



HOT TIPS

Labour Market

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250.248.3205

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Programs & Events

► The Art of Job Search – Free Workshop Series

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

Next Program: October 28, 2019 to March 20, 2020, Nanaimo, BC. For more information see <https://www.stillwaterconsultingltd.com/nanaimo-advanced-forestry-skills-training>.

► Qualicum Beach Wellness and Volunteer Fair

Saturday, September 28, 10:00am to 3:00pm

Qualicum Beach Civic Centre, 474 Jones Street, Qualicum Beach

Free Admission, non-perishable food items accepted on behalf of the food bank. Seminars, vendors, support groups, health care practitioners.

► 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 Resources 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

► 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](#).

Business Buzz

► Fairwinds, owned by [SeaCliff Properties](#), is undergoing a major development. Currently they are working on Fairwinds Landing, which is a renovation of the 40,000 square feet marina building. When completed the building will consist of commercial, rental and a restaurant/pub/lounge. The plan is the pub/lounge will be 10,000 square feet. Fairwinds Landing will also have a café and speciality grocery store. They are hoping to have Fairwinds Landing open by the spring of 2020. They are also building the Westerly, which will consist of 39 oceanside condos. The structure is complete and they plan to have this project finished in 2020. Upcoming plans will also include the development of Timber Ridge a 35 townhome unit development and more planning for Schooner Cove and the Lakes District.

Currently the Construction Manager at Fairwinds is looking for one to two labourers for their construction projects. Starting wage is \$15-\$17/hour depending on skill level. Level 1 first aid training is a huge plus. Interested candidates can email a resume to Adele McKillop, Construction Manager amckillop@fairwinds.ca.

► Quality Foods has broken ground on their much-anticipated new Parksville store at the corner of Alberni Highway and Despard Avenue. It is expected to be completed in late 2020. Windley Construction is the builder. – *from the Thursday, September 19, Parksville Qualicum Beach News.*

Job Postings

Parksville and Area

► Building Inspector - Town of Qualicum Beach – Qualicum Beach <https://bit.ly/2kHMh5g>

► Development Engineer/Project Manager - City of Parksville – Parksville <https://bit.ly/2mFk7bR>

- ▶ Checker-Steel Detailing – Quality Drafting Company – Parksville <https://bit.ly/2md8KaP>
- ▶ Assistant Manager-Meat – Thrifty Foods – Parksville <https://bit.ly/2mgzBCK>
- ▶ Laboratory Assistant – LifeLabs - Parksville, Qualicum, Port Alberni & Courtenay <https://bit.ly/2kGHIZ6>
- ▶ Community Health Worker – VIHA – Parksville <https://bit.ly/2md59tk>
- ▶ Full Time Crew Member – McDonalds – Parksville <https://bit.ly/2myDbs7>
- ▶ Cooks and Dishwashers – Kalvas Restaurant – Parksville <https://bit.ly/2mDKU8l>
- ▶ Head Chef/Kitchen Manager – French Creek Marine Pub – Parksville <https://indeedhi.re/2mdCIRD>
- ▶ Supervisor Bakery – Thrifty Foods – Parksville <https://bit.ly/2mp03ug>
- ▶ Salesperson – The Comfort Group Heating Corp. – Parksville <https://bit.ly/2mWzTPJ>
- ▶ Animal Care Attendant – SPCA – Parksville <https://bit.ly/2mbUUpc>
- ▶ Barista – Starbucks – Parksville <https://bit.ly/2migKqV>

Nanaimo

- ▶ Legislative Coordinator (Deputy Corporate Officer) – RDN – Nanaimo <https://bit.ly/2NDRZy1>
- ▶ Marketing Agent-Client TELUS at The Acquisition Group - Nanaimo <https://bit.ly/2mh6NtS>
- ▶ Medical Equipment Specialist - Randstad Canada - Nanaimo <https://bit.ly/2la8JV0>
- ▶ Amazon Delivery Driver – Corporate Courier Logistics – Nanaimo <https://indeedhi.re/2mbU77F>
- ▶ Footwear Retail Sales Associate - A Step Ahead – Nanaimo <https://indeedhi.re/2kHOyxw>
- ▶ Sales Clerk - Nanaimo Bakery and Confectionery – Nanaimo <https://bit.ly/2mdqeDZ>
- ▶ Housekeeping Room Attendant – Best Western Dorchester Hotel – Nanaimo <https://bit.ly/2kYr6wd>
- ▶ Front Desk Agent - Best Western Dorchester Hotel – Nanaimo <https://bit.ly/2mgKGDS>
- ▶ Breakfast Room Attendant Server – Best Western Dorchester Hotel – Nanaimo <https://bit.ly/2kE2Rdf>
- ▶ Experienced Driller/Blaster – Windley Contracting – Nanaimo <https://bit.ly/2miEHyn>
- ▶ Experienced Operators – Windley Contracting – Nanaimo <https://bit.ly/2kZJeWv>
- ▶ Laboratory Technologist – Tilray – Nanaimo <https://bit.ly/2mcrozC>
- ▶ Recreation Receptionist - Casual – RDN – Nanaimo <https://bit.ly/2kRIO5o>
- ▶ Recreation Coordinator – City of Nanaimo – Nanaimo <https://bit.ly/2loTBTG>
- ▶ Server PT – Marquise Hospitality - Berwick on the Lake – Nanaimo <https://bit.ly/2lshDNA>
- ▶ Janitorial Cleaner – Pacifica Housing – Nanaimo <https://bit.ly/2mRYjcZ>

Port Alberni and Area

- ▶ Marine Rigger/Electrician – Alberni Industrial Marine Supply – Port Alberni <https://bit.ly/2l8oCeB>
- ▶ Admitting Switchboard Clerk – Island Health – Port Alberni <https://bit.ly/2kYWwXc>
- ▶ Customer Experience Associate – TD Bank – Port Alberni <https://bit.ly/2l8Ni6l>
- ▶ Assistant Accountant – Western Forest Products – Port Alberni <https://bit.ly/2kZe3dX>
- ▶ Manager – McDonalds – Port Alberni <https://bit.ly/2lpYHPG>
- ▶ Dairy Frozen Food Associate – Walmart – Port Alberni <https://bit.ly/2lpAIA0>

Job Search Tips

Job hunting advice: Tips for how to be effective today <https://www.cbc.ca/life/work-money/job-hunting-advice-tips-for-how-to-be-effective-today-1.5296059>.