Trades Guru T.O - Who We Are...

The Trades Guru T.O Program is a twelve week skill and employment-based training program that links young men and women from under-resourced communities to apprenticeship career opportunities in the construction industry that they might otherwise have difficulty accessing.

Participants are exposed to multiple construction trades over the course of the program. There is hands-on learning at various affiliate training centres located across the GTA in addition to jobsite visits. Participants are provided with leadership and mentoring from seasoned construction workers with years of work experience and learn valuable skill sets which build self-confidence and promote positive self-awareness.

Trades Guru T.O can link youth to twenty-eight different unions and the many major contractors connected to the Central Ontario Building Trades.

Trades Guru T.O Program is a skill and employment-based training program within the construction industry offering apprenticeship career opportunities to the youth of under-resourced neighbourhoods in our communities.

Without this program these youths would not have access to the gainful employment opportunities that the unionized construction sector offers.

The Central Ontario Building Trades has a history dating back to 1943. Currently, the COBT represents over 80,000 skilled trades men and women in central Ontario.

Get trained and get hired! Skilled Trades workers are in high demand. The Centre for Skills Development & Training’s Skilled Trades Training Programs get students trained for rewarding careers in less than half the time of similar college training programs.

Why Choose Us?

Shorter programs with over 70% hands-on training gets students workforce ready earlier than most other programs.

Over 17,000 square feet of fully-equipped shop space provides students with a full-scale experience.

Students are trained by experienced instructors who work in the field and know the industry.

Tuition includes tools, textbooks, on-site parking, personal protective equipment and safety certifications – No hidden fees!

Develop essential technical abilities, critical employability skills and gain experience to excel as skilled workers.

Successful graduates receive personalized job search assistance to help them land their first job in the trade!

The Centre for Skills Development & Training (The Centre) along with Gary Allan High School (GAHS) provides adult and continuing education services. The Centre evolved from the adult education department of the Halton District School Board to become a financially independent, not-for-profit organization, delivering free government-funded programs to help people at all stages of life (youth, job seekers and newcomers to Canada) get on a path to career success. Services include one-on-one job coaching, workshops, settlement services, ESL classes and funded and fee-based pre-apprenticeship skilled trades programs. The Centre also works closely with employers, providing free, professional recruitment with access to pre-screened candidates, financial wage and training incentives and customized skilled trades training.

GAHS offers adult, alternative and continuing education credit-based programs, working with The Centre to collectively serve over 25,000 people annually through multiple sites in Halton Region and Mississauga. Together, GAHS and The Centre extend the reach of the HDSB to support people of all ages, bridging the gap for learners between high school and their next steps – continued education, training or employment.

Our mission is to provide people with opportunities to build a better future.

Our vision is to be the recognized leader in career and workforce development, in support of strong communities.

Build an online registration system

Link to the Self-Assessment Quiz