



Jobs and More...

September 8, 2025

*"Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but
in rising up every time we fail."*

Ralph Waldo Emerson



Skilling Up – Free Digital Literacy courses

SkillingUp, offered by March of Dimes, is a comprehensive, free, digital skills training program designed to empower people with barriers to employment in Canada to pursue jobs that require digital skills. It provides individuals with the opportunity to learn new digital skills, earn Microsoft certification, and build the confidence necessary to be a part of today's tech-enabled workforce. If you do not have a home computer, you can reserve a workstation in our Learning Lab.

Sister Port Agreement signed between Nanaimo and Taiwan City

Nanaimo has signed a strategic trade agreement with Taiwan's largest port, expanding global market access. This move positions Nanaimo as a vital gateway for Canadian exports, reducing reliance on U.S. trade routes. The partnership is expected to stimulate local job creation in logistics, warehousing, and marine services. MLA George Anderson calls it a bold step toward long-term economic diversification for the region. The following are some links to watch for related employment opportunities:

- **[Marine jobs – Government of Canada](#)**
- **[Employment - Port of Nanaimo](#)**
- **[Mariner and Trades Opportunities at Seaspan](#)** (Vancouver & Victoria)

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WorkBC Career Trek Video

Are you wondering what a day in the life of a **Health Care Assistant** is like? Check out this short video to learn more.

Job Board

Don't miss new Jobs being posted daily!



WorkBC Centre

Join us in celebrating

***Disability
Employment
Month***



Canada

BRITISH COLUMBIA

This program is funded by the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia.

Hiring people with disabilities is good for business!

Visit us and learn more about how we can support your employment journey!

**Jobs you may
have missed...**

Warehouse Associate – Buckerfields Parksville Ltd

Server – Amrikkko's Indian Grill

Barista – French Press Coffee Roasters

Book Seller / Receiver – Fireside Books

Part-Time Administrative Assistant – Browns Plumbing and Gas

SOS Thrift Shop Shipper/Receiver – District 69 Society of Organized Services

Child Care Centre Supervisor – BGC Central Vancouver Island

Grief Support Specialist – Oceanside Hospice Society

Pet Store Customer Service – Pet Mania

Housekeeping – Ocean Trails Resort

Manufacturing Kitchen Team Member - Primal Sisters Enterprises Inc.

Retail Clerk – French Creek Seafood



Learn more about the role and responsibilities of a **Health Care Assistant / Aide**, the current and potential job openings in BC, education and skill requirements as well as the typical annual earnings.

Join us for our Grand Opening Celebration!



SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, September 25

2:00 - 4:00pm

#3 - 187 Bagshaw Street, Parksville

*Join us for our Grand Opening Celebration in
our new location!*

We are excited to showcase our fully accessible
space, designed to be welcoming and
accommodating for all who visit.

Enjoy some refreshments and celebrate with us!



Looking for a job? Need some support in your job search?
We've got you covered!

You won't want to miss our Workshop Series next week. Attend the sessions each day and receive FREE LUNCH! Please see the poster below for more information and call us to register!

Call us! 250.248.3205

[CLICK HERE FOR THE SCHEDULE OF WORKSHOPS](#)

FREE Workshop Series



**Everyone else headed back to school
and now it's time to look for work?**

September 16-18, 2025

**Attend this valuable workshop series designed to
prepare you for employment!**

**Lunch provided for those attending both AM and PM sessions
(*Applicable only if you are a registered client currently working with an Employment Consultant)*

Registration is a simple process - call us at 250.248.3205 to learn how and to sign up for this series.

Job Search Part 1 - September 16:

Beyond the Postings @ 10am / Resumes & Cover Letters - Part 1 @ 1pm

Job Search Part 2 - September 17:

**Resumes & Cover Letters - Part 2 @ 10:30am / Wage Subsidy Info Session @ 1pm
Skills Training Info Session @ 1:30pm**

Job Search Part 3 - September 18:

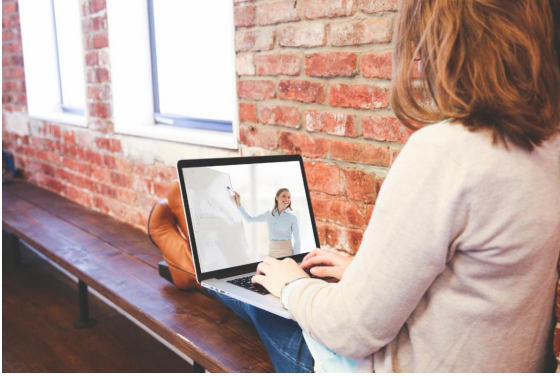
Acing the Interview @ 10am / Resumes & Cover Letters - Part 3 @ 1:30pm



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and the Province of British Columbia.

Online Workshops

*Resume Essentials,
Acing the Interview and*



Learn at your own pace from
the comfort of your home!

FAMILY CARE RECOVERY GROUP

Everyone deserves to find their own journey to recovery – that is why Forward House provides complimentary recovery groups specifically for family members who have been impacted by their loved one's substance use.

These group sessions offer a safe space for you and others to talk honestly, share some of your fears, and develop the skills needed to find and/or maintain a happier, healthier life in recovery.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT ALONE.



FREE. CONFIDENTIAL.
10-12 week Psycho-educational Program

Are you feeling alone, helpless, and burnt out?

This group is designed to help family members cope and relate effectively with their loved one to support their recovery while enhancing their own well-being. You will learn about:

- Coping
- Grief
- Emotional regulation
- Problem solving
- Goal setting
- Effective communication
- Boundaries

"I have learned that we're in this together as a couple, as a family and as a wider group. It has been rewarding to be able to support others in their journey and wonderful to have received their understanding and support without judgement."

– Anonymous participant

If you're ready to stop carrying it alone, we're here.



FORWARD HOUSE
Mental Health & Addiction Recovery

For more information or to find out if this group might be right for you, contact Forward House:
250-954-0785 or 250-927-6303
Email: angela@forwardhouse.com



Be Your Own Boss!

Starting a business can often be the best way for a person to get back into the workforce.

[Find out more here!](#)



Support for Success

As one of our clients, you may be eligible for personal counselling sessions in support of your employment goal. Please speak with your Employment Consultant to learn more.



The Gardens at Qualicum Beach is our featured **Employer of the Month** for August.

Check out what they have to say about their company culture and learn what jobs they are looking to fill.



The Tutoring Program



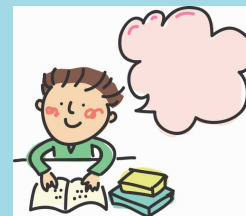
Free one-on-one tutoring is available at the Career Centre for adults needing assistance with reading, writing, English as a second language, math, or basic computer skills.

For more info please contact:

Tiana, Tutoring Program
Coordinator

250.248.3205 ext. 243

tutoringinfo@careercentre.org



Trucking and Logistics in BC: Navigating Challenges, Innovation, and Trade Pressures

"B.C.'s trucking companies are grappling with labour shortages. The Canadian Trucking Alliance has projected a national shortfall of 55,000 drivers, with British Columbia among the hardest-hit regions. Driver recruitment and retention have become critical concerns, as demand for freight services outpaces the available workforce." Click the link for more information on [Careers in Trucking](#), including Dispatchers, Logistics Coordinators, Safety and Compliance Officers and more.

July 2025 Labour Market Monthly Stats

BC's unemployment rate was up slightly in July compared to June, with the Vancouver Island region reflecting an increase from 4% to 5.9% (note: the unemployment rate is a percentage of a region's labour force, not a percentage of the entire population).

Parksville Fire Department Volunteer Opportunities

Are you searching for experience to add to your resume? Local fire departments are usually looking to bring on extra volunteers this time of year, which in turn could lead to full time employment! Don't forget about the Fire Departments in our area as well: [Qualicum Beach Fire Rescue](#), [Bow Horn Bay Fire Department](#), [Errington Volunteer Fire Department](#), [Dashwood Fire Department](#), and the [Nanoose Volunteer Fire Department](#).

StrongerBC Future Skills Grant

BC residents over age 19 can continue to access grants for eligible short-term training programs at public post-secondary institutions, giving them more opportunities to gain new skills for in-demand jobs. The grant covers up to \$3,500. If you are currently working with a WorkBC Employment Consultant, consider exploring the Future Skills Grant as a funding option for skills training.

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Career Discovery Quizzes

Learn more about yourself and explore what careers might be the best fit for you! Assess your talents, identify your work preferences, and explore your interests with WorkBC's [Discovery Quizzes](#).





Code Dental Clinic is a non-profit dental clinic that provides extractions and restorative procedures at half the cost of a regular clinic. [Click here](#) for more information.

As well, students in the VIU dental assistant and dental hygiene programs can provide cost-effective dental care for your entire family. [Click here](#) for more details about services provided.

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