

LOWER SIMILKAMEEN INDIAN BAND SERVICE AREA



Tammy Peterson – Health Care Aide

Congratulations to Tammy! We were able to assist her in finding a career direction that would fit the local labour market. She has completed the Health Care Assistant program at Sprott Shaw with Honors! She has been extremely self-motivated to attend all classes and handing in documents on a regular basis. Tammy is a role model for her children and has had the support of family to help get her to her goals. She is now working at Haven Hill.

OTDC has sponsored 13 individuals with Job Start Supports. The intervention results have been very rewarding and served as a positive vehicle for these individuals who utilized the variety fund. OTDC was able to assist them with transportation, purchases of safety gear, and tickets that would better their chances at full-time employment. I raise my hands up to all of you that have worked toward and achieved meaningful employment.



*“Everyone has been made for some particular work,
and the desire for that work has been put in every heart.”*

– Rumi

Dustin Hance – Red Seal Electrician



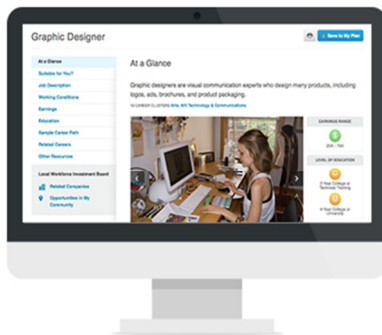
Dustin has his Red Seal Electrician Journeyman and has reached one of his monumental goals in his life. At the 8th Annual Aboriginal Graduation he had opportunity to address the audience and also to honor his instructor, Steve Danhert. Dustin’s advice for young students starting out is to *“Stay in school and make sure you have the prerequisites for the career you want, get your math!”*

Alanna Dunn - Hairdressing

My name is Alanna Dunn and I'm from Upper Nicola Band. I graduated from the Cosmetology course at Okanagan Cosmetology Institute, Penticton campus, December '16. It was an amazing experience and I loved the hands on that was given. During my short 10 month course I came to love Up-do's, creating fun, beautiful, Avant Grande styles! I'm forever thankful to OTDC for allowing me to follow my dreams



Career Cruising



This year we started introducing *Career Cruising* to our students in School District #53 to give them a better start on their career goals. By identifying career matches based on their interests and skills, they can explore in-depth information on hundreds of occupations, including multimedia interviews, workplace photos, sample career paths, and more. Funding has become increasingly tough to access and with more planning they recognize they will be better prepared. It has been a valuable tool with participation from 18 youth.

Kayla Gibson – Education Assistant

Kayla enjoys working with children and wanted to get her certification as an Education Assistant. She has had some work experience at Ntampqen School in Similkameen and has gained some certificates of completion from various Education Assistant Conferences. When she made her decision to attend school there were no seats available at Penticton campus, however with some advocacy work we were able to obtain her a seat. With the quick turn of events she immediately started working with a tutor to help gain the prerequisites needed. Kayla has worked hard and was successful in gaining her certification in January 2017. She resumed her employment feeling more confident about her skills and plans to pursue higher education/employment opportunities in her future.

