



Dear Community Members and Students,

In an effort to promote the **ITA Youth Work Program**, the Central Okanagan Public School District is searching for "**Hidden Apprentices**." If you are a secondary school student 15 years of age and over working in a trade area, you may already be eligible to participate in the ITA Youth Work Program while in high school.

The ITA Youth Work Program is a dual credit program which means simultaneously receiving both high school credits required for graduation and credit toward completion of an apprenticeship.

Most students' work does not interfere with their school day. Youth Work in Trades can be completed on weekends, evenings, summer holidays, or on a special release from school. This is a wonderful opportunity to get a head start on a trade while completing secondary school graduation, while also qualifying for a **\$1000 Youth Work in Trades Award**.

Students must be employed (paid) in an apprenticeable trade. Please see the Industry Training Authority website <http://www.itabc.ca> for the list of trades that are recognized in B.C and their requirements.

In the labour market, there is a concern about a **skills shortage**. Employers need young people with the right skills, right now! There's never been a better time to explore a career in the skilled trades and technology sectors.

If you are a secondary school student, or an employer willing to hire a student, please contact Chris Ovelson at 250-860-9729 ext. 6265 to find out more about the ITA Youth Work Program.

Thank you,

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