



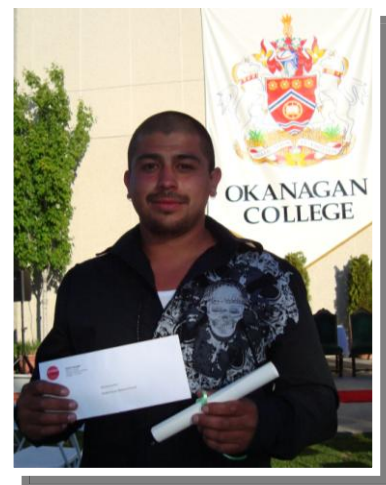
OOKNAKANE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

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TRADES AND SUCCESS

In today's economy education has become even more valuable. With the current supply and demand for workers and the need for trained apprentices it is important to do our homework and ensure that the client is ready to be committed to their career goals.

Carpenter/Joinery - Adrian Sanchez has recently completed his entry level Carpentry Joinery program at Okanagan College earning the "*Budge Hodson Memorial Award*" for his accomplishments and skills. Adrian had first come in the door wanting more for his future. Even with 3 years experience in the field, he recognized that without the proper certification that he would not be able to reach his goal of having his Red Seal in Carpentry. He had finished school on a Friday and was picked up on Monday by a company happy to take him on as an apprentice. He future plans are to accumulate the necessary work hours to continue on with his education.



Partnerships

We work hard to build partnerships in order to stretch our resources. Recently, Bill Shuttleworth, member of the Lower Similkameen Indian Band enrolled in the Heavy Duty Commercial Transport program at Okanagan College.

He had started his journey by going back to school to get his grade 12. Upon completion of getting his grade 12 credits we utilized the trade support program at School District #67, his Employment Insurance and OTDC funding to ensure he had the support to complete his course with little or no other barriers. Success takes being creative to help our clients. This has been a excellent example of what we can do when we work collectively in the best interest of the people we serve.

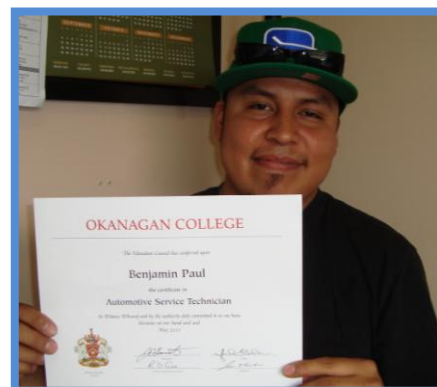
For my area the percentage (64%) of male clients are higher than females for another consecutive year. Most are seeking re-training in a long term career or assistance to help them with safety certificates to help secure employment. We discuss the importance of meeting the demands of the employer and then we build a plan to get there. Exploring best options has been a priority for my clients and it has proven to be successful.



Reg Ogen VCC Graduate
Addictions Worker



Maury Kruger, Wage-Subsidy
Grimm's Sausage, Meat Cutter



Benjamin Paul, OC Graduate
Automotive Service Technician



TOUR OF CFB ESQUIMALT

We had an opportunity to tour the CFB at Victoria BC to learn of what is all available for career opportunities for our clients. It was a valuable learning experience for all of us and extended our knowledge of the Canadian Forces.

LISTED ARE SOME OF THE VARIOUS TRAININGS SPONSORED:

First Aid Level 1, First Aid Level 3, CPR w AED
Forklift Course, Fire Suppression, H2S Alive
WHMIS, Language camp, Computer Training
Registration fees for various courses

