

## ABOUT ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR ABORIGINAL FUTURES (ESAF)

Our innovative approach to training is focused on the development of job skills required for specific job positions. Through the bridging of employers, training partnerships and customized programming, our learners have the tools to support continued successful employment.

## PACIFIC ROPES - SPRAT CERTIFICATION AND EMPLOYER LINKS

During the program, you will engage in training with Pacific Ropes where you will gain the Society of Professional Rope Access Technicians (SPRAT) certification. A SPRAT certification provides instant recognition and credibility for the Technicians who carry it.

Also, through the Pacific Ropes network you will be connected to employers for interviews with the potential of employment.

## EMPLOYER PARTNERS

Employers in Vancouver that are experts in the cleaning and maintenance of commercial, residential and industrial buildings.

- All West Facility Services
- Champion Window Cleaning
- Cleantech Service Group



## WHAT ARE ESSENTIAL SKILLS?

Essential Skills are the skills needed for work, learning and life. They provide the foundation to learn a multitude of skills that enable our Aboriginal learners to evolve and adapt to changes within the workplace.

## THE 9-ESSENTIAL SKILLS

- Reading
- Document Use
- Numeracy
- Writing
- Oral Communication
- Working with Others
- Thinking
- Technology Use
- Continuous Learning

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**ESSENTIAL SKILLS & ROPE ACCESS TRAINING**

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## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

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The goal of the Rope Access program is to help Aboriginal individuals explore and acquire the essential employability skills required for work in the roping sector.

Learning is in an interactive and supportive classroom environment that consists of a combination of: one to one teaching, self-directed and experiential learning in a group environment.

## PARTICIPANTS WILL:

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- Receive a targeted Essential Skills coaching regime
- Participate in vocational and learning assessments
- Develop industry specific cover letters, resumes and interview techniques and job search skills
- Engage in industry interviews with employer partners

## WHAT IS ROPE ACCESS?

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Rope Access is a two rope system derived from caving and mountaineering. In the early 1990's in the United Kingdom this system was adapted for use the industrial market.

Rope access now serves a global community of tradespeople and individuals who are able to reach very unconventional spaces to complete a wide scope of work in spaces typically considered inaccessible.

Rope Access combines: access, labor and rescue in a single team making it one of the safest ways to complete work at height.

## JOB REQUIREMENTS

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In this industry staff members are required to be:

- Requires a healthy respect for safety at height and a commitment to best practice and safety above all else
- Must have No fear of heights
- Punctual, reliable and hard working
- In good physical condition
- Supportive team player
- Ability to work in unconventional spaces and places

## ELIGIBILITY

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- Aboriginal ancestry and able to work in Canada
- At imminent risk of homelessness
- Available to attend full time
- Have a referral from an ACCESS Employment Counsellor

## COURSE OUTLINE

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- Workplace Essential Skills Enhancement
- Assessments
- Job Search & Interview Techniques
- Certificates
- Hours: 9:00am to 3:30pm
- Daily: Monday to Friday for 7-weeks

## CERTIFICATES:

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- SPRAT Rope Access
- First Aid level 1
- WHMIS

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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For more information about the Essential Skills for Aboriginal Futures program, please contact an Employment Counsellor at one of the following ACCESS Offices:

### ACCESS Employment Assistance Services

Suite 110-1607 E. Hastings Street  
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### ACCESS Aboriginal Connections to Employment

390 Main Street  
Vancouver, BC V6A 2T1  
Tel: 604 687-7480 Fax: 604 687-7481

### ACCESS ATEC Employment & Training

10757 – 138<sup>th</sup> Street  
Surrey, BC V3T4K8  
Tel: 778-395-0385 Fax: 604-581-0944

## PROGRAM TRAINING SITE

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