

Cowichan Secondary School Career Centre Newsletter

June 2017

The Career Centre, located across the hall from the main office is open 8:30am - 3:15pm. Mrs. Leigh Blacklock, the Career Facilitator or Mrs. Denise Haley the Careers Secretary can provide you with information and assistance in the following areas:

- Dual Credit Trade Opportunities – partnering with Vancouver Island University and Camosun College.
- Apprentice opportunities
- Work Experience opportunities
- Certificate Training (ie Foodsafe)
- Job search, job board, job market trends and volunteer opportunities
- National Scholarship opportunities
- Career exploration
- Grad Transition program

Summer Jobs

Check out the Careers job board in the main hallway for information on job opportunities. If you need assistance preparing a resume or cover letter come to the Careers Centre.



WORK EXPERIENCE

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If you are in Grade 10 or 11, working or planning on getting a summer job, Work Experience is a course that allows you to earn school credits while gaining valuable experience in the work place. You will earn 4 credits for 90 hours of work! If you are interested in registering, or would like more information, please see Ms. Bell in the Career Centre during C Block. Deadline to be registered for this is June 23rd.

HEALTH CARE YOUTH VOLUNTEER

If you are interested in volunteering as a Youth Care worker for Island Health next year you can pick up an application at the Career Centre. In previous years applications for this have been accepted in September; however, there will not be an opportunity to apply for this in the fall. The [deadline](#) to get your application in for next year is [June 28th, 2017](#).

DUAL CREDIT PROGRAMS

ACE-IT TRADES PROGRAMS

SD 79 in partnership with Camosun College and Vancouver Island University is offering the following ACE-IT Trades programs:

- Administration Assistant
- Automotive
- Carpentry
- Culinary Arts
- Early Childhood Education
- Electrical
- Golf Course Management
- Hairdressing
- Heating and Cooling
- Heavy Duty Mechanic
- Health Care Assistant
- Information Technology
- Introduction to Trades
- Joinery/Cabinet making
- Sheet Metal/Metal Fabrication
- Plumbing and Piping
- Trades Apprenticeship
- Exploring Technology
- Welder Level C
- Welder Level C/Pipefitter

ACE-IT

The 'Accelerated Credit Enrolment in Industry Training' program is the in-class component of a high school apprenticeship. ACE-IT students are youth apprentices registered with the Industry Training Authority (ITA)

These programs, open to Grade 11 and 12 students, enable students to receive both high school and university credits on their transcript. There is no tuition cost for these programs, however students will be responsible to purchase any necessary supplies and books. Students are able to complete Level One or Foundation Technical Training before graduation. If you would like to register in any of the above programs or would like to explore this opportunity further please visit the Career Centre or contact Mrs. Blacklock to arrange an appointment.

IMMEDIATE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

FREE TUITION

EDUCATION ASSISTANT AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKER

SD79 is offering a tuition free program starting in January 2018 – August 2018. Thursday evenings, and full days Friday & Saturday.

PROFESSIONAL COOK

SD79, partnering with VIU is offering students the opportunity to take their Level One training as a professional cook, which is the first step towards acquiring their Red Seal Chef. This program, held at Providence Farm begins in August 2017 - February 2018.

INFO FOR GRADS

Grad Transitions is a requirement of graduation. If you have someone special (teacher, mentor or member of the community) you wish to do your conversation with, please connect with them to arrange a time, otherwise, contact an Admin or Counselor to complete your grad transitions. All grads must have their conversations and evaluations done before they graduate!! There is a **Green To Go** poster in the Careers window – please check your student # to ensure you are good to go for graduation. You cannot purchase grad tickets until you are **Green To Go**.

BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Different organizations in the Cowichan Valley are offering awards and scholarships to the graduating students. There are still a few available that have not passed the deadline for submission. Check out the Careers bulletin board or visit the Career Centre to for more info.

DATES TO REMEMBER

DATE	EVENT
June 23	Work Experience deadline to include your summer work hours
June 28	Youth Health Care Volunteer deadline for applications