

Program Name:

TASK (Trade Awareness, Skills & Knowledge)

**Program Description:**

TASK is a trade awareness program offered to a largely Indigenous cohort of students. It exposes them to a wide array of construction trades that usually includes: carpentry, plumbing, electrical, joinery, drywall, painting, sheet metal, and welding. Participants work toward trades training certifications like: forklift operator, skid-steer operator, traffic control (flag person), fall protection, confined space, WHMIS, and first aid. Students also do workforce readiness skills that prepare students for successful trades based employment (activities like resume building and possible mock interviews.) Students attend the program on a full time basis from Monday to Thursday with Fridays reserved for work experience placements with community based employers.

Location / Post Secondary Partner:

Saanichton Individual Learning Centre, in partnership with **Camosun College**.

Eligibility:

All Saanich District Programs are available to any “school aged” student registered in any Saanich District school.

Pre-Requisites:

Students should be in grade 10 or 11. Grade 12's may be considered. They should have reasonable basic numeracy and literacy skills. They must have a genuine, expressed interest and curiosity in exploring the trades with a view to potentially selecting a specific trade for further training and also seeking employment in a trade related occupation.

Application Process:

Students must complete a TASK application form available through their Career Counsellor (from the Individual Learning Centre as well as a South Island Partnership application package.) Students must meet with their home school Career Counsellor to complete this process.

Credits Earned:

Students will earn credit for 5 courses:

- Trade Samplers: TSTB 12A, TSTB 12B
- Skilled Trades Explorations: STX 11A, STX 12A
- Work Experience: WEx 12A

Materials / Equipment / Cost:

Students may need to provide their own work boots, work wear, rain gear, personal safety protection. eg: eye protection, hearing protection, hard hat etc. Financial supports are available if needed.

(There is no tuition cost, but students are required to pay an application fee of \$41.82.)

All hand and power tools are supplied.

Transition Process:

Step one: Students from any Saanich school can apply for the program and cross enrol to the Individual Learning Centre.

Step Two: Upon completion of the TASK program students may continue with their graduation plan, transition to employment, and/or register into a foundation program for technical training in a chosen trade in a District Program, with Camosun, or any of our other post secondary partners. Many students have secured employment with the employers with whom they did their work experience placement.

More Information:

<https://ilc.sd63.bc.ca/mod/page/view.php?id=70>

Student Successes:

[Seaside story of Damien Tom and Joel Sampson](#)