

**Full Time 2025 - 2026****PROGRAM LENGTH:** 16 weeks

**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 carpentry program will give you the skills and theory you need to succeed when you write the Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training theory and practical exams. Pre-Employment students are NOT required to be registered with AIT. Further Educational Opportunities for the Carpenter Apprenticeship Program: First Period, Second Period, Third Period, and Fourth Period. Experienced carpenters can advance to become supervisors, subcontractors, construction superintendents, or contractors.

**PROGRAM OF STUDY:**

CPBL0140	Site Preparation and Building Layout
CPBM0120	Building Materials
CPEP0170	Level One: Estimating and Plans
CPFF0160	Floor Frame
CPFN0150	Foundations
CPHP0130	Hand and Power Tools
CPLB0180	Practical Labs
CPRC0100	Employment Practicum
CPSF0100	Safety
PISC0100	Industrial Safety Certification
WPCM0100	Workplace Communication

**TRANSFERABILITY:** Students must achieve a minimum of 65% cumulative weighted average for the program's courses with no course below 50%, and a final exam mark 65% or higher in order to achieve successful completion for AIT's standards. Please note: If you choose to challenge your AIT exam you must receive a 70% passing mark on the exam to successfully pass that period of training.

**PROGRAM DELIVERY:** Traditional classroom setting with shop and lab demonstrations. Work-integrated learning is a new component of this program.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:** Minimum Requirement: English 10-2, Math 10-3 or all five Canadian General Educational Development Tests (GED) or AIT Entrance Exam, or a passing mark in the Canadian Adult Education Certificate (CAEC)

**RECOMMENDED PATH:** Alberta High School Diploma with:

- English 30-2
- Math 30-3
- Physics 20 or Chemistry 20 or Biology 20 or Science 20

**NOTE:** Pre-Employment students are NOT required to be registered with Apprenticeship and Industry Training (AIT).

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

Tuition	\$3,630.00
Materials	\$ 720.00
Technology Fee	\$ 360.00
Textbooks (mandatory-includes GST)	\$ 596.32
Student Association Fee	\$ 405.00
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED COST:</b>	<b>\$5,711.32</b>

*Optional if previously purchased:*

National Building Code 2019 Alberta Ed.	\$ 139.13
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**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.

**PROGRAM OFFERING DATES:**

**Slave Lake** September 2, 2025 to December 19, 2025

**High Level** January 5, 2026 to April 24, 2026

**Wabasca** ~~September 2, 2025 to December 19, 2025~~ offering cancelled

**APPLICATION PROCESS:**

- **APPLICATION:** Complete and submit the Northern Lakes College application available online on the college website at [www.northernlakescollege.ca](http://www.northernlakescollege.ca).
- **TRANSCRIPTS:** Provide official high school and/or post-secondary transcripts. These must be forwarded directly to Northern Lakes College, Admissions Services, from the granting institution (there may be a charge for this). Applicants applying through Apply Alberta may have transcripts submitted directly from participating institutions at no charge. When transcripts are received at NLC, they are reviewed to determine if the academic requirements for admission to the program are met.
- **APPRENTICESHIP EXAM:** Applicants needing to meet 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
- **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." 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.
- **REGISTRATION:** Before the start date of the program, accepted applicants will receive information about registration dates, times, locations and other information to assist them by email – please ensure we have an accurate email address for you.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

1.866.652.3456

[www.northernlakescollege.ca](http://www.northernlakescollege.ca)

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)  
Including General inquiries about College services & programs, student housing, library, facilities