

# Access Programs for People with Disabilities

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| IMPLEMENTATION DATE                        | START DATE(S)             |
| 01-Sep-2011                                | Varies                    |
| ADMISSION TYPE                             | ENROLMENT TYPE            |
| Continuous intake                          | Limited enrolment         |
| PROGRAM TYPE                               | CREDENTIAL GRANTED        |
| University Preparation                     | Certificate of Completion |
| OFFERED AT                                 | FORMAT                    |
| Langley<br>Richmond<br>Surrey              | Full-time                 |
| HOW TO APPLY                               |                           |
| www.kwantlen.ca/admission                  |                           |

## DESCRIPTION

The goal of the Access Programs for People with Disabilities (formerly Adult Special Education) Department is to provide employment programs at the post-secondary level for adults with various disabilities. These programs will prepare students for employment, volunteer work and further education.

## JOB PLACEMENT

Job placement assistance is provided to employable Kwantlen students with disabilities requiring assistance to find and maintain employment. The service in Surrey and Langley is funded by the Employment & Labour Market Services (ELMS) Division in the Ministry of Housing and Social Development and is also available to community members with a disability.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The APPD programs at Kwantlen are designed to maximize interpersonal skills and employment opportunities for students with disabilities. With instruction and training, students can realize their employment and personal potential.

## PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Adults (18 and older) with a defined disability may apply
- Assessment prior to entry to determine appropriate program options and eligibility
- Complete Access Programs for People with Disabilities application package

- Participate in intake interviews

Work Exploration and Job Preparation programs are one year in length from the time of entry as seats become available. Vocational Skills Training is a ten month program starting in September of each year.

Students pay an application fee to Kwantlen, plus a moderate tuition fee. In some cases, various government ministries may pay a portion of these costs.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

To initiate the application process, please contact one of the individuals listed below at your preferred campus.

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## CONTENT

### WORK EXPLORATION

#### (Formerly Career Awareness)

This program is designed to provide information to students about entry-level work opportunities available for adults with disabilities, and combines job-oriented classroom instruction with a work experience component. Work Exploration is a ten month program with the possibility of extension if the student has nearly completed graduation requirements.

### JOB PREPARATION

This program is designed to meet the employment needs of adults with disabilities who are seeking competitive employment, and includes both job-oriented classroom activities and a work experience component. Job Preparation is a ten month program with the possibility of extension if the student has nearly completed graduation requirements.

### VOCATIONAL SKILLS TRAINING

The Vocational Skills Training (VST) Program is designed to provide specific skills training and work experiences related to those skills. The options offered at present include: Automotive Assistant, Food Services Assistant, Clerical Assistant, Childcare Aide and Early Childhood Educator (ECE) Assistant. Options under consideration include Light

Warehousing Assistant, Janitorial Assistant, and Automotive Detailing Assistant.

### **Childcare Aide Option**

Applicants must participate in a structured screening process in which experience in a childcare setting, documentation, criminal record search, and references will be assessed. Note that students registered in this option must also be enrolled in the Family Childcare Program at Kwantlen. Upon successful completion of this option, students are awarded a VST Certificate of Completion: Childcare Aide and a Family Childcare Statement of Completion. Students will also complete an Emergency Childcare First Aid course and receive the appropriate certificate.

### **Automotive Assistant Option**

Applicants must participate in a structured screening process in which experience in an automotive setting, documentation, Class 7(N) minimum driver's license, and references will be assessed. Note that students registered in this option must also be enrolled in Kwantlen's Automotive Service Technician Program (AMCH) and complete assigned courses. Upon successful completion of this option, students will receive credit for completed AMCH courses. Students will also complete the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) training as well as a Basic First Aid course, and will receive the appropriate certificates.

### **Clerical Assistant Option**

Applicants must participate in a structured screening process in which experience in a clerical setting, documentation, and references will be assessed. Note that students registered in this option must also be enrolled in two of the following courses: BUSI 1215, CBSY 1105, CMNS 1140, LGLA 1135 OR LGLA 1145. Upon successful completion of this option, students will earn credits for the completed School of Business courses.

### **Food Services Assistant Option**

Applicants must participate in a structured screening process in which experience in a food services setting, documentation, and references will be assessed. Upon successful completion of this option students will also complete the WHMIS (see above), Basic First Aid, and FoodSafe courses, and will receive the appropriate certificates.

### **Early Childhood Educator Assistant**

Students may apply for admission into APPD 0310 on completion of APPD 0210. Applicants must participate in a structured screening process in which experience in a childcare setting, documentation, criminal record search, and references will be assessed. Note that students registered in this option must also be enrolled in at least one of the following courses in Early Childhood Education at a training institution currently approved by the Ministry of Children and Family Development: Child Growth and Development; Health, Safety and Nutrition or Child Guidance. Upon successful completion of this option students will earn credits at the partner institution for the completed ECE courses.

## **GRADUATION**

Upon successful completion of the Job Preparation Option, students are eligible to receive a **Certificate of Completion in Access Programs for People with Disabilities – Job Preparation** (*under review*).

Upon successful completion of the Work Exploration Option, students are eligible to receive a **Certificate of Completion in Access Programs for People with Disabilities – Work Exploration** (*under review*).

Upon successful completion of the Automotive Assistant Option, students are eligible to receive a **Certificate of Completion in Vocational Skills Training – Automotive Assistant Option, Access Programs for People with Disabilities** (*under review*).

Upon successful completion of Child Care Aide Option, students are eligible to receive a **Certificate of Completion in Vocational Skills Training – Childcare Aide Option, Access Programs for People with Disabilities** (*under review*).

Upon successful completion of Clerical Assistant Option, students are eligible to receive a **Certificate of Completion in Vocational Skills Training – Clerical Assistant Option, Access Programs for People with Disabilities** (*under review*).

Upon successful completion of Early Childhood Educator Assistant Option, students are eligible to receive a **Certificate of Completion in Vocational Skills Training – Early Childhood Educator Assistant Option, Access Programs for People with Disabilities** (*pending approval*).

Upon successful completion of the Food Services Assistant Option, students are eligible to receive a **Certificate of Completion in Vocational Skills Training – Food Services Assistant Option, Access Programs for People with Disabilities** (*under review*).