

About ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR ABORIGINAL FUTURES (ESAF)

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.

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

The 9-Essential Skills

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



In a fast-paced work world, employers need trained, ready-to-work people that are dependable and you can count on them to be there. You are constructing more than a workforce, you are building a team.

Since 1994, BladeRunners has helped employers fill entry-level positions with motivated young people. Employers have discovered these at-risk youth ages 19-30 will succeed if given the opportunity. With 88% Job Placement rate, 32% female participation rate, and 66% Aboriginal participation, BladeRunners is helping these youth to become valued contributing citizens of our communities.

When you hire BladeRunners youth, they arrive at work with basic safety, certification and a willingness to work hard

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Other Funding partners:



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In partnership with



Warehouse Material Handler



4-week Program

January 16 - February 10, 2012

About the Program

Essential Skills for Aboriginal Futures is offering a 4-week Essential Skills enhancement program in partnership with BladeRunners for Warehouse Material Handlers. The 4-week program will take place at the ESAF site in New Westminster, where participants will delve into lessons and activities designed to enhance their Workplace Essential Skills. Learning is in an interactive classroom environment and will consist of a combination of: one to one teaching, self-directed and experiential learning in a group environment

Eligibility

- Aboriginal ancestry and able to work in Canada
- Be between the ages of 19 – 30 (inclusive)
- Out of school
- In need of assistance to overcome barriers to employment
- Not in receipt of Employment Insurance benefits
- Have a referral from an ACCESS Employment Counsellor
- Willingness to learn about Essential Skills
- Demonstrate reliability, punctuality and a commitment to employment

Course Outline

- Customized Essential Skills Enhancement
- TOWES Testing
- Authentic Workplace Document Use
- Cultural Exploration
- Warehousing Certificates
- Hours: 9:00am to 3:30pm
 - Possible longer hours during certificate training
- Daily: Monday to Friday

Certificates to be obtained during the program:

Forklift Operator

Thru both theory and practical hands on training students will gain the skills to safely operating a counterbalanced forklift. Certification is valid for 2 years

Traffic Control Person

This course is a must for construction and road maintenance workers or for any person who deals with traffic control as part of their work.

Occupational First Aid Level 1

Perform the Priority Action Approach for conscious patients and patients with a decreased level of consciousness. Certification is valid for 3 years

Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System

This covers the requirements for WHMIS training: safe storage, and handling of Hazardous Materials in the workplace.

Fall Protection

This course will assist employees in properly hooking up a safety harness and when to use it, connection to anchor points and the physics involved.

Contact Information

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

Employment Assistance Services Offices

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