

Oilfield Operator Training (OOT)

For: High school students in grades 11-12

Where: Select areas of Alberta.

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Employment opportunities exist for OOT graduates in a wide range of entry-level production and operation positions, including work in battery operations, field operations, gas plants and oil refineries. The program has been designed to provide a focus on employability and job readiness, and leads to an Oilfield Operator Training Certificate issued by Northern Lakes College (NLC).

Through theoretical coursework, lab training and real-time internship experience, students will acquire an understanding of the workings of the oil and gas industry, and practical knowledge and skills in a range of industry activities, including instrumentation, measurement, production equipment and processing/refining operations. The OOT program provides technical operator training delivered over two years of high school by NLC, with the added potential for a paid summer internship with industry in each year of the program. The online coursework and lab training lead to 16 – 20 high school credits in provincially approved dual credit OOT courses (course codes currently under review), and the summer internship(s) lead to high school credit in Work Experience.

CAREERS pre-screens student applicants for summer internships based on their academic records, attendance, application and attitude. We suggest



possible matches, and the employer interviews the students and chooses the best fit for their company. After the hiring process, the student completes a paid summer internship of about six weeks duration in each summer of the program. Internship placements for the OOT program are dependent upon the availability of employer sponsorship and suitable worksites in your region. Although CAREERS will make every effort to secure suitable placements for qualified candidates, we cannot guarantee that every student taking the program can be placed.

Interested in having a student intern this summer?

Note Re: NAIT OGPO Courses

The four dual credit Oil and Gas Production Operations (OGPO) courses formerly delivered by NAIT continue to be available as components of the OOT program through a partnership agreement between NLC and NAIT. Students may register through NLC in the four OGPO courses either separately, or in combination with other training components of the OOT program. Students who complete the four OGPO courses, either separately or in combination with other training components of the OOT program, will receive credit transferable to NAIT's Petroleum Engineering Technology (PET) Diploma Program.