



HOT TIPS

# Labour Market

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## Upcoming Events and Programs

### ► The Art of Job Search – Free Workshop Series

Wednesdays October 16 to November 6, 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Looking for work can be stressful! Engage in art making, writing and self-reflection in this 4-week supportive group program. Meet two hours each Tuesday at the Career Centre to explore the ups and downs of job search and career decision making. No art making experience required and nutritional snacks are included. Call 250.248.3205 to register for this FREE workshop series.

### ► Making Age an Asset

Wednesday October 2, 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Career Centre, 198 E Island Highway, Parksville

Enjoy a lively and honest discussion about the mature worker job search; the myths, realities and opportunities, as well as current hot tips for success. Network with other mature workers as you explore resume and interview techniques that will capitalize on your experience.

### ► SuperHost Workshop

Thursday, October 16, 9:00am to 4:00pm

Career Centre, 198 E Island Highway, Parksville

Customer service skills are highly valued by employers! Gain industry recognized certification. This public *SuperHost Foundations of Service Quality* course is a comprehensive, practical introduction to the principles of providing a quality service experience. Course fee is \$79.00 per person. Please call the Career Centre at 250.248.3205 to register and for more information.

### ► Advanced Forestry Skills Program

Do you have a passion for the outdoors and an interest in pursuing a career in forestry? This 19-week, fully-funded, field-based forestry program could be for you! Advanced Forestry Skills Training participants will gain a wide variety of skills, certifications and hands-on experience. This program includes valuable industry networking opportunities and three week job placements with local forestry employers.

#### Eligibility Requirements

- Currently underemployed or unemployed
- Must live in surrounding area

- Must meet EI Eligibility requirements

### Program Curriculum

This Advanced Forestry Skills Training Program covers a wide range of valuable skills and certifications that will set you up for success in a future career in forestry.

The program includes:

- Forestry Field Studies, including species identification, map, compass, streams, wildlife management, forest health, GPS, GIS, timber cruising, layout, forest operations, fuels management, tree planting, silviculture and more
- Occupational First Aid - Level 3
- Silviculture Surveyor Certification
- Wildlife Danger Tree Assessor
- Harvesting and Silviculture
- Basic Chainsaw Operator
- Basic Brush Saw, Brushing and Thinning Training
- S100 Basic Fire Suppression and Safety
- S185 Fire Entrapment Avoidance
- Basic Fall Protection
- Bear Aware
- WHMIS
- Canadian Safety Council ATV and UTV Off-Road Vehicle Operation
- BC Hydro Utility Tree Worker
- Teambuilding, Leadership, Work Readiness and more

Program Dates: October 28, 2019 to March 20, 2020 and February 2, 2020 to June 12, 2020 Nanaimo, BC.

For more information see <https://www.stillwaterconsultingltd.com/nanaimo-advanced-forestry-skills-training>.

### ► Employment Expo Job Fair

Friday, October 18, 12:00pm to 4:00pm

Florence Filberg Centre, 411 Anderton Ave, Courtenay

Explore a multitude of industries with Human Resource representatives from health care, human services, finance, education, tourism, hospitality, recreation, construction, beauty, transportation and more! For a list of attending employers see <https://ceas.ca/2019/07/25/employment-expo-job-fair-2019/>.

### ► Health Care Assistant Training in Parksville/Qualicum

Start Date: October 15, 2019

Discovery Community College in association with the BC Career Colleges Association is offering Health Care Assistant training for eligible BC residents who are unemployed or underemployed. Those who are eligible will have the opportunity to attend a funded Health Care Assistant (HCA) program and learn the tools needed to successfully enter the workforce as part of the health care team. For more information please call 1.250.468.7777.

## ► Health Care Assistant Diploma Program

34 Week Health Care Assistant Program running from October 21, 2019 to June 12, 2020 in Nanaimo

### Eligibility Requirements

- Currently underemployed or unemployed
- Must live in surrounding area
- Must meet EI Eligibility requirements

### Program Curriculum

This is a group-based, full time program consisting of twenty weeks of employability and occupational skills, classroom training, ten weeks of on-the-job work experience and two weeks of follow-up support to prepare participants for employment as Health Care Assistants. Classroom Theory includes food safe, first aid, medication administration, violence prevention, working with dementia, caring for individuals, concepts of practice, interpersonal communication, lifestyle and choices, caring for individuals with cognitive or mental challenges, personal care, complex care, essential skills (reading, writing, document use, technology), life skills - stress management, time management, anger management, listening skills, and empathy in the workplace.

Please call the Career Centre at 250.248.3205 for more information.

## ► Education and Career Fair

Thursday, November 28, 9:00am to 2:00pm

Beban Park Social Centre, 2300 Bowen Rd, Nanaimo

This Career Fair brings together representatives from universities, colleges, career training institutions, industry associations and employers with their wealth of knowledge and resources. Education and Career Fair is B.C.'s #1 experiential career-focused fair in Canada with a robust program including Interactive Galleries, Career Skills Workshops and the Learning Lounge with engaging presentations throughout the day.

[http://www.educationcareerfaairs.com/?event=2019-nanaimo-fair&event\\_date=2019-11-28](http://www.educationcareerfaairs.com/?event=2019-nanaimo-fair&event_date=2019-11-28)

## Business Buzz

► Transport Canada has officially approved Berk's Inter-trucks Duke Point location as a recognized facility for testing, inspecting, and repairing high way tankers and trailers. According to the company's general manager Dan Grubac, this new designation makes the Duke Point location one of two shops in the central Island that are able to perform this level of government-approved inspection and repair.

"It's a specialized kind of business," says Grubac. "Over the last twelve months, in addition to completing the vast amount of paperwork required by Transport Canada, we have been re-tooling our shop, training, and hiring, new staff to prepare for the transition. As soon as we received the designation, we were ready to hit the ground running."

Before the certification process was complete, the Duke Point facility brought on new qualified technicians who are properly certified to conduct inspection, test's, and repairs on these tankers and trailers. Berk's Intertruck's Duke Point shop is the company's first location to acquire this type of certification. Now operating at 1041 Maughan Road in Nanaimo, this location was opened a couple of years ago as a strategic move to capitalize on changes in Vancouver Islands Transportation industry. "This region became of interest to us when Seaspan decided to move their terminal from downtown Nanaimo to Duke Point," says Grubac. Berk's will continue to focus exclusively on Vancouver Island. "For today, and for the future, our intent is to have our

parts and service available from the bottom to the top, and from the east to the west coast of the Island,” he continues. “We’re getting closer to that as we speak, but we can always improve on what we have and continue to grow.” *More information in the September 18<sup>th</sup> Business Examiner*

[https://issuu.com/businessexaminer/docs/9\\_bevi\\_september\\_2019\\_print\\_new](https://issuu.com/businessexaminer/docs/9_bevi_september_2019_print_new)

► Mid Island Cabinets has come up with an innovative way of addressing a shortage of skilled workers: Robots. After 27 years in business, a shortage of skilled trades, combined with surging demand from clients has convinced the family-owned company to enlist the services of robots to get the job done. Currently MidIsland Cabinets is seeking a Processing Assistant, [Sawers, Assemblers, Finishers, Sanders and Delivery Drivers](#) on our job posting site. *More information in the September 18<sup>th</sup> Business Examiner*  
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► Jeremy Perkins, owner of French Press in Qualicum Beach won top prize at a recent coffee competition. French Press was the only non-franchise Canadian coffee company to win gold at the event in Nashville earlier this month, where 1,300 coffees were entered in various categories. The company now has a second location in Coombs, which is where they roast their beans. – *From the October 1, Parksville Qualicum Beach News*

## Job Postings

### Parksville and Area

- Administrative Client Care Assistant - Team Susan Forrest - Parksville <https://indeedhi.re/2nRm1XB>
- Quartz & Granite Templater/Installer - Coastal Countertops & Cabinets - Parksville <https://indeedhi.re/2mko4CW>
- Quartz & Granite Shop Helper - Coastal Countertops & Cabinets - Parksville <https://indeedhi.re/2mZ7Ob0>
- Baker - Quality Foods - Parksville <https://indeedhi.re/2oFiX12>
- Receptionist - Qualicum Beach Animal Hospital <https://indeedhi.re/2mjEETq>
- Junior Network Technician - AGS Business Systems – Parksville <https://indeedhi.re/2nBtdHr>
- Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant Support—Parksville Coastal Countertops and Cabinets <https://indeedhi.re/2nACTvi>
- Facility Support Clerk—Vancouver Island Regional Library - Parksville <https://bit.ly/2p97kj9>
- Security Guard - Footprints Security - Parksville <https://indeedhi.re/2onP1pO>
- Warehouse Order Selector - Quality Foods - Errington <https://indeedhi.re/2mJ31tV>
- Insurance Advisor - Westland Insurance Group - Parksville <https://bit.ly/2mJfdLd>
- Store Manager – Parksville BC Liquor Distribution Branch - Parksville <https://bit.ly/2nBWzFB>
- Food Service Supervisor - McDonald's Restaurant - Parksville <https://bit.ly/2mKx7xi>
- Red Seal Chef - Compass Group Canada Ltd. - Qualicum Beach <https://bit.ly/2p93mai>
- Housekeeping Supervisor – Elizabeth Manor - Parksville <https://bit.ly/2nsz1De>
- Cashier/Customer Service - Quality Foods - Nanoose Bay <https://indeedhi.re/2p1VK9k>
- Manager - Parks & Facilities, City of Parksville - Parksville <https://bit.ly/2mKSEpD>

### Nanaimo and Area

- Store Manager – Cleo - Nanaimo <https://bit.ly/2ohGxAK>
  - Service Manager - Fountain Tire - Nanaimo <https://bit.ly/2mITweg>
  - Sales Associate - The Brick – Nanaimo
- <https://www.indeed.com/viewjob?from=cobra%2CiaBackPress&iaal=1&jk=1918fecc28cb04e6&tk=1dm4r7obubk5b800>

- ▶ General Manager, Corporate Services - City of Nanaimo <https://bit.ly/2nCm8X5>
- ▶ Manager, Subdivision/Deputy Approving Officer - City of Nanaimo <https://bit.ly/2p5cmgs>
- ▶ Commercial Transport Mechanic—Nanaimo (Recruiter) <https://bit.ly/2nqNAXT>

### Port Alberni and Area

- ▶ Pharmacy Assistant - Medicine Shoppe #253 - Port Alberni <https://bit.ly/2p9uGFo>
- ▶ Remote Bilingual (FR & ENG) Assistant Project Manager - Vital Connections Inc-Canada (Work from home) <https://indeedhi.re/2nqxnc1>

## Job Search Tips

7 Professional Networking Tips and Tricks for a Successful Job Search <https://www.topresume.com/career-advice/7-networking-tips-for-job-seekers>

## Other Programs

▶ Are you a Job Seeker aged 55+? Are you an employer looking to add experience to your team? **The Experience Matters! Program** offers Employment Counselling, Job Entry Skills, Certificate Training, Paid Work Experience, Mentoring and Post Job Placement Support to eligible workers aged 55 and older. Employers that hire and train eligible workers 55+ and provide full time sustainable employment are eligible for a negotiated Wage Subsidy incentive up to \$2800. To register go to <https://www.experience-matters.ca/>.



▶ Funding is now available for the **Get Youth Working! Program**. This program offers BC employers a Wage Subsidy as an incentive to hire youth, providing on the job experience they need to excel. The program is open to eligible youth 18-24 years of age. To register go to <https://www.getyouthworking.ca/>.

▶ **TechWORKS** <https://spark.adobe.com/page/XOo5bGfjnA3Nm/> is a free employment program with a focus on digital workplace skills and preparing youth/young adults to navigate the employment realities of the new economy. The best part? This is an online program accessible from anywhere. If you have a computer/laptop and webcam, you have the tools needed to join.

The program includes lessons in website development, Microsoft Office suite, social media marketing, and online presence with additional tailored training for the participant, all with a focus on the realistic workplace. The program is delivered online and participants join an online classroom via video conferencing. Participants will have access to facilitators and youth counsellors via chat, ZOOM and phone. It is 6 weeks of classroom followed by 12 weeks of supported work experience. Participants will be eligible for a wage subsidy package which makes for an attractive employment applicant.

### ▶ **Community Futures Central Island - Entrepreneur in Residence**

Are you looking to start a business and have questions that you need help with? Have you recently started a new business and now need some guidance or help with things that have you scratching your head? Are you already in business and wonder how to increase your sales or profit margins? Are you looking to expand or grow your business but are unsure if it is the right time? If so, you are a perfect

candidate for the Entrepreneur in Residence Program. The purpose of the Entrepreneur in Residence program is to allow prospective entrepreneurs and current business owners in the Central Vancouver Island region access to invaluable advice from a successful entrepreneur. More info [here](#).