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## EMPLOYMENT SKILLS ACCESS PROGRAM

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ARE YOU UNEMPLOYED & LOOKING FOR A  
NEW SKILL?

## **WILD AND FIREFIGHTING** ***THREE WEEK TRAINING PROGRAM***

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UNBC Continuing Studies has received funding through the Canada-BC Labour Market Agreement for training programs to help unemployed British Columbians acquire the skills they need to transition back to the labour force or into further education.

## WHO IS THIS FOR?

The Employment Skills Access Program is for people who are:

- Unemployed, non-Employment Insurance clients;
- Employed, low-skilled individuals.

## WHAT WILL YOU GET?

Eligible participants in the Employment Skills Access Program receive:

- Funding for the course fees and textbooks for an eligible program of study;
- Instructional assistance in computer skills;
- Professional training and skill development in Geographic Information Systems for entry into the labour force;
- Experience in an academic learning environment.

## PROGRAMS OF STUDY

Fully funded seats through the Employment Skills Access (ESA) Program are available for the following programs:

### WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING TRAINING PROGRAM

The Wildland Firefighting Training Program is a three week program that provides participants with the skills and training to gain employment as a wildland firefighter in the province of BC. This program will provide the basic skills necessary to bring participants up to a Type II provincial standard. The unpredictable weather and fires seasons in the province have created a strong demand for skilled wildland firefighters. This training has been developed to meet the demand for these skilled and qualified persons that the wildland fire fighting contractors in the province require. The program will provide real employment opportunities for first nations, forest workers and lesser skilled individuals looking to get back into the labour force. The three week duration for this program is an appropriate length that will enable participants in the target audience to successfully complete the training requirements without undue hardship.

## ELIGIBILITY

- Please consult our website for an ESA Participant Eligibility Worksheet

## APPLICATION

Fully funded seats in these programs are limited!

All individuals interested in participating in these programs and accessing ESA funds must complete an eligibility form and submit it to Continuing Studies by the deadline below. All applications will be reviewed prior to acceptance into the program.

### Application Deadline

Terrace - February 24, 2012

Quesnel - April 6, 2012

Prince George - May 4, 2012

## SCHEDULE

### Terrace, BC

March 26-April 24, 2012

### Quesnel, BC

May 7-28, 2012

### Prince George, BC

June 4-22, 2012

The program runs Monday-Friday from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm at one of the UNBC Campuses. Each day will consist of a combination of lecture, assignments, discussion and field exercises.

## Pre-requisites

- Individuals should have an interest in becoming a wildland fire fighter
- Individuals should be physically fit

The Employment Skills Access program targets clients who are unemployed and non-EI clients. Individuals in groups underrepresented in the labour market, such as social assistance recipients, immigrants, Aboriginal persons, persons with disabilities, youth, older workers and previously self-employed workers are encouraged to apply to participate in this training.

