

Hybrid Carpenter *Online* Apprenticeship Programs

***Refer to the technical training schedule on our website for Hybrid session offerings.**



Saskatchewan
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Facts and Information

What is Carpenter Hybrid Training?

The Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission (SATCC), in cooperation with Saskatchewan Polytechnic, is currently delivering online/in-class programs for Carpenter apprenticeship technical training. This Hybrid training is now available for Level Two, Level Three and Level Four training. Eligible apprentices now have the option to participate in these programs.

What is the hybrid learning approach?

The hybrid learning approach combines the advantages of two kinds of instruction - online and in-person. Selected apprentices will begin by learning their theory materials using a guided online environment. Saskatchewan Polytechnic Carpenter instructors will be available to provide assistance during evenings and on weekends through a variety of electronic methods, such as phone, e-mail, Skype, etc. Apprentices will then reinforce these important skills by attending in-person shop training.

This hybrid approach will allow apprentices to support their families and communities by being at home and working while accessing their training online.

How is the training set up?

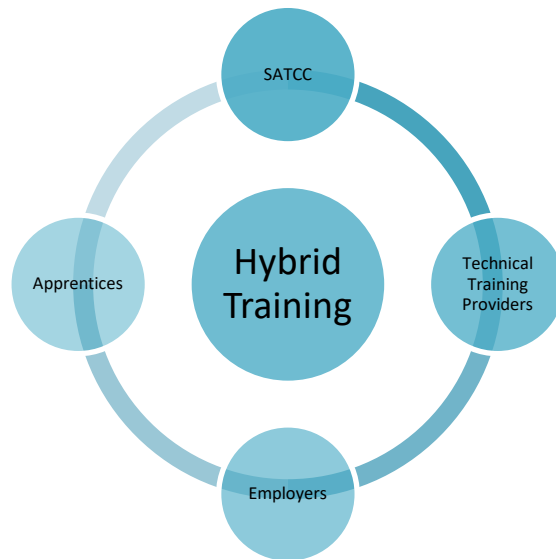
Selected apprentices will have twenty-one (21) weeks to complete the online theory portion of the training. This will be followed immediately by three (3) weeks of in-shop practical training, currently offered only at the Saskatchewan Polytechnic Moose Jaw Campus.

The three weeks of practical training are spent in a shop only environment. Shop-time hours will be full time from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. A course package has been developed for the practical projects and will be distributed to apprentices prior to beginning the in-person training.

Start dates will vary depending on demand and shop availability for the practical training.

Who benefits from this style of training?

Delivery of online training will benefit four key groups:



Ahead-of-the-curve thinking demands innovation and flexibility. The SATCC wants to see apprentices successfully access theory-based training online to reduce their time away from home. This will also allow them to earn full wages during part of their technical training.

- **Benefits to employers:** Individuals will be available for more work hours. Apprentices will be away from work for less time than the traditional technical training model.
- **Benefits to Apprentices:** Individuals will be able to complete theory training near, or at home, which reduces time away from home and work.
- **Benefits to the SATCC and Training Providers:** Each apprentice who succeeds in online training represents reduced stress on the capacity of technical training institutions. Further, the SATCC is attempting to become more cost effective by using a hybrid training approach.

Why is the SATCC offering this style of training?

The SATCC is seeking to promote innovation and accessible learning by providing online technical learning opportunities in combination with in-school practical training. These Hybrid programs allow apprentices to take their theory portion online, at home, and reduce their “face time” at the technical training location by *four weeks*.

What is required to be a Hybrid learner?

We want our apprentices to succeed! Online learning can be both demanding and rewarding. Dedication and commitment are necessary to complete the online materials within the required time periods. Please note that no extensions will be given for the theory portion (21 weeks) or for the three weeks of practical training. The in-school practical portion will be scheduled to immediately follow the theory portion.

What are the tuition and the hour credits?

The tuition for Hybrid training is currently \$735 based on \$105 per week, which the same as for the standard seven week full time apprenticeship training program. The hour credit that is automatically awarded for the successful completion of a level of Hybrid training is 210 hours, also the same as for the standard seven week full time apprenticeship training program.

What is needed to be eligible?

To be eligible, apprentices must have submitted trade time hours and have them on record with the SATCC. The hours required depend on the level of training being requested. Those with the most trade time hours will be the first selected for the Hybrid training. Information specific to your situation can be requested by contacting the Carpenter Training Coordinator or any SATCC Field Consultant.

How do I sign up for Hybrid training?

Spaces are limited. If you would like to have your name added to one of the Hybrid class lists you should **immediately** contact the Carpenter Training Coordinator, Chantelle Shewchuk at 306-787-2449. If you would like more information about these Hybrid training programs or have any inquiries about your trade time, you can contact Chantelle at the above number or call any of the SATCC offices and ask to speak with a Field Consultant.

Course Content

Level 2 - Theory (Online – 21 weeks)

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| Construction Documents | Exterior Wall Coverings |
| Exterior Windows and Doors | Roof Coverings |
| Roof Framing | Transits |
| Wall Systems | Wood Stairs |

Level 2 – Practical (In-school - 3 weeks)

All practical projects normally delivered in Level 2 training.

Level 3 - Theory (Online – 21 weeks)

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| Construction Documents and Quantity Survey | Cabinets |
| Doors and Hardware | Wood Stairs |
| Interior Finish | |

Level 3 – Practical (In-school - 3 weeks)

All practical projects normally delivered in Level 3 training.

Level 4 - Theory (Online – 21 weeks)

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| Construction Documents and Quantity Survey | Commercial Formwork |
| Transits | Intersecting Roof |
| Concrete Design | Building Envelope |
| Concrete Stairs | Renovations |
| | Carpentry Review |

Level 4 – Practical (In-school - 3 weeks)

All practical projects normally delivered in Level 4 training.

Technical Information: Computer Requirements

Computers used by participants for this upgrading program must meet certain *minimum technical requirements*.

Computer hardware and software requirements include a relatively new computer with an Internet connection and the following software and settings:

- A supported Internet browser (essentially a recent version of Internet Explorer or Firefox - see note below)
- Cookies enabled
- Javascript enabled
- Pop-up blocker disabled or configured to allow pop-ups for this site
- Java installed
- Adobe Acrobat Reader installed - available from the Adobe website
- Adobe Flash Player also available from the Adobe website

The Online Learning System

The Brightspace learning system (formerly known as Desire2Learn) is software that allows Saskatchewan Polytechnic to create and host courses on the Internet. Courses created with this software can serve as entire online courses or as a supplement to traditional classroom courses. The Brightspace learning system has a Browser Tune-Up Page that will help you determine if your browser is supported and provides instructions on how to configure it. When registered and logged into the online course, you are able to access information on the *Help Page* listed in the menu at the top of the browser if you are having problems accessing the course or some components of it.

See <https://community.desire2learn.com/d2l/systemCheck> for the required browser settings and required plug-ins, which is the most important thing to have installed properly. This check can be performed prior to being enrolled.

It is important to ensure that your browser runs appropriately and at an acceptable speed.

1. The **recommended** system configuration is Microsoft Windows XP on a computer with a Pentium processor or better and 128 megabytes (MB) of RAM. Your visual display should be capable of 1024x768. A high-speed Internet connection is also recommended if available in your area.

2. The **minimum** system configuration options (based on your choice of operating system) are provided below. Please take particular note of the **browser** and **browser check** requirements.

| Saskatchewan Polytechnic Online Learning Computer Requirements | | |
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| | PC | MAC |
| Operating Systems | Windows XP Windows ME & 95 is not recommended | OS X or later |
| Processor | Pentium | G4 |
| RAM | 256 MB (minimum) (512 MB recommended) | 256 MB (minimum) (512 MB recommended) |
| Disk Space | 1G MB (minimum) | 1G (minimum) |
| Resolution | 1024 x 768 | 1024 x 768 |
| Audio | Sound card and speakers | Speakers |
| Modem | 56.6 Kbps (minimum), high-speed recommended | 56.6 Kbps (minimum), high-speed recommended |
| Printer | Recommended | Recommended |
| Browser Check | Visit: https://community.desire2learn.com/d2l/systemCheck and follow the instructions to ensure your browser will work with the Brightspace learning system. You may need to download and install a different browser or upgrade your existing browser if you have system issues. | |



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