

Introducing our new Discovery Pre-Trades Program for 2025!

Registration and Assessment:

Aug. 25 - 29, 2025

There are limited seats available, so register early to ensure your spot! **Class starts Sept. 2!**

Regular Program Highlights:

- Safe and supportive learning environment
- Witsuwit'en Governance, Skills and Language learning from cultural experts and teachers
- Workplace Math 10, FP English 10, Science 10, Active Living 11, Pre-Employment Skills
- Cross-cultural learning and activities
- Land-based learning on the territory
- Hands-on learning
- Access to on-site counsellors and OT
- Lunch program for the Lotus programs
- Experienced, trauma-informed, qualified teachers, EAs and a fluent speaking Elder to support you on your journey
- **Living Allowance provided**

OPTION 1

CARPENTRY & SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION (9-weeks)

This introductory program provides learners with the fundamental knowledge and practical skills needed to gain employment in the Solar Panel Industry and includes learning about:

- Personal Protective Equipment
- Site Hazards & Safety; Housekeeping
- Hand & Power
- Document Use
- Sonotubes, Footings & Slabs
- Concrete Placement & Finishing
- Roofs
- Solar Panels - theory, components, hardware, proper handling & installation

OPTION 2

Two Courses Back-to-Back

1. DRYWALL & PAINTING (3 weeks)

This introductory program provides learners with the fundamental knowledge and practical skills needed for drywall installation & painting, focusing on practical skills and includes learning about:

- Personal Protective Equipment; Site Hazards & Safety; Hand & Power Tools and Regulations; Industry Standards and Math for the Trades
- Drywall Applications and Finishing
- Surface prep techniques (cleaning, patching, sanding); Taping, Masking, and protecting non-paint areas
- Using primers, interior/exterior paints, & finishes
- Brush, roller, and sprayer application methods
- Paint types (latex vs. oil, flat vs. gloss)
- Matching and mixing colors using virtual swatches
- Drying times, coats, and coverage rates

2. FLOORING: LAMINATE & TILE (6-weeks)

This introductory program provides learners with the fundamental knowledge and practical skills needed to gain employment in the construction industry and includes learning about:

- Personal Protective Equipment; Site Hazards & Safety; Regulations & Industry Standards; Health Risks
- Math for the Trades
- Hand Tools & Power Tools & Practice Projects
- Fasteners; Product Acclimating & Moisture; Site Introduction
- Laminate & Tile Flooring Introduction; Subfloor Preparation & Installation; Wood & Concrete Subfloor Preparation
- Tile Cutting & Fitting; Grouting
- Wall Moldings & Adhesives; Laminate Placement; Jobsite