

You can get recognition for work that you have already done!

Secondary School Apprenticeship Let School find you a Career

If you are currently working and between the ages of 15-19, the school district may be able to give you credits for graduation and a \$1000 scholarship. Through the Secondary School Apprenticeship program (SSA) you can earn up to 16 credits (or four courses) towards graduation just for working at your part time job and be eligible for a thousand dollar cheque.



There is Money in Trades Training

The Apprenticeship Incentive Grant (AIG) is a taxable cash grant available to registered apprentices once they have successfully completed their first or second year (level) of an apprenticeship program in one of the Red Seal trades.

Training Hours

Accrue only after students apply for registration as apprentices with the ITA .

(In many cases, students can be given credit for prior work.)

Must be paid

Must be reported by sponsors to the ITA and recorded by apprentices and SSA Coordinators

Must be verified by a certified tradesperson or equivalent as set out in the policy for earning work-based training hours by the ITA

Must be reported by sponsors to the Industry Training Authority Customer Service (CS) at 480 and 900 hours

Courses and Work

Students complete work-based training, or skill development through practical, hands-on experiences under the supervision of certified tradespersons or equivalent.

Students must complete 480 hours training with a sponsor employer to complete the entire program. However, each course counts as 4 credits and 120 hours of work experience .

Course credits are - SSA 11A, SSA 11B, SSA 12A, and SSA 12B, worth 4 credits each to a total of 16 Graduation Credits

Prior Work

When students have worked in a trade area but are not enrolled in the SSA Program SSA can provide them with credit for up to 240 hours of work in the trade .

Many times students are already working in an apprenticeship trade and are not receiving any credit. Under this Hidden Apprentice label students can be signed up to the SSA program

Pre-SSA

Students are encouraged to undergo at least 30 hours of job shadowing or hands-on work experience in a related trade prior to SSA registration, unless they are already working in the trade area

The 30 hours of job shadowing or relevant work experience can count toward the 120 hours of work experience required for SSA 11A once students are registered for SSA .

For those students who do not pursue SSA after the 30 hours, the hours can be used to meet the 30 hours of work experience and/or community service required for graduation .



What is SSA

The SSA program is a career program that provides students with the opportunity to begin an apprenticeship while still in high school, and to earn high school credits for doing so. It provides a smoother transition from school to work, and a quicker route to certification in a trade - and to the earning power that goes with it. Note that it is possible for students to take part in both the Secondary School Apprenticeship and ACE IT program together.

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Why Not Start Now. If you are 15 and eligible, you can begin earning Grad Credits while you work. Take the Stress out of Graduation !

Think About It Career Development is a key component of a student's success story, but often it can be marginalized by decision makers who are focused on more traditional core academics and academic career goals.