



# Pre-employment Carpenter

This 12-week program covers all course material received by a first-year carpenter apprentice, plus additional hands-on skills and safety training necessary on an actual job site.

Carpenters work in many areas of construction. They are involved in residential, commercial, industrial, or maintenance construction. Most carpenters are involved in reading blueprints, selecting materials and methods of work, measuring, cutting and joining materials.

The program will prepare the student to enter the workforce and become an apprentice. On successful completion of the program, there is an option to write the first-year [Carpenter apprenticeship](#) exam.

## Credentials

Upon successful completion of the program, students will receive a SAIT certificate and may be eligible to challenge the written and practical exams for first-year Apprenticeship.

## Admission requirements

### Application dates

Applications are accepted until the program start date but are subject to change.

- **Fall 2022 start:** Applications opened on Oct. 6, 2021.
- **Winter 2023 start:** Applications opened on March 30, 2022.

### Program requirements

Successful completion of the following courses or equivalents:

- English Language Arts 10-1 or English Language Arts 10-2, AND,
- Math 10C, Math 10-3, or Applied Math 10.
- A pass mark in the [SAIT Admission Examination \(level 2\)](#) or equivalent is accepted in lieu of the above requirements.

**Note:** General Educational Development (GED) tests are **not** accepted in lieu of the admission requirements.

All applicants must demonstrate [English Language proficiency](#) prior to admission, including students educated in Canada.

SAIT accepts [high school course equivalents](#) for admission. If you don't meet the requirements, consider [Academic Upgrading](#).

SAIT evaluates international documents for admissions. After you've applied, consider our [international document assessment](#) service if your education is from outside of Canada.

### Direct entry: Four-step process

**Step 1:** Read the program information to see the qualities needed for student success.

**Step 2:** Ensure that you meet all of the admission requirements listed above.

**Step 3:** [Apply](#) to Pre-Employment Carpenter and [submit your transcripts and/or anticipated final grades](#).

- Admission will be extended on a first-qualified, first-offered basis until the program is full.

Step 4: Find out how to monitor your application status [after you apply](#).

## Communication during admission

Email is the primary source of communication during the selection process. Ensure your personal email account is managed appropriately to receive our emails, files and communications. We recommend you add the [construction.advising@sait.ca](mailto:construction.advising@sait.ca) domain to your safe senders' list or you risk missing critical email messages.

## Costs 2022/23

### Domestic tuition and fees

Cost per credit: \$425

Year	Number of semesters	Tuition fees	SAIT fees	Saitsa fees*	Total
1	2	\$5,100	\$149	n/a	\$5,249

### SAIT fees

- Campus athletic and recreation fee: \$49
- Universal transit pass (Upass): n/a
- Student support fee: \$50
- Student technology fee: \$50

This program is eligible for [Canada Alberta Job Grant funding](#)

### Saitsa fees

### Student Association fees

Students registered in pre-employment programs do not pay student association fees.

### Health and dental fees

Students registered in pre-employment programs are not eligible for health and dental plans.

### Books and supplies\*

Books and supplies are approximately \$1,000 per full-time year.

For an estimate of the costs associated with purchasing a computer that meets the program's hardware and software requirements, see our [computers and laptops page](#).

Learn more about [tuition and financial aid](#).

\*Tuition, fees, books and supply costs are subject to change.