



Frequently Asked Questions

Parent FAQs

Q: What grade can my child begin NB-TAP?

A: The NB-TAP begins in grade 10.

Q: If my child decides to change trades during the program, can he/she do that?

A: The program begins in the first year with general studies. Trade selection takes place in grade 11 and the student must remain in that trade for the remainder of the program.

Q: Will my child be hired by the employer after graduation from high school?

A: Employers can hire their student apprentices to continue as an apprentice after completion of the program, but are under no obligation to do so.

Q: What guarantee do I have that my child will be able to find a job after participating in this program?

A: Just as with any other training/educational program, there are no guarantees for employment. But the knowledge and experience gained through completion of the program gives participating students an advantage over those who are just starting their apprenticeship training after high school graduation.

Q: How much will my child be paid during his teen apprenticeship?

A: A teen apprentice can earn pay equivalent to that of a typical student's wages, anywhere from \$12 - \$15 an hour.

Q: How many hours of work will be required for the apprenticeship program?

A: The NB-TAP summer work terms are a normal work day of eight to ten hours. The summer work term lasts for six to eight weeks each term. The co-op program, which takes place in grade 12, is a total of 15 hours per week for 14 weeks.

Q: Can my child exit the program once they have started?

A: At anytime during the program, a student can decide to discontinue his or her participation.

Q: Once my child has completed the program, is he/she required to go into that trade or can he/she still decide to attend College or University?

A: The program is designed to give students options. If, at the end of the program, they decide to seek post secondary education, the hours they have completed will be held for five years if they choose to come back to complete their apprenticeship.

Q: Does the learning term replace other courses required for high school graduation or is it in addition to those requirements?

A: The NB-TAP is part of the high school curriculum and is not considered separate from the requirements for high school graduation. Students participating in the program have the same credit requirements as other high school students.

Q: What kind of programs are in place to ensure the safety of my child while participating in the work term?

A: A safety training program tailored specifically to the students will be in place for the first work term. Each student will be required to complete that program. In addition, each student is assigned a dedicated Jacobs employee who will be responsible for managing the student.

Q: Who will my child be employed by during the work term?

A: Jacobs Industrial is the contractor for Irving Oil that will employ and train the students participating in the program.