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## Three reasons to explore skilled trades careers with your students

### 1. The demand for skilled trades is skyrocketing

Did you know one in five jobs in the next five years will be trade-related? According to Statistics Canada, the workforce is aging at a faster pace in this industry. For workers who had a certificate of apprenticeship or a certificate of qualification, 26.1% were aged 55 years and older, which will continue to contribute to the demand for skilled workers into the future.

Students have a wide range of industries to choose from: there are more than 150 trades in Ontario in the construction, industrial, motive power and service sectors.

Fanshawe College offers more than 40 skilled trade and apprenticeship programs with small class sizes and hands-on learning in a variety of formats: full-time, part-time, block release, day release or online.

### 2. Earn while you learn

Apprenticeships are employment-based training for people seeking a career in a skilled trade. Apprentices are paid while they work and their wages increase as they progress through their apprenticeship training. Apprentices work on the job the majority of the time and then spend the rest learning in-class. The government also offers grants and loans to help offset the training costs.

### 3. Opportunities to advance

Not only are skilled trades well known for their strong salaries, but there are many opportunities for career advancement.

The Red Seal program is the national standard of excellence for skilled trades. With a Red Seal endorsement, certified tradespeople can apply for jobs anywhere in Canada, without the need to complete additional testing to prove their skills.

Fanshawe offers Red Seal Trade programs in a variety of areas:

- Agricultural Equipment Technician
- Agricultural Equipment Technician – John Deere
- Auto Body and Collision Damage Repairer
- Automotive Service Technician
- Automotive Service Technician - GM ASEP
- Truck and Coach Technician
- Brick and Stone Mason
- General Carpenter
- Electrician - Construction and Maintenance
- Cook
- Hairstylist
- Industrial Electrician
- Industrial Mechanic Millwright
- Horticultural Technician
- General Machinist
- Plumber
- Refrigeration/Air Conditioning Systems Mechanic
- Sheet Metal Worker
- Tool and Die Maker

### Maggie Friesen's journey to represent Canada at WorldSkills competition in Russia.

Maggie Friesen (Auto Body and Collision Damage Repairer, '18) likes to work with her hands. Through a pre-apprenticeship program at Fanshawe she discovered her interest in auto body work, especially painting—the last step in restoring a dented or damaged vehicle to its former beauty. “The look of a freshly polished, scratch-free finish is super satisfying,” she says.

Painting is something Maggie does well. So well that one of her instructors encouraged her to compete in the Skills Ontario competition, a unique opportunity for top students to demonstrate that they are the best in their field. After winning gold at Skills Ontario and placing in the top three at Skills Canada, Maggie beat out the competition in Halifax to represent Canada at the 45th WorldSkills competition held in Kazan, Russia in 2019.



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