

College of New Caledonia



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Mobile crane operator course offered at CNC Mackenzie

CNC Mackenzie is offering a mobile crane operator course, designed to train people to work for construction and manufacturing companies.

Registration is now open for the seven-week apprenticeship program, which begins in January. The course will train students to become efficient in operating hydraulic and conventional friction cranes.

“There are a lot of employment opportunities in the mining and oil and gas fields that are occurring in Chetwynd and the Peace country,” said Randall Heidt, CNC Director of Communications and Development. “There are even jobs available in Newfoundland where the starting wage is \$27.08/hour. For example, the Long Harbour Employers Association is currently looking for skilled workers from Prince George in local ads. Graduates of this program will also be able to work at Mount Milligan and other mining projects in the area.”

CNC is the only school in B.C. to offer this program, which will run from Jan. 9, 2012 to Feb. 24, 2012 and consists of three weeks of core theory, two weeks crane theory and two weeks practical lab. When students complete the technical training exams, they will be required to complete defined work-based competencies.

A mobile crane incorporates a telescopic boom and a mobile base or chassis, which allows a suspended load to be raised or lowered. The duties of a mobile crane operator include understanding and practicing safety precautions to protect yourself and others; conducting pre-operational inspections, preparing and transporting cranes; assembling and dismantling cranes; performing rigging and set up of cranes; and performing regular maintenance on cranes.

Admission requirements include: successful completion of Grade 10 with credit in English and either Principles of Math 10 or MATH 041 or mature status. Prospective students must also submit a current resume and a submission of experience/interest in the program and undergo a personal interview with the trades co-ordinator or regional director.

“Successful students will be required to work outdoors, sometimes at great heights and have good eyesight and hand/eye co-ordination,” said Warren Jacques, trades program developer

at CNC Mackenzie. “They must also possess the ability to communicate well with co-workers to ensure the safety of those on the ground working near your equipment and have the ability to stay calm and cool if things go wrong.”

Those who are interested the mobile crane operator course are asked to call CNC Mackenzie, 250-997-7200 or toll free at 1-877-997-4333.

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