

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. This hands-on program will give Second Period Carpenter Apprentices the skills and theory you need to succeed when you write the Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training theory and practical exams. Further Education Training Opportunities for the Carpenter Apprenticeship Program are: Third Period and Fourth Period. Experienced carpenters can advance to become supervisors, subcontractors, construction superintendents, or contractors.

PROGRAM OF STUDY:

TCFS2100	Section 1	Frame Structures
TCRR2200	Section 2	Wood Frame Roofs
TCIE2300	Section 3	Interior and Exterior Finishes
TCWS2400	Section 4	Wood Stairs
TCEP2500	Section 5	Light Commercial Estimating & Drawing Interpretation
TCSH2600	Section 6	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 First 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 (1-800-248-4823). See www.tradesecrets.gov.ab.ca.

NOTE: INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS: To apply for a trade program, applicants must be a 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)	\$ 411.59
Student Association Fee	\$ 108.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS:	\$1,814.59
Optional Book:	
National Building Code – 2019 Edition	\$ 139.13
Optional if previously purchased:	
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 2 is \$205.00

PROGRAM OFFERINGS: Slave Lake

OFFERING DATES: January 5 – February 27, 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.
- **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.
- **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

Questions about program content, employment opportunities for the program.

Other Inquiries: Admissions Services 1-866-652-3456

email: admissions@northernlakescollege.ca

including general inquiries about College services & programs; student housing, library, facilities