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NIC Offers New Trades Discovery Program in Port Alberni

Register now for program starting March 29, 2016

NIC will launch its first ever Trades Discovery program this March, giving Port Alberni students the opportunity to explore five of BC's most in-demand trades in a single program.

"This is an incredible opportunity for anyone wanting to try a trade in Port Alberni," said Cheryl O'Connell, NIC's Dean of Trades and Technology. "For the first time, NIC students can experience a wide range of trades in a single program."



NIC's expert faculty will share their knowledge and passion for their trades, while specialists on career development, communication, resumé building, education planning and workplace readiness will teach students how to find and keep a job.

Students will gain 195 hours of introductory training in welding, electrical, joinery, automotive, carpentry and plumbing and piping trades and will be prepared to start entry-level careers or pursue a trade right for them.

"I know from experience that hard-working employees who know their way around a construction site will always be in demand in Port Alberni and across the Island," said Mark Price, an NIC carpentry instructor who has owned a construction company for more than a decade. "Whether you want to start work right away or pursue a specific trade, this is a great way to build your skills and find your fit in the industry."

NIC Electrical instructor Trevor Petr (right) will teach introductory electrical courses as part of NIC's first-ever Trades Discovery program. The program starts March 29 in Port Alberni.

Students will have access to nearly \$300 in safety certifications required to work at many industry sites across Canada. Occupational First Aid (Level 1), Orientation to Workplace Hazardous Materials Information Systems (WHMIS), Transportation of Dangerous Goods and NIC's Construction Safety Training Systems courses are included in the program's \$500 tuition.

"If you are interested in this program, act fast," said O'Connell. "There are only 12 seats available, and spaces are already filling up."

NIC's Trades Discovery program runs 12 weeks, starting March 29 in Port Alberni. Classes run Tuesday to Friday, from 8:30 to 3:30 pm. There are no prerequisites.

For more information, or to register, call Leanne Moore at 250-724-8705 or email leanne.moore@nic.bc.ca.

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