



Dear Career Practitioner,

The Summer Youth Internship Program aims to create an opportunity for students interested in a career in the construction, tourism and information technology sectors to gain some valuable work experience over the summer months. This exposure to the industry will allow students to get a proper start to their future careers. Students participating in the program will be required to commit to a 6-week paid internship that begins **July 8, 2019** and ends **August 16, 2019**. Students will benefit from the program in a number of ways.

- Students will receive competitive industry wages
- Students will be assigned a career coach who will help mentor them through their transition into the fast-paced work environment
- Students will be mentored by established trades people within the Saskatoon business community
- The ability to create lasting networks that will create job opportunities in the future
- The hours logged working under a journey person are hours that can be logged towards an apprenticeship
- Students may be able to sign up for the credit apprenticeship program; receiving high school credits after the completion of the program
- Students can complete the Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship program with the help and guidance of their assigned career coaches

The experience and skill students gain throughout the program will be the foundation they need in order to become a successful part of Saskatoon's skilled workforce.

The Summer Youth Internship Program targets students in grades 11 and 12; however, some grade 10's have participated in the past (these are mature grade 10's). We cannot guarantee a position for every student who applies, however, we will do our best to accommodate as many students as possible. Last year we had 43 students receive an offer for a 6-week term; this year we hope to increase that number.

Students who are already involved in career work experience classes or who have secured a summer position can still apply to the program. If a student already has a position and would like to be in the program, please call me so I can make arrangements with the student's place of employment.

#### **Credit Option**

Those enrolled in the 2019 Summer Youth Internship Program have the opportunity to apply for high school Apprenticeship Credits that can be applied towards high school graduation. This program will be accepting up to **40** students and completion of assignments and coursework will be an expectation. If students are interested in this option, please indicate on the application form provided.

The application deadline for the program is **May 8, 2019**. Students who apply for the program and who are accepted to the interview phase will be sent a letter confirming their acceptance informing them of a student/parent orientation night shortly after the deadline. This night will give students and parents an opportunity to receive an overview of the program including student expectations. It will also give them an opportunity to ask questions regarding the program and receive the interview schedule. Each student will receive up to two interviews in a trade they are interested in as indicated on their application forms.

The internship program can be an integral part of a young person's career journey. The more support the student receives throughout the process the greater the chance of their success in the future. If you have any questions regarding the program, please feel free to contact me at 306.683.7771. Thank you for your help in recruiting quality students to our programs!

Sincerely,

Megan Unrau  
SYIP Coordinator

