

Careers in skilled trades are in demand

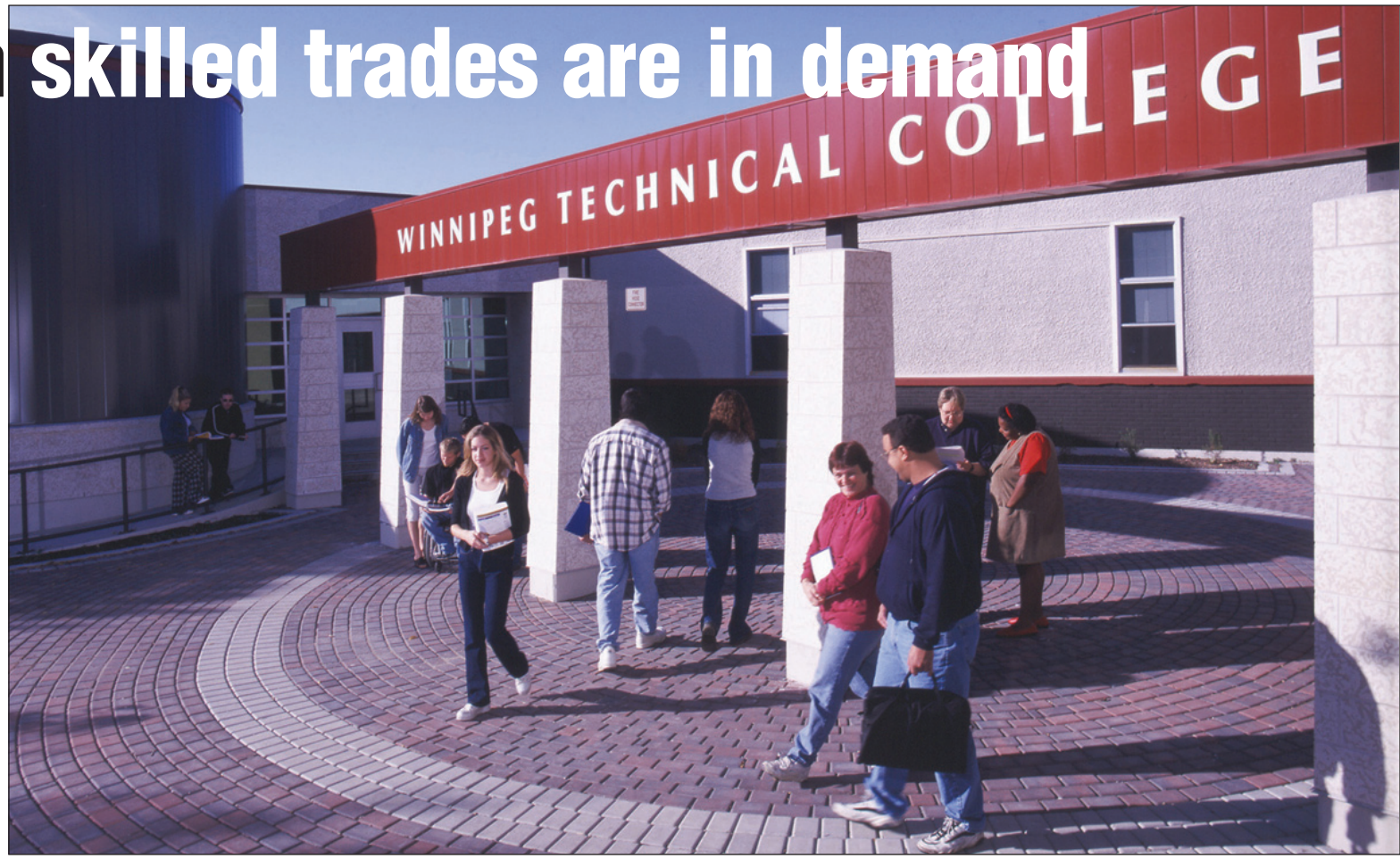
Are you looking for a quick, smooth transition from school to work? Or you may be looking to change your career? Either way, Winnipeg Technical College can provide you with the skills you need to be job-ready in 10 months or less – and in a career that is in demand.

Winnipeg Technical College (WTC) provides training for secondary and post-secondary students for careers in skilled trades and technology. The College offers 20 programs in health and human services; information and business technology; and skilled trades. Over the next ten years, 75 per cent of new jobs will be in skilled trades and technology and WTC graduates enjoy excellent prospects for career growth.

Programs run from five to 12 months and include a Work Practicum component. Winnipeg Technical College students are fully prepared to enter the workforce immediately upon graduation. The College also offers customized training for industry and English as an Additional Language training for adults.

Seats are now available in the Auto Mechanics, Industrial Welding, Production Art, Industrial Electronics, Web Design, and Industrial Mechanic/Millwright programs which begin in September. Seats are filling fast so students are encouraged to register early.

Winnipeg Technical College is a public institution with a dual mandate to provide education for both secondary and post-secondary learners. Post-secondary students make



Winnipeg Technical College, Pembina Campus: Students are job-ready in 10 months or less.

up about 85 per cent of enrolment. Secondary students come from Pembina Trails and Louis Riel school divisions and also rural areas. Students earn certificates and credits on a part-time basis as they complete their high school studies.

“We have been working with the community to promote an understanding that skilled trades and technology are very sound educational

and career options,” says Dr. Ellen Brownstone, Vice-President, Academic, WTC. “The image of careers in skilled trades and technology is improving, but it isn’t always seen as the high-quality, well-paying area that it is.”

WTC takes part in the Skills Manitoba young women’s conference that encourages Grade 8 girls to consider careers in the trades.

They also work with the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters on their discovery project to encourage an interest in science, technology and engineering and on the Technical Vocational Initiative with the provincial government promoting technical career choices.

Through WTC’s Eyes and Ears on Technology initiative, 800 Grade 5 students tour the College and take part in hands-on activities. The students return to the college the following year to explore a course of interest and work for two hours within the program area. They might spend some time in hairstyling, electronics, welding, or culinary

arts, for example. This enhances early awareness of career options well before students need to make a decision to pursue any course of training.

WTC is a member of the Manitoba Prior Learning Assessment Network and has agreements with a number of school divisions, as well as Red River College and Assiniboine Community College to allow students who have completed prior learning to get credits as it applies to their program at WTC.

For more information on Winnipeg Technical College programs, visit: www.wtc.mb.ca or call: (204) 989-6500.

An open door on knowledge

The job market continuously demands more expertise. Workers feel the need to update their knowledge. Education becomes essential for those who want career advancement or better work conditions.

Distance education can be an interesting option when you consider the work schedules of some people. You can also resort to this method of learning to avoid travel limits. In fact, distance learning eliminates the need to travel to take courses. This particularly flexible study method allows you to study

at the time and rhythm that suit you. It allows you to conciliate study, work, family, leisure, and personal time.

Distance education offers a vast array of courses and resources that are available to anyone who wants to complete a study program. You can register for this type of individual training at any time. In addition, the schedule and length of the courses are not pre-determined. Every class includes deadlines, but this method’s flexibility can accommodate unforeseen events. It allows

you to manage your classes yourself.

In addition to assistance from a tutor and instruction materials, including printed documents, and audio and video cassettes and software, distance education also takes advantage of the connectivity of the communication methods offered by new technologies and the Internet. Some courses include group discussions between students through telephone conferencing. Students can also increase their interactions by visiting discussion forums.



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- Auto Mechanics
- Industrial Electronics
- Industrial Mechanic/Millwright
- Industrial Welding (3:45 pm-10:00 pm)
- Production Art
- Web Design

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