

## Full Time 2025 - 2026

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:** Have you always enjoyed working with tools? Consider a career as a carpenter, a field that is in high demand. Journeyperson Carpenters can become Master Carpenters. Carpenters often take further training to gain additional expertise. Experienced carpenters can advance to become supervisors, subcontractors, construction superintendents, or contractors. This hands-on carpentry program will give you the skills and theory you need to succeed when you write the Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Fourth Period theory and practical exams.

**PROGRAM OF STUDY:**

TCWI4100	Section 1- Workplace Organization and Interior Finishes
TCFS4200	Section 2- Advanced Roof Framing and Stairs
TCDE4300	Section 3- Renovations, Building Design, Energy Efficiency and Building Science
TCED4400	Section 4- Industrial Estimating and Drawing Interpretation
TCLB4500	Section 5- Lab/Shop

**TRANSFERABILITY:** Any provider approved by Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training. Students must achieve a minimum of 65% cumulative weighted average for the program's courses, with an overall final exam mark of 65% or higher with no course below 50% in order to achieve successful completion for AIT's standards. Please note: You MUST receive a 70% passing mark on your AIT Period Final Exam to pass your period of training.

**PROGRAM DELIVERY:** Traditional classroom setting with lab demonstrations and practical projects.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:** Must have successfully completed Carpentry Apprenticeship Third Period and be eligible through Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training (AIT). Must be registered as an apprentice with Apprenticeship & Industry Training (AIT) in the appropriate period of training. For information, contact the local Apprenticeship Branch or visit [www.tradesecrets.gov.ab.ca](http://www.tradesecrets.gov.ab.ca) (1-800-248-4823)

**INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS:** To apply for a trade program, applicants must be Canadian citizen or Landed Immigrant.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:** Most carpenters are employed by general contractors, are self-employed, or do construction or maintenance work for government agencies, utility companies, or manufacturing firms. Employment prospects for carpenters vary considerably depending upon the sector or type of employer. Journeyperson wage rates vary, but generally range from \$25 to \$38 an hour plus benefits. The carpentry trade can be a stepping stone to unlimited possibilities. Carpenters may advance to foreman, subcontractor, construction superintendent, or contractor. They are involved in every phase of construction, and create the base buildings that most trades will follow in the construction cycle. This overall knowledge is an advantage when applying for supervisory positions.

**COST ESTIMATES:** **Note: All fees are subject to change.**

Tuition	\$1,104.00
Materials	\$ 95.00
Technology Fee	\$ 96.00
Textbooks (mandatory – includes GST)	\$ 38.61
Student Association Fee	\$ 108.00
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS:</b>	<b>\$1,441.61</b>
Optional if previously purchased:	
National Building Code-2019 Alberta Edition	\$ 139.13
Calculator Casio FX260	\$ 11.27

**ADDITIONAL FEES:** Students are responsible for registering and paying the fee to challenge the first-year trades exam. The estimated cost for the Theory Exam is \$150.00. The Practical Exam: Period 4 is \$205.00

**PROGRAM OFFERINGS:** Slave Lake

**OFFERING DATES:** May 4– June 26, 2026

**APPLICATION PROCESS:**

- **APPLICATION:** Complete and submit the Northern Lakes College application on the college website - follow: <https://www.northernlakescollege.ca/apply-now/program-applications>. Applications may also be submitted directly through Apply Alberta [www.ApplyAlberta.ca](http://www.ApplyAlberta.ca).
- **APPRENTICESHIP EXAM:** Applicants needing admission requirements must call the **Alberta Apprenticeship & Industry Training** office nearest to their location to make arrangements for writing the Apprenticeship Entrance Exam. (1-800-248-4823)
- **APPLICANTS:** for the apprenticeship program must be registered with **Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training (AIT)**. Application forms can be downloaded from the Alberta Apprenticeship & Industry Training (AIT) website, [www.tradesecrets.gov.ab.ca](http://www.tradesecrets.gov.ab.ca).
- **ACCEPTANCE:** Applicants who meet the requirements will be accepted and offered a space in the next available offering of the program. In some cases, the spaces at a specific location may be full and accepted applicants will be placed on a waitlist. These applicants will be accepted in the order of "first qualified, first served" should any seats become available. Applicants will receive a letter informing them of their acceptance status.
- **FUNDING:** Applicants are encouraged to check on **funding options early (minimum of 2 months prior to program start date)**. AIT offices or NLC counsellors can assist with identifying funding options and applying for sponsorship of fees and living costs. Please visit the NLC website: <https://www.northernlakescollege.ca/prospective-students/financial-aid-scholarships-funding/scholarships-awards> Financial Aid, Scholarships and Funding page to learn more.
- **ORIENTATION:** Before the start date of the program, accepted applicants will receive information about registration dates, times, locations and other information to assist them.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

For any assistance, questions or concerns, the following college staff are available toll-free 1-866-652-3456

**Program Administrator:** **Trades and Resource Technology 1-780-843-8365**  
email: [tradesaccount@northernlakescollege.ca](mailto:tradesaccount@northernlakescollege.ca)  
Questions about program content, employment opportunities for the program.

**Other Inquiries:** **Admissions Services 1-866-652-3456**  
email: [admissions@northernlakescollege.ca](mailto:admissions@northernlakescollege.ca)  
General inquiries about College services & programs; student housing, library, facilities