



Railway Conductor

Train to be a railway conductor and launch your career in the growing railway operations industry.

In just 12 weeks you will learn the specific responsibilities of a conductor, including moving, marshalling and switching rail cars. This program involves a combination of online and on-campus learning opportunities with visits to nearby industrial sites, and hands-on training in a private mini rail yard, complete with tracks and rail cars..

Throughout the program, you will gain a solid understanding of the Canadian Railway Operating Rules (CROR) and related safety systems, specific responsibilities of a conductor, and operating procedures related to train marshalling and switching. You will also become well-versed in the mechanical components of rail cars, air brake systems and communication systems.

Due to increased demand for transportation for the distribution of commodities and manufactured products, the railway industry is experiencing significant growth that will increase employment opportunities in the years to come. The demand for job-ready graduates will also increase as the industry expects high retirement rates due to an aging demographic, creating opportunities for career advancement in various positions.

Is this the right fit for me?

Conductor graduates must have a strong orientation towards safety, as well as excellent verbal and written English, good planning, decision-making and communication skills to work in the rail industry. Railways operate 24-hours a day, 365 days a year.

The work of a conductor requires regular physical activity outdoors in all types of weather. Conductors need to be in good physical condition and able to lift heavy objects (up to 85 lbs.).

Applicants to the railway companies are expected to pass government-mandated medical examinations including testing for vision including colour, hearing acuity and drug screening. Applicants to railway jobs are also given security screening by the hiring railway. Persons with concerns should consult with the employment office(s) of the respective railway(s).

Personal security information may be obtained from the local police force for a fee. To gain employment in the rail industry as a conductor, the student is responsible for determining the minimum medical and physical standards required by individual rail companies. SAIT does not provide screening services for the purpose of meeting these standards.

Credential

After successfully completing this program, graduates will receive a SAIT certificate as a Railway Conductor.

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.
- **Spring 2023 start:** applications opened on June 13, 2022.

Program requirements

At least 50% in the following courses or equivalents:

- Math 20-1 or Math 20-2 or Math 20-3 or Pure Math 20 or Applied Math 20, and,
- a Grade 12 English
- 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. SAIT may also accept courses completed at certain international post-secondary

institutions. Find more information [here](#).

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 Railway Conductor 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 transportation.info@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: \$768

Year	Number of semesters	Tuition fees	SAIT fees	Saitsa fees*	Total
1	1	\$10,368	\$458	\$407.50	\$11,233.50

International tuition and fees

Cost per credit: \$1,310.59

Year	Number of semesters	Tuition fees	SAIT fees	Saitsa fees*	Total
1	1	\$17,692.97	\$458	\$407.50	\$18,558.47

*Maximum fee. Actual fees may be less and are based on the number of credits a student takes per semester and whether they opt-out of health and dental benefits.

SAIT fees

- Campus athletic and recreation fee: \$98
- Universal transit pass (Upass): \$160
- Student support fee: \$100
- Student technology fee: \$100

Saitsa fees

Student Association fee

- Maximum: \$145.50

This is the maximum amount the student will pay. Actual fees may be less and are based on the number of credits the students take per semester.

Health and dental fees

- Health plan: \$127
- Dental plan: \$135

Students with existing health and/or dental plans can opt-out. Please refer to [Saitsa's website](#) for information.

Books and supplies*

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Books and supplies are approximately \$600.

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.