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There are two parts to getting your “ticket” or “journey person” (Red Seal certification) in a trade. 80% of your training is on the job, and 20% is technical training at a post-secondary (BCIT, KPU, VCC, TRU, etc).

We have programs for both of these two aspects of trade certification.

**SSA** stands for Secondary School Apprenticeship. A student who is working for a certified tradesperson is eligible for course credits, and we help look after the paperwork to ensure that the hours are being counted towards their certification. Any course you take (Math, PE, Chem, etc) is 120 hours long. Therefore, we are able to give you credit for **one course each time you work 120 hours in a trade, up to four courses (480 hrs)**. There is also a \$1,000 scholarship from the Ministry of Education awarded to graduating students who have:

1. all four SSA courses,
2. a C+ average in their Grade 12 courses,
3. and at least 900 hours on file by December after grad.

This money does **NOT** need to be used for further trades training. It is a cheque in your name. It can be used for tools, a different post-secondary program, a vehicle, a thank-you gift for your parents perhaps? Also, the scholarship is criteria-based. This means, the **more students who qualify, the more scholarships that are given**.

We can count any apprenticeable hours since you turned 15 years old towards your Red Seal certification and 900 scholarship hours.

**ACEIT** programs are the technical training (see attached). “ACE-IT” is a term we use in k-12. Those in the trades will know it as “Foundations” or “Level 1”. But I want to be very clear, it is **the same post-secondary curriculum and exam as any adult** would take in Foundations or Level 1 technical training, and receive the **same credential. Tuition free**. It is **not “watered down” to a high school level**. I’ve also attached a table of our current ACEIT programs.

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Coquitlam Trades Programs: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/CareerPrograms>

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