



Comox Valley Schools

Setting Yourself Up for Your Future
Careers Programs and Dual Credit

Welcome

Gila'kasla

We would like to acknowledge the traditional territory of the K'omoks First Nation and extend our appreciation for the opportunity to live, learn and teach in this beautiful territory.

-Gila'kasla



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Agenda



**Dual Credit Academics
Train in Trades
Work in Trades
Sampler Programs
District Program
Work Experience**



Comox Valley Schools
Careers Programs



Dual Credit

Academics and Trades

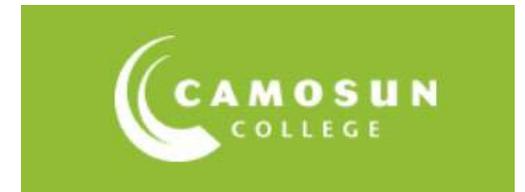


What is Dual Credit?

- Dual Credit means taking a college course while still in high school and receiving college course credits and high school elective course credits at the same time.
- This opportunity is for Grade 11 and 12 students, who meet the pre-requisites.

Why choose dual credit?

1. FREE tuition (some books in Library) you pay app fee (\$40)
2. It gives you a job that can make you a bigger paycheque.
3. It allows you to see what post-secondary school is like.
4. 80% of people return within 5 years to continue in their program of choice.
5. It's doable! Comparable to Eng. 12 and Hum & Phys 12





Planning Courses for Grade 11 and 12

Plan your courses so that you head down a career path of interest and passion.

Grade 11	Grade 12	
English 11 Socials 11 or 12 CLC11 – Pull out/Online Elective 11 Elective 11	English 12 *CLC 12/Capstone Elective 12 Elective 12	
Math 11 A Science 11 Elective 11 Elective 11	Elective 12 Elective 12 Elective 12 Elective 12	DC Academic/Trade
34 credit	30 credits	

To graduate you need?

Options for Academics

There are three post-secondary Institutions

North Island College Camosun Vancouver Island University

Options:

1. Three classes
2. Certificate program- Part of it or the entire program

Dual Credit Classes x 3 (Max)

How do you take courses

Students can take classes at the college we have partnered with that align with our schedule, or they can choose their course, which we will sponsor, though it may not align with our schedule.

Courses at Post Sec: Sept, Jan, May
Purchased Cohorts: Feb

NIC pathway courses for 2025/2026:

- Engineering: CPS 100, 101, Eng 160
- Biology: 159, 160 & 161
- App Developer: CPS 100, DGL 114
- English: 115, 122, 117, 116, 160...
- Business: 100, 150, 162...
- Fine Arts: 110 & 140
- Psych: 130 & 131
- Med. Terminology: MOA 155

“If you’re considering college or university, take Dual Credit. It’s going to set you up to explore what you’re passionate about and make the transition to post-secondary that much smoother.”

Victor Kamel
NIC Dual Credit grad





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Certificate/Micro-Credential Programs

SD71 can sponsor any certificate program:

1. Early Childhood Care and Education
2. Health Care Assistant
3. Digital Marketing
4. Office Administration and others
5. Emergency Medical Responder
6. Educational Assistant
7. Web Designer
8. Android App Designer

Dual credit pathways

+ Arts and Sciences

+ Business

+ Health

+ Human Services

+ Technology

+ Tourism

+ Trades





Certificate Program

Early Childhood Care and Education

Growing Early Childhood Educators

- **Credential:** ECCE Certificate
- **Program length:** 10 months
- **Program dates:** Sept 2025- June 2026
- **Program Location:** Comox Valley Campus

Health & Human Services



Gain the theory, knowledge and practical skills needed to help make a positive change in the lives of others. NIC's graduates are in high demand in the health care and human services fields. You'll learn from expert instructors how to support individuals and build stronger, healthier communities.



Certificate Program

Health Care Assistant Certificate

Health Care Assistant Certificate

6 Months long - January - Blended - St. Joe's Campus 2026

Experience the rewards of working in a caring profession, supporting older adults and vulnerable members of society as part of a dynamic health care team. As a graduate, you will be qualified to work as a frontline care provider in a variety of settings, including adult day programs, group homes, community care, residential care facilities or acute care hospitals.



Dual Credit Trades Programs

- High school students can take their first level of technical training at a college and have their **tuition** sponsored.
(Books, material/lab fees, college fees are paid by the student)
- Students get Grade 12 credit for high school courses towards graduation **AND** an industry training level 1 - foundation & apprenticeship program
- Full time **foundations or apprenticeship** college programs (Mon – Fri) that range from 5 weeks to 10 months long (start in September or February)
- Learning in an Adult environment (70% is the new 50%)



Dual Credit Trades Programs

Foundations Programs

Requires no previous training.

Longer program that teaches everything. 5-10 months long.

Do not get paid while in school.

Adult environment 70% is a pass.

Apprenticeship Program

Requires you to be working in industry with a sponsor. Needed for application.

Short Program that teaches requirements. 5-10 weeks.

Can get paid while at school, 60% of work wage.

Adult environment, 70% is a pass.



Dual Credit Trades Programs



Carpentry Foundation

Months: 6
Start Date: Jan 27, 2025 - July 11, 2025
Credits: 24
Location: NIC Courtenay
Entrance: Pass English 10, Math 10

Recommended classes to take:
Woodwork, Youth Explore Skills Course, Drafting, SD71
Construction Trades Sampler



Electrical Foundation

Months: 6
Start Date: September 3 2024 - Feb 21, 2025 & Jan 27, 2025 - July 11, 2025
Credits: 24
Location: NIC Campbell River
Entrance: C+ English 11, C+ PREC11 or FOM11

Recommended classes to take:
Electronics, Physics 11, Youth Explore Skills Course,
Electronics, Construction Trades Sampler



Heavy Duty Mechanics

Months: 9
Start Date: September 3, 2024 - May 16, 2025 & February 2, 2025 - Oct 10, 2025
Credits: 36
Location: NIC Campbell River
Entrance: Pass English 10 & Math 10

Recommend classes to take:
Automotive, Metalwork, Electronics, Transportation Sampler



Fabricator-Welder Foundation

Months: 8
Start Date: September 3, 2024 - April 17, 2025
Credits: 32
Location: NIC Campbell River
Entrance: Pass English 10 & Math 10

Recommend:
Metalwork, Drafting, Metal Trades Sampler

Automotive Service Technician – Cook – Plumbing and Pipefitting – Instrumentation & Electrical Automation – Welding Foundation



Dual Credit: Application Process


School District 71 Dual Credit Student Learning/Transition Plan


updated November 2018

PLEASE PRINT in Pen

Name: _____ School: _____

D.O.B: _____

Program/Course you are you applying for: _____

Please indicate if you have an I.E.P on file: yes ___ no ___

Occupations or Trades are you targeting? List 1 _____

2 _____

How does this Dual Credit program relate to your future occupation: go to the University or College website and list below the 1st year courses required for this program? (skip if doing Trade)

Transition Plan from High School to College: eg. Certificate, Diploma, or Degree program you are interested in, what year, date, courses to take.

Occupational Interests: _____

Occupation-Related Post-Secondary Courses/Programs: _____

High School Courses related to or required to ensure entry into college program:

Related to program of interest	Required to enter program

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School District 71 Dual Credit Student Learning/Transition Plan


updated November 2018

GRADE 10 REQUIREMENTS					
English		Careers		Elective	
Socials		Elective		Elective	
Science		Elective			
Math		Elective			
PE		Elective			
GRADE 11 REQUIREMENTS					
English				Elective	
Socials				Elective	
Math				Elective	
Science				Elective	
GRADE 12 REQUIREMENTS					
English				Elective	
Career Life Connections				Elective	
Electives				Elective	
Electives				Elective	
TOTAL CREDITS				TOTAL CREDITS	

TOTAL CREDITS: _____

Must be filled out by school:

Transition Courses (academic = PSIN12A) Trades Courses = NIC TRNN-12A		Recommended Intake Month and year	Institution/Employer And Location
Course code	12A,12B,12C # of courses		
Train		Sept <input type="checkbox"/> Yr <input type="checkbox"/>	
Work		Feb <input type="checkbox"/> Yr <input type="checkbox"/>	
WEX		Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
Academic			

Total Credits: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____

SD #71 Representative Signature _____

Date: _____ (DD/MM/YYYY) Grade

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1. Visit Your Careers Office
2. Make an appointment
3. Complete your Application
 - Student Learning Plan
 - College Application
 - District Application
4. Review and Submission



Academic Dual Credit Programs

Student Services = Student Success



Advising & Counselling

- Program exploration
- Assessment options
- Program and course planning
- Career counselling
- Personal counselling
- Time management and study skills



Accessible Learning

- Discuss and determine supports needed for student success



Learning Commons

- Peer Tutoring
- Writing support
- Math support
- Technical Services
- Research Support



Work In Trades

- Are you **ALREADY** working in a trade with a Red Seal trades person?
- Is the Red Seal trades person willing to apprentice you? Youth Work In Trades earns graduating credits **and** Work Based Training hours towards that trade.
- Completing all 4 courses (WRK11A, WRK11B, WRK12A, WRK12B) that are 120hrs of work each and continuing to 900hrs makes you eligible to apply for a \$1000 scholarship.



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District Trades Sampler Programs (Grade 11s) Construction, Metal, Transportation

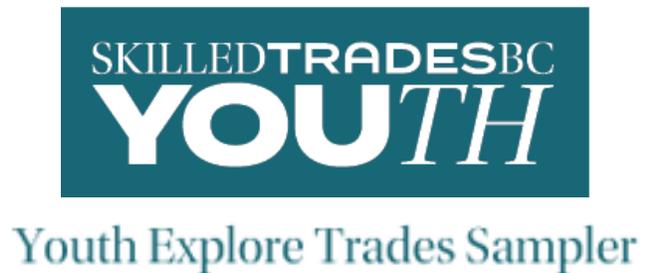
- Semester 2 Program (One day a week Work Experience)
- 20 Course Credits (Trade Sampler 12A, 12B, 12C, Workplace Math 11 and Work Experience 12A)
- Students receive these certifications at minimum
 - WHMIS, First Aid– Level 1, Forklift, plus...
 - Match college/industry
- Industry/College tours
- Have a district application and an interview process in the spring
- 16 kids in a class
- Jobs after the placements – check in with Youth Work in Trades – Tammy Williamson



Trades Opportunities Grades 9-12



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District Career Programs



STEP and Focus Days

Sandwich Trades Education Program (STEP)

Day 1: Carpentry

Day 2: Electrical

Day 3: WHIMIS and Masonry

Day 4: WHIMIS and Welding

Certifications

- Ladder Safety
- Scaffolding
- Fall Arrest
- WHMIS



Focus Days

Hands on learning focused in a Career field. Gaining insights into the profession.

- Carpentry
- Automotive
- Tourism
- Industrial Design



Additional Certifications:

WHMIS	Forklift
First Aid	FoodSafe
Barista	
Supervisor Management	



Health Exploratory Program

Grade 11's- Semester one – Isfeld Secondary School – 24 students

*4 courses (16 credits): Health Careers Exploratory 11 (NEW), Chemistry 11, Careers 11 and 12, Active Health 12 + Cultural Safety Training.

*Health Career Focus: This program is for those students curious about careers in the health field. Students will be in a full time program where they will learn about in demand health careers, gain experience in the hospital, and learn from a variety of industry presenters: nurses, doctors, dentists, x-ray technicians, sonographers, chiropractors, etc.





Certificate Program

Emergency Medical Responder

Offered at: Highland Secondary and Mark R Isfeld Secondary

Semester 2 - Tuition Sponsored - Pre-req: Bio 12 *There is a program fee

The Emergency Medical Responder Course is an entry-level medical course that trains candidates to respond to life-threatening medical conditions and traumatic emergencies. The EMR course is systematically designed to progress learners through all aspects of pre-hospital care including various treatment guidelines and medical protocols.

Institution: Columbia Learning

EMR: Fire Fighters, Police, Nursing, Paramedic...





Certificate Program

Digital Marketing Micro-Credential Program

Students receive 8 certificates

3 Months to complete

Program Cost - \$4000.00

Student Cost - \$350.00

The Digital Marketing course covers 6 key sessions: Social Media, Search Engine Optimization (SEO), Google Ads, Facebook & Instagram Ads, Google Analytics & Public Relations.

Our purpose is to teach our students the key aspects of the marketing mix that allow you to walk away with the knowledge, tools and certifications to build your next SEO, PR, Digital Ads, Social Media strategies, and more.

Job application Supports – 81 thousand jobs! Base salary Approx. \$50K



Careers Office

Work Experience 12A & 12B

- Spend a few days shadowing an occupation – we will help set it up
- Complete a 4-credit course towards graduation based on Work Experience, WEX 12A/12B
- Many times, employers have hired students after their volunteer work experience placement is over.
- If you have a job in a career field of interest, you can get 4 or 8 credits towards graduation.

Visit your careers office to make an appointment!



Look for these upcoming events...

Pathways and Possibilities Lunch Series
For SD71 Indigenous Secondary Students

KFN, SD 71 Career Education and Indigenous Education invite all Indigenous Secondary Students to our first session in the *Pathways and Possibilities Lunch Series*.

Session one: Trades

Curious about hands-on careers? Thinking about apprenticeships or wondering what working in the trades is really like? Join us for an engaging session with industry insights, training options, and information on how to get started on a rewarding career. Bring your questions and your curiosity. Lunch will be provided.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Thursday, January 15
10:00 AM to 12:30 PM
KFN Gym, 3320 Comox Rd.



To Register: Please contact your school's Indigenous Support Worker. Space is limited, so register early.

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CARPENTRY
Focus Days

WHO: GRADE 10 OR 11 STUDENTS
WHEN: FEBRUARY 5, 2026 ALL DAY
WHERE: SANDWICK BUILDING 9:30-2:30
WHAT: SPEND THE DAY LEARNING ABOUT THE TOOLS AND SPECIFICS OF WORKING IN CARPENTRY. SPEND TIME WITH INDUSTRY PROFESSIONAL LEARNING ABOUT THE CAREER AND DOING HANDS ON PROJECTS AND BUILDING.



See your Career Department to Register



- O.P. Vanier Careers Office: 250-330-210
- Highland Careers Office: 250-339-3167
- Glacier View Career Office: 250-228-2752
- Mark R. Isfeld Career Office: 250-354-4028
- District Careers: Lisa.Hallstrom@sd71.bc.ca





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Questions?



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