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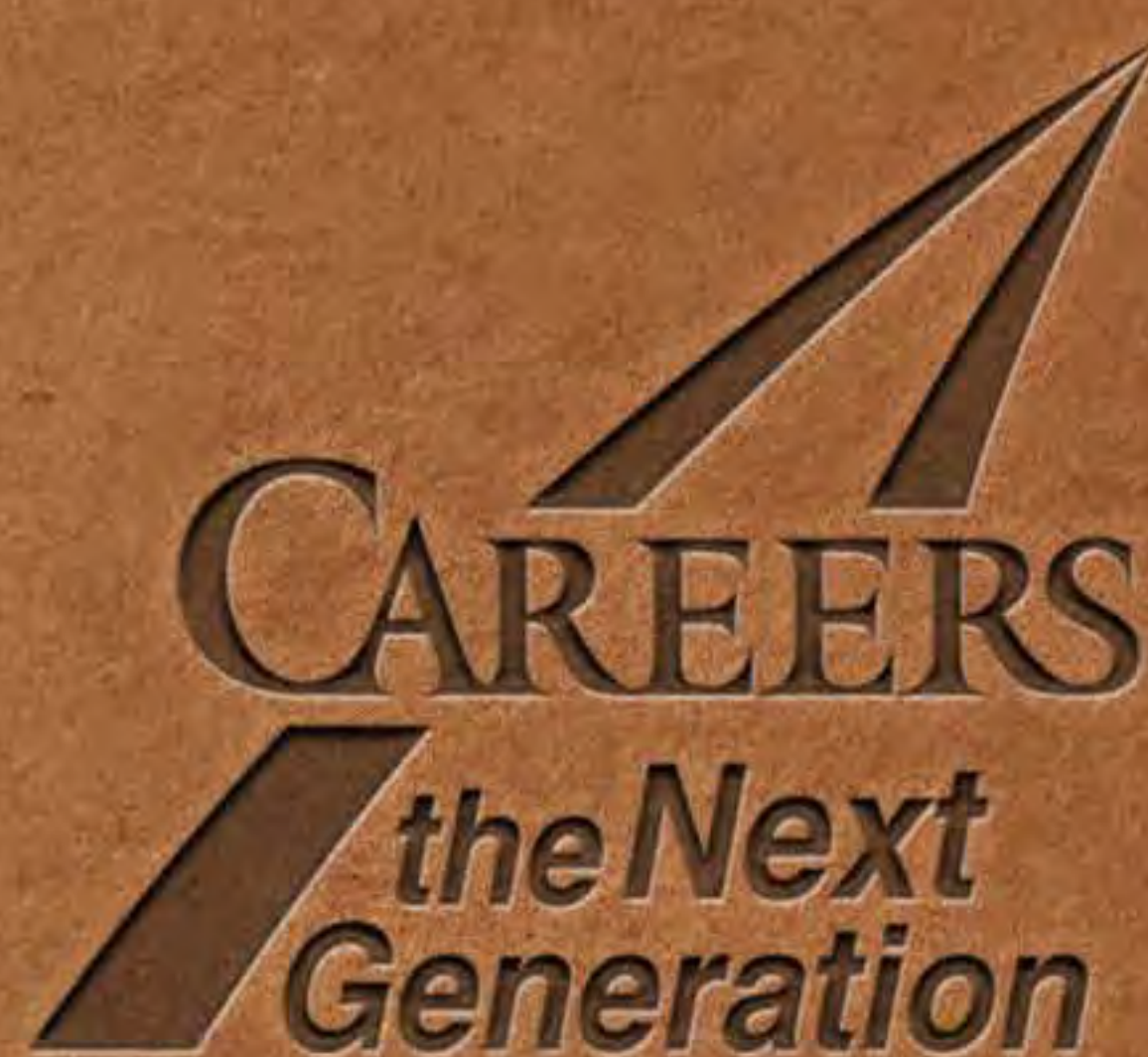
My name is Caleb, I am a First Nations Instrumentation Technician apprentice from Fort McMurray. I'm currently enrolled in the CAREERS CO-OP Program and NAIT, but got my start in the Registered Apprenticeship Program in grade 10 at Holy Trinity Catholic High School. Not only was it my first experience with a skilled trade, it was also my first job. I remember going through my safety training at Syncrude as a 16-year old, surrounded by adults thinking, what have I got myself into! I was surprised however, at how quickly I was accepted and how supportive everyone was.

I chose to explore instrumentation because it combines science with precision skills, two things that have always interested me. Instrumentation requires an extra science class though, so it was a busy two years with six core subjects per semester at school. It paid off though, because now I'm on track to get my journeypersons certification by the time I'm 21.

My advice to other students is to pick something that interests you and give it a try. Whether you like it or not, it will help guide you to the career of your dreams. The Registered Apprenticeship Program offers you the opportunity to do this.



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