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Northern Lakes College to offer Pre-Employment Pipe Trades

Slave Lake, Alberta (May 15, 2024): Northern Lakes College will be offering Pre-Employment Pipe Trades, with the first offering scheduled to start September 3 in Wabasca. This program will prepare learners for employment in a pipe trades apprenticeship. This brings the College's pre-employment trades offerings to six, including Carpenter, Electrician, Heavy Equipment Technician (Mechanic), Industrial Mechanic (Millwright), and Welder. Northern Lakes College also offers Carpenter, Electrician, and Welder Apprenticeship education.

This 16-week Pre-Employment Pipe Trades program prepares learners for entry to a pipe trades apprenticeship as a Gasfitter, Plumber, Sprinkler Systems Installer, or Steamfitter-Pipefitter. The first period training is common for all pipe trades, which prepares students for entry into any of the four apprenticeships.

Pre-employment programs are for those individuals interested in a trade, but who are not registered as an apprentice. Learners will be provided the skill set needed to enter the workforce and become a registered apprentice. The programs include first year apprenticeship theory, safety tickets, and hands-on training. Upon successful completion, students are eligible to challenge the Apprenticeship and Industry Training (AIT) First Period Exam.

Providing opportunities in the trades is important to support the Alberta economy. Pre-employment offerings provide those without an apprenticeship placement the opportunity to pursue a trade. Additionally, they allow aspiring tradespeople to gain trade skills, communication abilities, and safety certifications. Pre-Employment Pipe Trades is a great addition to our trade's offerings as it opens the door to not one, but four, possible apprenticeship routes.

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For more information or to apply to Pre-Employment Pipe Trades at Northern Lakes College, see <https://www.northernlakescollege.ca/programs-courses/pre-employment-trades>.

About Northern Lakes College

Northern Lakes College (NLC) provides flexible educational opportunities through innovative delivery. With accessibility as a cornerstone value, we provide quality educational programs and services. NLC's innovative [Supported Distance Learning \(SDL\)](#) and [Supported Distance Teaching \(SDT\)](#) models include unique online delivery options such as NLC LIVE Online™ and NLC Anytime, Anywhere. SDL provides learners with the flexibility to balance work, home, and education, so that they can continue their education, improve their employment opportunities, and enhance their quality of life. Committed to its communities in northern Alberta and to its students, wherever they may be, NLC collaborates with business, industry, and other post-secondary institutions to benefit students and communities. Explore at www.northernlakescollege.ca.

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