARD) Field School | Under review | FT – 9 weeks | Under review | Under review |
| Introduction to Teaching ESL/EFL | Training | FT – 24 hours | Online | NA |
| Introduction to Trades for Women | Certificate of completion (6 trades) | FT or PT – 300 hours | Smithers Terrace | None |

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|--|--|--------------------|--|---|
| Mining Exploration Field Assistant | Under review | Under review | Under review | Under review |
| Mining Fundamentals | Training | FT – 10 weeks | Smithers Terrace | NA |
| Non-Commercial Heavy Haul Endorsement | License | FT – 21 hours | Terrace | Class 5 Drivers License |
| Northern Collaborative Baccalaureate Nursing: Registered Nurse | Degree: Bachelor of Science in Nursing | FT or PT – 4 years | Terrace | Math 11 English 12 Chemistry 11 Biology 12 |
| Occupational First Aid: Level 3 | Certificate | FT – 77 hours | Hazelton Houston Smithers Terrace | 16 years of age |
| Office Essential Skills | Training | FT – 10 weeks | Terrace | NA |
| Oil & Gas Training | Certificate | FT – 40 hours | Smithers Terrace | NA |
| Petroleum Safety Training | Training | PT – 8 hours | Hazelton Online Terrace | NA |
| Platform/Scissor Lift Operation | Training | FT – 16 hours | Terrace | NA |
| Practical Nursing | Diploma | FT – 2 years | Terrace | Grade 12 Biology 12 English 12 Math 11 |

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---|
| Pre-employment Training for Mine Jobs | Certificate | FT – 5 weeks | Under review | Under review |
| Professional Cook | Diploma | FT – 18 weeks | Terrace | Professional Cook 3 |
| Professional Cook: Levels 1 & 2 | Certificate | PT – 1 year | Terrace | Grade 12 recommended English 10 Math 10 |
| Professional Cook: Level 3 | Certificate | FT – 6 weeks | Houston Terrace | Professional Cook 2 |
| Prospecting Basic Training | Training | FT – 6 days | Under review | Under review |
| Red Cross Instructor Training Course | Certificate | FT – 32 hours | Terrace | Must be 18 years or older |
| Residential Building Maintenance Worker Apprenticeship: Levels 1-3 | Certificate | FT – 8 weeks | Varies | Grade 12 English 10 |
| Restricted Operator Certificate: Maritime | Certificate | FT – 12 hours | Prince Rupert | NA |
| Rigging Safety | Training | FT – 8 hours | Terrace | NA |
| Skid Steer Operation Training | Training | FT – 16 hours | Terrace | CSA Footwear is required |
| Small Vessel Operator Proficiency | License | FT – 28 hours | Prince Rupert | None |
| Social Service Worker | Certificate | FT or PT – 1 year | Smithers Terrace | English 12 On a course to course basis |
| Social Service Worker | Diploma | FT or PT – 1 year | Smithers Terrace | English 12 On a course to course basis |
| Special Education Assistant | Certificate | PT – 2 years+ | Under review | English 12 |
| Spill Response | Training | FT – 4 hours | Houston | None |

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--|---|
| Surface Diamond Driller's Helper | Training | Under review | Under review | Under review |
| Tele-Handler Operation | Training | FT – 20 hours | Terrace | None |
| Timber Frame Craftsman | Certificate | FT – 13 weeks | Varies | Grade 12 recommended Carpentry Foundation Math 10 English 10 |
| Traffic Control Flagging | Certificate | FT – 16 hours | Kitimat Hazelton Houston Prince Rupert Smithers Terrace | CSA Work boots |
| Transportation Endorsement | Endorsement | NA | Varies | WCB Occupational First Aid |
| Transportation of Dangerous Goods | Danatec Certificate | FT – 5 hours | Hazelton Houston Prince Rupert Smithers Terrace | None |
| Web Design Certificate | Certificate | FT or PT – 360 hours | Online | NA |
| Welding: Level A | Certificate | FT – 8 weeks | Prince Rupert Terrace | Grade 12 recommended English 10 Math 10 Work hours |

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Welding: Level B | Certificate | FT – 16 weeks | Prince Rupert Terrace | Grade 12 recommended English 10 Math 10 Work hours |
| Welding: Level C | Certificate | FT – 28 weeks | Prince Rupert Terrace | Grade 12 recommended English 10 Math 10 |

2.3 Northern Lights College

Table 2-3 - NLC Career Oriented Training Available

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------|--|---|
| Aircraft Maintenance Engineering: Foundation Level | Certificate | FT – 15 months | Dawson Creek | English 11 Math 11 Science 11 |
| Aircraft Maintenance Engineering: Type Training | Certificate | Varies | Dawson Creek | Must have a valid Aircraft Maintenance Engineering License or be a graduate of structured aircraft maintenance training |
| Alaska Highway Consortium on Teacher Education | Teaching Certificate | FT – 1.5 years | Fort St. John | Associate of Arts Degree; or 60 university-level credits that include coverage in designated subject areas; or Completion of a degree from an accredited university |
| Applied Business Technology: Administrative Assistant | Certificate | FT – 39 weeks | Dawson Creek Fort Nelson Fort St. John | English 11 Math 10 |
| Applied Business Technology: Financial Assistant | Certificate | FT – 29 weeks | Dawson Creek Fort Nelson Fort St. John | English 11 Math 10 |
| Applied Business Technology: Office Assistant | Certificate | FT – 23 weeks | Dawson Creek Fort Nelson Fort St. John | English 11 Math 10 |

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|---|--|---|-------------------------------|---|
| Automotive Service Technician: Foundation Level | Training | 21 weeks Fort St John 37 weeks Dawson Creek | Dawson Creek Fort St. John | Grade 10 or equivalent Math 10 English 10 |
| Automotive Service Technician: Levels 1-4 | Training | FT – 6 to 7 weeks | Fort St. John | Registered Apprentice |
| Business Management | Certificate | FT – 30 wks | Fort St. John | English 12 Math 11 |
| Business Management | Diploma | FT – 60 wks | Fort St. John | English 12 Math 11 |
| Business Management | Diploma: Post Degree | FT – 4-5 semesters | Fort St. John | A 3 year degree minimum |
| Carpentry: Foundation Level 1 (Enhanced) | Level 1 technical training credit and 450 hours towards apprenticeship | FT – 20 weeks | Dawson Creek Fort St. John | Grade 10 English 10 Math 10 |
| Carpentry: Foundation Level 2 (Enhanced) | Training | FT – 12 weeks | Dawson Creek | Carpentry Level 1 (Enhanced) |
| Carpentry: Levels 1-4 | Training | FT – 6 weeks/ level | Dawson Creek | Registered apprentice Work hours |
| Commercial Transport Technician: Levels 1-4 | Training | FT – 6-8 weeks | Fort St. John | Registered Apprentice |
| Cook Training | Certificate of Qualification | Prof. Cook 1– 20 weeks Prof. Cook 2– 14 weeks | Dawson Creek | Grade 10 English 10 Math 10 |

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Early Childhood Education: Educacentre Partnership | Certificate | FT or PT – 38 weeks | Online | Grade 12 or Mature Student Status |
| Early Childhood Education and Care | Diploma | FT or PT – 4 semesters | Online | Grade 12 English 12 |
| Education Assistant | Certificate | FT or PT – 12 months | Online | Grade 12 English 12 |
| Education Assistant | Diploma | FT or PT – 16 months | Online | Grade 12 English 12 |
| Electrician: Foundation Level | Level 1 technical training and 350 work hours | FT – 21 weeks | Fort St. John | Grade 11 English 11 Math 11 Physics 11 |
| Electrician: Levels 1-4 | Training | FT – 10 weeks | Fort St. John | Registered apprentice |
| Esthetics & Nail Care Technology | Training | 40 weeks | Dawson Creek | Grade 10 English 10 Math 10 Science 10 |
| Hairstylist/Cosmetology | Training | FT – 40 weeks | Dawson Creek South Peace | Grade 10 English 10 Math 10 Science 10 |
| Health Care Assistant | Certificate | FT – 28 weeks | Dawson Creek Fort St. John | Grade 10 English 10 |
| Heavy Duty/Commercial Transport Technician: Foundation Level | Credit for Module 1 and Level 1 technical training and 600 work-based hours | 37 wks – DC 21 wks – Fort St. John | Dawson Creek Fort St. John | Grade 10 Math 10 English 10 |

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|---|--|-------------------|---------------|---|
| Heavy Duty Equipment Technician: Levels 1-4 | Training | FT – 6 weeks | Fort St. John | Registered Apprentice |
| Industrial Instrumentation Mechanic: Foundation Level | Level 1 technical training and 325 work-based hours | FT – 21 weeks | Fort St. John | Grade 11 English 11 Math 11 Physics 11 |
| Industrial Instrumentation Mechanic: Levels 1-4 | Training | FT – 10 weeks | Fort St. John | Registered Apprentice |
| Information and Communication Technology | Certificate | FT – 30 weeks | Online | Math 10 English 12 |
| Information and Communication Technology | Diploma | FT – 30 weeks | Online | Information and Communication Technology Certificate Math 11 or equivalent |
| Job Education and Training | Training | FT 18-weeks | Dawson Creek | 17 years or older Own transportation |
| Millwright: Foundation Level 1 (Enhanced) | Level 1 technical training credit and 425 work-based hours | FT – 13 weeks | Dawson Creek | Grade 10 English 10 Math 10 |
| Millwright: Foundation Level 2 (Enhanced) | Level 2 technical training | FT – 7 weeks | Dawson Creek | Millwright Foundation Level 1 (enhanced) |
| Millwright: Levels 1-4 | Training | FT – 7 weeks | Dawson Creek | Registered Apprentice |
| Oil and Gas Field Operations | Training | FT – 18 weeks | Fort St. John | Grade 10 English 10 Math 10 |

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|---|--|---------------------------|--|---|
| Plumber: Foundation Level 1 (Enhanced) | Level 1 technical training and 375 work hours | FT – 14 weeks | Dawson Creek | Grade 10 English 10 Math 10 |
| Plumber: Foundation Level 2 (Enhanced) | Technical, practical and essential skill training | FT – 6 weeks | Dawson Creek | Plumber Foundation Level 1 (Enhanced) |
| Plumber: Levels 1-4 | Training | FT – 6 to 8 weeks | Dawson Creek | Registered Apprentice |
| Power Engineering and Gas Processing | Training in 4th Class Power Engineering and 160 hours of firing time on the NLC Boiler and All four levels of Gas Process Operations (GPO) | FT – 39 weeks | Fort St. John | Grade 11 English 11 Math 11 Physics 11 |
| Practical Nursing | Licensing Training | FT 67-weeks | Dawson Creek | Grade 12 English 12 Biology 12 Math 11 |
| Pre-Employment Workplace Essential Skills | Pre-vocational training | FT – 15 weeks | Dawson Creek | 17 years of age Grade 5 literacy level |
| Social Services Worker | Diploma | FT – 60 weeks | Dawson Creek Fort St. John | Grade 12 English 12 |
| University Arts and Science | Certificate or Diploma/AA Degree | FT – 30 weeks 60 weeks | Chetwynd Dawson Creek Fort Nelson Fort St. John | English 12 |
| Visual Arts | Certificate | FT – 37 weeks | Dawson Creek | Math 10 English 12 |

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------|--------------|--|
| Visual Arts | Certificate - Applied | FT – 30 weeks | Dawson Creek | Math 10 English 12 |
| Welding : Apprenticeship Training | Training | FT – 5 to 8 weeks | Dawson Creek | Registered Apprentice |
| Welding: Level A | Training | FT – 8 weeks | Dawson Creek | Registered B level welder Proof of logbook with B level stamp |
| Welding: Level B | Training | FT – 12 weeks | Dawson Creek | Registered C level welder Proof of logbook with C level stamp |
| Welding: Level C | Practical and theoretical training | FT – 28 weeks | Dawson Creek | Grade 10 English 10 Math 10 |
| Wind Turbine Maintenance Technician | Training and Electrical level 1 Exam Preparation | FT – 40 weeks | Dawson Creek | Grade 11 English 11 Math 11 Physics 11 |

2.4 University of Northern British Columbia¹

Table 2-4: UNBC Career Oriented Training Available

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|--|--|-----------------------|---------------|--|
| Aboriginal Child and Youth Mental Health | Certificate | FT or PT – 6 courses | Prince George | Must have a BSW or Bachelor of Child and Youth Care degree Related Bachelor or Masters-level degrees may also be eligible |
| Aboriginal Community Resource Planning | Certificate | FT or PT – 10 courses | Prince George | UNBC Admission Requirements |
| Aboriginal / Indigenous Health and Healing | Certificate | FT or PT – 10 courses | Prince George | UNBC Admission Requirements |
| Accounting | Degree: Bachelors of Commerce | FT or PT – 4 years | Prince George | UNBC Admission Requirements |
| Advanced Road Deactivation | Training | FT – 3 days | Prince George | None |
| Bridge Inspection | Training | FT – 3 days | Kamloops | None |
| Business Administration | Degree: Masters of Business Administration | FT – 2 years | Prince George | UNBC Graduate Studies Admission Requirements |
| Business: General | Degree: Bachelors of Commerce | FT or PT – 4 years | Prince George | UNBC Admission Requirements |

¹ Include both university and flexible continuing studies programs.

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|---|--|-----------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Certified Life Skills Coach | Certificate | FT – 240 hours | Prince George | None |
| Chainsaw Safety | Training | FT – 1 day | Prince George | None |
| Child Welfare | Certificate | FT or PT – 10 courses | Prince George | Must have a BSW or Bachelor of Child and Youth Care degree |
| Community Health Science | Degree: Masters of Science | FT – 2 years | Prince George | UNBC Graduate Studies Admission Requirements |
| Counseling | Degree: Masters of Education | FT – 2 years | Prince George | UNBC Graduate Studies Admission Requirements |
| Design, Construction, Inspection, Reporting and Management of Bridges, Culverts and Retaining Walls | Training: Overview, Professional Development for Engineers | FT – 3 days | Prince George | None |
| Development Economics | Degree: Masters of Arts | FT – 2 years | Prince George | UNBC Graduate Studies Entrance Requirements |
| Disability Management | Degree: Master of Arts | FT – 2 years | Prince George | UNBC Graduate Studies Admission Requirements |
| Education | Degree: Bachelors of Education | FT – 2 years | Prince George Terrace | UNBC Admission Requirements 3 or 4 year bachelor's degree |
| Environmental Engineering | Degree: Bachelors of Science | FT or PT – 4.5 years | Prince George Vancouver | UNBC Admission Requirements Principles of Math 12 English 12 2 provincially examinable science Chemistry 11 Physics 12 is recommended |

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Finance | Degree: Bachelors of Commerce | FT or PT – 4 years | Prince George | UNBC Admission Requirements |
| First Nations Planning | Degree: Bachelor of Planning | FT or PT – 4 years | Prince George | UNBC Admission Requirements |
| First Nations Public Administration | Certificate | FT or PT – 10 courses | Prince George | UNBC Admission Requirements |
| Fitness Leadership Certificate | Certificate | FT – 4 courses | Prince George | None |
| Forest Ecology and Management | Degree: Bachelor of Science | FT or PT – 4 years | Prince George | UNBC Admission Requirements |
| Forest Road Construction | Training | FT – 3 days | Prince George | None |
| GIS for Mining & Exploration | Training | FT – 5 days | Prince George Terrace | None |
| GIS for the Gas & Oil Industry | Training | FT – 5 days | Fort St. John | None |
| Human Resources Management | Degree: Bachelor of Commerce | FT or PT – 4 years | Prince George | UNBC Admission Requirements |
| Introduction to GIS | Certificate | FT – 6 days | Fort St. John Prince George Terrace | None |
| Introduction to GPS | Training | FT – 1 day | Prince George | None |
| Introduction to OziExplorer | Training | FT – 1 day | Prince George | None |
| Invasive Plant Species Identification, Ecology and Control | Training | FT – 1 day | Prince George | None |

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------|--|---|
| Life Skills Coach | Certificate | FT – 240 hours | Prince George | None |
| Management Excellence | Certificate | FT – 140 hours | Prince George | None |
| MapInfo-Discover GIS for Mineral Exploration | Training | FT – 2 days | Prince George | None |
| Marketing | Degree: Bachelor of Commerce | FT or PT – 4 years | Prince George | UNBC Admission Requirements |
| Master Gardener Basic Training | Certificate | FT – 78 hours | Prince George | None |
| Mental Health and Addictions | Certificate | FT – 5 courses | Fort St. John Prince George Terrace | None |
| Mining Essentials: Understanding the Mining Industry | Training | FT – 2 days | Prince George Terrace | None |
| Montessori Education | Post-Baccalaureate Diploma | FT or PT – 10 courses | Prince George | 4 year degree Teaching Certificate |
| Multidisciplinary Leadership | Degree: Master of Education | FT or PT – 2 years | Prince George | UNBC Admission Requirements |
| Natural Resources Planning | Degree: Bachelor of Planning | FT or PT – 4 years | Prince George | UNBC Admission Requirements |
| Northern Medical Program | Doctor of Medicine | FT – 4 years | Prince George Vancouver | Northern Medical Program Admission Requirements |
| Northern and Rural Community Planning | Degree: Bachelor of Planning | FT or PT – 4 years | Prince George | UNBC Admission Requirements |

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Nursing | Degree: Bachelor of Science | FT or PT – 4 years | Prince George Quesnel Terrace | UNBC Admission Requirements |
| Occupational Health and Safety | Certificate | FT – 9 weeks | Fort St. John Prince George Terrace | None |
| Project Management | Masters Certificate | PT – 20days over 6-9 months | Fort St. John Prince George Terrace | None |
| Public Administration and Community Development | Degree: Bachelors of Arts | FT or PT – 4 years | Prince George | UNBC Admission Requirements |
| Public Administration Certificate Program | Certificate | FT or PT – 10 courses | Prince George | UNBC Admission Requirements |
| Resource Roads and Wetlands: Opportunities to Maintain Hydrologic Function | Training | FT – 1 day | Prince George | None |
| Risk Management | Certificate | FT – 3 courses | Fort St. John Prince George Terrace | None |
| Road Eng Civil Engineering Road Design | Training | FT – 3 days | Fort St. John Terrace | None |
| Rural and Northern Nursing | Certificate | PT – 10 courses | Distance Education | UNBC Admission Requirements |
| S-100 Fire Suppression | Training | FT – 2 days | Prince George | None |

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---|--|
| Silviculture Survey Accreditation Exam | Exam | FT – 2 days | Parksville Prince George Sorrento | None |
| Silviculture Surveys for Contract Administrators | Training | FT – 1 day | Prince George | None |
| Silviculture Survey Training (five-day) | Training | FT – 5 days | Prince George Parksville | None |
| Social Work | Degree: Bachelors of Social Work | FT or PT – 4 years | Prince George | UNBC Admission Requirements |
| Social Work | Degree: Masters of Social Work | FT or PT – 2 to 3 years | Prince George | UNBC Graduate Studies Admission Requirements |
| Special Education | Degree: Masters of Education | FT or PT – 2 years | Prince George | UNBC Graduate Studies Admission Requirements |
| Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages | Training | PT – 12 days | Prince George | Grade 12 |
| UTV Safe Drivers Course | Training | FT – 8 hours | Prince George | None |

| Program Title | Certification Granted | Length of Program | Location | Basic Prerequisites |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildlife Danger Tree Assessor • Forest Harvesting and Silviculture Module • Parks and Recreation Module • Wildland Fire Safety Module | Certificates | FT – 2 days | Campbell River Merritt Nanaimo Nelson Prince George Smithers Terrace Vernon Victoria | All have some prerequisites, especially the fire module. Contact continuing studies for details. |
| Wildland Firefighting | Certificate | FT – 2 weeks | Prince George | None |

3. Summary

There are 324 career oriented training programs available in Northern BC; however, it should be noted that many of the present training programs will only run if they have enough students to make the course viable. Many of the programs are also only offered intermittently and are not available annually.

As evident in the summary table 3—1 below, the highest number of training programs are present at CNC. With the exception of Northern Lights College, each educational institution offers more career oriented *certificate* programs than any other type, and most institutions offer a variety of types of career oriented training options.

Programs are offered throughout B.C. in a variety of locations – from remote small towns to larger urban centres— with courses extending outside of Northern B.C. Of the 33 different locations, Burns Lake, Dawson Creek, Fort St. James, Fort St. John, Mackenzie, Prince George, Quesnel, Smithers, Terrace, and Vanderhoof were the most common locations for training.

Table 3-1: Total Career Oriented Training Types

| Institution | Certificates | Diplomas | Degrees | Training | Course Credits | Exam or Exam Prep | Endorsements | Citations | N/A | Totals |
|-------------|--------------|----------|---------|----------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------|-----|------------|
| CNC | 82 | 15 | 1 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 120 |
| NWCC | 49 | 6 | 2 | 24 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 88 |
| NLC | 15 | 6 | 0 | 29 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 51 |
| UNBC | 22 | 1 | 23 | 18 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 65 |