

# THINK SKILLED TRADES.

## Skilled Trades are:

### ESSENTIAL

We rely on skilled trades for building everything from homes and business to roads and utilities. Skilled trades also provide essential services for everyday life such as cooks, landscapers, technicians and hairstylists.

### FOR EVERYONE

Current labour demands and more open recruiting procedures are creating greater opportunities for men and women alike. Anyone with a passion and interest in pursuing a skilled trade should consider these opportunities.

### CHALLENGING

Most skilled trades jobs require a critical-thinking skills such as creativity, collaboration, problem solving and communication. You'll also develop hands-on technical skills to work on things like hardware and software, digital devices, precision machinery and heavy equipment.

### EVOLVING WITH NEW TECHNOLOGY

As technology continues to evolve, the skills needed by trades workers are also changing. There are many emerging technologies that will result in new skilled trades jobs that require an innovative skill set. Many future careers do not even exist yet!



# THINK SKILLED TRADES.

## Skilled Trade Careers Provide:

### A UNIQUE AND STIMULATING EDUCATION

Specific knowledge and skills are required to work in the skilled trades. The difference is in the way that the learning or training occurs. Training takes place on work sites, working alongside an experienced expert in the field, with minimal classroom learning.

And trainees get paid for much of that training. Many of the trades require workers to be proficient in sophisticated technology, advanced math, operate tools and equipment safely and require multiple transferable skills.

### RESPECTED AND VARIED CAREERS

There are more than 140 Skilled Trades in the Service, Construction, Transportation and the Manufacturing & Industrial Sectors. Regardless of the sector, skilled trades apprenticeship training is considered the same as a university degree.

Upon earning a skilled trade, the opportunities for advancement are numerous. There are avenues for training, additional certifications and other professional development that can lead to promotions and additional doors. Many experienced skilled trades workers may even start their own business.

### COMPETITIVE WAGES AND NO DEBT

Careers in the trades lead to high-paying jobs. Wages are dependent on the trade, level of experience and certification, but entry level wages start at approximately \$47,000 a year and many earn over \$100,000 a year. With the severe shortage of skilled trades workers across the province, those wages will rise even further.

As an added benefit, apprentices often do not accumulate education debt and get to start work sooner, allowing for quicker career advancement.

**For more information go to [oyap.com](http://oyap.com) or [skilledtradesontario.ca](http://skilledtradesontario.ca)**

