

Glossary – Definition of Terms

Accelerated Credit Enrollment in Industry Training (ACE IT)

ACE IT is an industry training (apprenticeship) program for high school students. In an ACE IT program students earn high school graduation credits and industry training credit for level 1 apprenticeship technical training getting a head start towards completion of an apprenticeship program.

Apprentice

An apprentice is an employee working under the direction of a certified/recognized trades person (journeyman) in a company that is committed to training the employee. All Apprentices are registered with the Industry Training Authority (ITA). An apprentice is considered a student during their apprenticeship, committed to completing the requirements for certification to receive journeyman status.

Apprenticeship

Apprenticeship is paid, work-based training, usually combined with post-secondary or College technical education. Typically, about 80-85% of an apprenticeship is made up of work-based training and the other 15-20% is made up of technical training taken in a classroom and shop setting. The length of an apprenticeship can range from one to five years, but most require four years to complete.

Discretionary Credit

Discretionary credit is defined as credit for a Camosun course for equivalent academic work completed at another institution. The credit granted is recorded on the Camosun College transcript, but the grade is not calculated into the students' College Grade Point Average (GPA). Some SIP courses have discretionary credit arrangement with the program specific department. A discretionary credit process is in place to manage SIP courses. Discretionary credit is assessed when students apply to register with Camosun College. For more details contact the SIP Office.

Dual Credit

Dual credit is defined as earning credit for successful completion of one course in two or more programs or institutions. For example, secondary students that complete a post secondary course earn credit in the post secondary institution for the course and earn graduation credit for the same course through their secondary school. These credits are considered dual credits as they count as graduation credits as students work toward completion of their graduation program and post secondary credits that are recorded on their post secondary or college transcript.

Foundation Program

Foundation programs are pre-apprenticeship programs that provide trainees with the basic knowledge and skills needed for entry into a particular occupation. They are typically conducted in a classroom and shop setting and do not involve any significant work-based training component.

Hidden Secondary School Apprentices

Secondary School students currently working may be hidden apprentices. Employers and secondary students not familiar with the secondary school apprenticeship program may not know they can benefit from participation. Students working part time should ask their employer about an apprenticeship and investigate the many industry training program options by visiting the ITA website and reviewing industry training program information. School counselors, work experience coordinators or career advisors can aid in a students registration in the SSA program by contacting the employer and advising them of how the SSA program works.

High School Graduation Credits

Students registered in a graduation program in BC earn graduation credits. Students are required to earn 80 credits to graduate. Many of these credits are require successful completed of specific courses, while some of the credits are considered elective credits. For a complete list of required credits for graduation see www.gov.bc.ca.

Industry Training Authority (ITA) – www.itabc.ca

The Industry Training Authority (ITA) has primary responsibility for managing BC's industry training (apprenticeship) system. The ITA works in partnership with industry to develop and maintain programs that give people the skills and experience needed to become certified tradespersons. The ITA provides funding to colleges, university colleges, institutes, and designated private trainers in BC to deliver industry training/apprenticeship programs. The ITA also supports youth industry training programming by providing funding to school districts through the Accelerated Credit Enrollment in Industry Training (ACE IT) program and the Secondary School Apprenticeship (SSA) program.

Industry (Trades) Training programs

Industry training programs also know, as "trades training" or "apprenticeship training" are diverse and include occupations in the following fields: construction, automotive and mechanical work, aerospace, metal work, graphic arts, horticulture, hospitality, motion picture and theatre. What these occupations have in common is that they require specialized skills, and involve working with your hands as well as your head. For more details on industry training programs in BC see the ITA website www.itabc.ca

Industry Training Course Credit

Industry Training course credit is defined (for our purposes) as credit for completion of or a portion of an industry training (apprenticeship) program. Industry training programs do not issue credits to students the same way as high schools or post secondary institutions. Once each component of an industry training or apprenticeship program is completed, the Industry Training Authority records the apprentices or trainees' achievement in the Industry Training database that tracks all the activity of apprentices in the province of BC. Typically, this includes each level of technical training and employer reported workplace based training hours. Once the apprentice has completed all the requirements of an apprenticeship, the apprentice is warded a trade credential/certification.

Note: ACE IT students that successfully complete their program receive credit for level one technical training reported to the ITA as part of their industry training record.

Journeyman (Red Seal) Certification

In B.C. there are currently more than 100 apprenticeship programs offering career opportunities and provincial certification. Apprentices that successfully complete an apprenticeship earn a Journeyman and Red Seal Certificate. This is often referred to as, certification or "ticket", or "trades qualifications", or "journeyman ticket" and someone who has certification is often referred to as a "certified tradesperson". The advantage of certification is being able to demonstrate a defined skill level in a trade or industry occupation, and those with trades certification will typically earn more than workers who are not certified. The Red Seal is a national program, which ensures that Journeymen with Red Seal designations are recognized across the country in every province, which supports the mobility of trades qualified workers.

Secondary School Apprenticeship (SSA) Program

The Secondary School Apprenticeship Program is a career program. Secondary students working part time under the direction of a certified trades person developing skills earn high school graduation credits. Like other apprentices, secondary school apprentices need to find an employer who will hire them and commit to their training. For details regarding the apprenticeship system and a list of current trades in BC, see www.itabc.ca.

Transfer Credit

Transfer credit is defined as credit for a Camosun course formally granted for equivalent academic work completed at another institution. The credit granted is recorded on the Camosun college transcript, but the grade is not calculated into the Grade Point Average (GPA).

