

# TRADES INSTRUCTOR SHORT CERTIFICATE

## Purpose

This short certificate will address the unique needs of being a trades/vocational instructor. Various teaching and learning methodologies and philosophical approaches in the delivery of vocational and apprenticeship training will be addressed with a focus on the methodologies and documents of the Industry Training Authority (ITA). The certificate will be of interest to current and potential instructors who want to develop their skills in teaching in vocational and trades training contexts.

## Duration

7 credits (105 hours)

Completion time will vary depending on individual circumstances. The program is designed to allow for flexibility, and may be completed at an accelerated pace.

The program must be completed within 3 years.

## Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, graduates will be able to:

1. Design, deliver and evaluate adult learning and teaching reflecting various vocational instructional approaches.
2. Create and manage a positive and engaging vocational learning environment that promotes respect for the diversity of learners.
3. Act in an ethical and professional manner when working in an adult vocational education setting.
4. Integrate critical reflection and self-regulated learning into personal and instructional practices.
5. Demonstrate and promote critical thinking skills as a professional.

## Admission Requirements

- English language proficiency (<https://www.vcc.ca/applying/registration-services/english-language-proficiency-requirements/>) at an English 11 level
- Applicants will be required to have:
  - Trade certification *and* be currently teaching or preparing to teach in a vocational setting, *or*
  - Receive departmental approval

## Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
TRAI 3001	ITA Fundamentals	1
TRAI 3002	Trades Specific Facilitating	2
TRAI 3003	Trades Specific Assess Eval	2
TRAI 3004	Trades Student Engagement	2
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>7</b>

## Evaluation of Student Learning

Evaluation of student learning is based on completion of course assignments. Due dates and criteria for successful completion of each course assignment will be outlined by the instructor at the beginning of each course.

Students must achieve a grade of "S" in every course to be awarded the credential.

Upon successful completion of this program, the student will receive a Trades Instructor Short Certificate.

## Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)

Students may request formal recognition of prior learning attained through informal education, work, or other life experience, including Indigenous ways of knowing. Credits may be granted to students who are able to sufficiently demonstrate the learning outcomes of specific courses.

PLAR is available for all courses in this program.

Applying for PLAR:

- Identify courses for which PLAR may be requested.
- Submit the following to the department:
  - Actual curriculum products/artifacts created and used by the applicant in their workplace which are judged equivalent to the curriculum documents and course assignments.
  - An essay in which the applicant describes the development of their thinking related to the themes, issues, and concepts of the course.
  - A successful interview with the department.

Students may apply for a maximum of two program credits through PLAR. Tuition and fees may still apply to PLAR candidates.

To request PLAR, please contact the department directly.

See the Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition Policy and Procedures for more information.

## Transcript of Achievement

The evaluation of learning outcomes for each student is prepared by the instructor and reported to the Student Records Department at the completion of each course. The transcript typically shows a letter grade or S/U (successful/unsuccessful) for each course. The grade point equivalent for a course is obtained from letter grades as follows:

## Grading Standard

Grade	Percentage	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
A+	96-100		4.33
A	91-95		4.00
A-	86-90		3.67
B+	81-85		3.33

B	76-80		3.00
B-	71-75		2.67
C+	66-70		2.33
C	61-65		2.00
C-	56-60		1.67
D	50-55		1.00
F	0-49	Failing Grade	0.00
S	61 or greater	Satisfactory – student has met and mastered a clearly defined body of skills and performances to required standards	N/A
U		Unsatisfactory – student has not met and mastered a clearly defined body of skills and performances to required standards	N/A
I		Incomplete	N/A
IP		Course in Progress	N/A
W		Withdrawal	N/A
<b>Course Standings</b>			
R		Audit. No Credits	N/A
EX		Exempt. Credit Granted	N/A
TC		Transfer Credit	N/A

## Grade Point Average (GPA)

1. The course grade points shall be calculated as the product of the course credit value and the grade value.
2. The GPA shall be calculated by dividing the total number of achieved course grade points by the total number of assigned course credit values. This cumulative GPA shall be determined and stated on the Transcript at the end of each Program level or semester.
3. Grades shall be assigned to repeated courses in the same manner as courses taken only once. For the purpose of GPA calculation of grades for repeated courses, they will be included in the calculation of the cumulative GPA.