



December 2015 e-News

As we prepare to welcome in the New Year, let us remember the true meaning of the season; to help make someone's wishes come true and to give something from your heart. Here's wishing you a warm and happy holiday season, filled with the peace, joy and love.

It has been a year since the official media launch of the SaskCareers.ca website and it is now available to every school division and household in the province. A great deal of work has and is being done to insure the site's compatibility with the different student information systems currently used by school divisions in the province. Take some time over the holidays to familiarize yourself with all of the wonderful features!!

<https://www.saskcareers.ca/>

For more awesome career information, go to: <http://alis.alberta.ca>

- [CAREERinsite](#) – guides you through the four steps of career planning: Know Yourself, Explore Options, Get Ready, and Take Action. Allows you to sign up, create your own account and save your results as you move through these steps. Includes self-assessment quizzes, inventories, occupational decision-making tools and much more.
- [Career Development Decision Making Model](#) – helps guide you through the process of lifelong career planning.
- [Career Development: The Six Steps](#) – takes you through all the steps in the career planning process.

- [Career Exploration](#) – looks at your skills and interests, the world of work, making a plan and managing your career.
- [The Essential Skills Profiles](#) – learn more about the skills needed for different jobs.
- [Working in Canada](#) – has detailed information on occupations including job opportunities and demand, wages, skills requirements and more. Includes a Skills and Knowledge checklist.
- [NextSteps](#) – employment, career development and job finding resources for Calgary youth.
- [Career Options Magazine](#) – supports the transition of post-secondary students into their chosen work.
- [What Works: Career-Building Strategies for People from Diverse Groups](#) – find strength-based career counselling information for specific groups such as Aboriginal peoples, immigrants and persons with disabilities. Provides work search and employment support strategies and references to additional resources.
- [Easy Reading Career Planning Series: Help for Career Advisors](#) – get occupational and career planning resources for adults with a Grade 2 to 3 reading level. Includes 2 career planning workbooks, 24 job profiles, a job profile dictionary and related guides for advisors.
- [Publications](#) – find career resources including books, magazines and posters.
- [Career Events in Alberta](#) – learn about employer connections, job fairs and other current events in your area.
- [Career Development Association of Alberta \(CDAA\)](#) – learn more about how the CDAA is advancing the career development profession in Alberta.
- [Career Development-Manitoba](#) – provides links to career planning and job search tools for youth, young adults, older workers, newcomers, entrepreneurs and job seekers in Manitoba.
- [Blueprint for Life/Work Designs](#) – maps out the life/work competencies Canadians need to proactively manage their career building process.
- [Essential Skills Profiles](#) Essential Skills are the skills needed for work, learning and life. This Government of Canada resource describes how the nine Essential Skills are used by workers in over 250 occupations.





“OneStory”

Join a Professional Growth Network!

Are you passionate about professional growth and lifelong learning? Join a professional growth network today! Supported by the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation, the 29 networks established by teachers in a variety of subject fields, service areas and interdisciplinary groups work to inform professional practice in support of student education. Member benefits include networking, innovative professional growth opportunities and engaging in research that contributes to the improvement of teaching and learning. Membership is not limited to teachers, but includes any person with a professional interest in the activities of the networks. Click on the link below to watch videos from members (including our own Cynthia Wright-Fulton and Vanessa Lewis), each telling their own personal story on how being a member has positively contributed to their career and profession.

<https://www.onestory.com/stories/8p1tqk92>

Vanessa Lewis (Sun West SD) has also written a blog article to follow up on their CD PLT meeting . . . “The video by Dave Redekopp was great”.... Feel free to link to the blog, view the video, read her reflections, and reply with your comments/reflections.

<https://careerconnectors.wordpress.com/2015/12/01/cd-plt-november-30-2015/>

Young Worker Readiness Certificate Course Educator Survey

This fall the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety launched an updated online version of the Young Worker Readiness Certificate Course (YWRCC). We would like to hear from educators who are using the course materials in their career preparation or similar classes. We want to know how they are using the course, if the course is meeting their needs, and if additional resources are required.

In January we will be sending out a survey to Saskatchewan educators and encourage anyone who uses the YWRCC to share their thoughts.

For more information on the YWRCC, visit: saskatchewan.ca/ywrcc.

For any questions regarding the YWRCC educator survey, contact:

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Highlights from SCWEA Power PD/Conference

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Jade Ballek and Aaron Biberdorf addressed the question:

Why Choose the Sun West DLC?

- High quality online courses with complete instructional videos
- The widest selection of online courses found in the province
- Course programming is available in a wide variety of formats, including live broadcasts for schools, asynchronous recorded classes and print-based versions.
- Staff that are helpful, flexible and always put students first
- Student support in career counselling and graduation requirements
- Besides the traditional 10, 20, 30 courses that can be taken, Sun West DLC also offers post-secondary dual credit opportunities with partnerships: University of Saskatchewan, Great Plains College, SK. Polytech
- Sun West has developed a PAA Ag-tech program with 10, 20 and 30 level credits available within 6 strands. This unique program includes 50 hours of course content and 50 hours of on-farm work experience.
- They are currently developing PAA courses in the traditional areas of: Welding, Construction, Mechanics, Electrical and Cosmetology which will follow the similar format to the Ag-tech program with 50 hours of theory and 50 hours of work study through a work experience program
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Mark your Calendar

University of Saskatchewan - Apply for Admissions by February 15th, for application to the Competitive Awards - Deadline of March 1st.

University of Regina - Competitive Awards Deadline - March 15th.

myRobot Rumble

The 7th annual myRobot Rumble is slated for April 14th, 2016 and draws teams from all over Saskatchewan. School registration opens on January 4th and closes on February 1st. Don't miss out on this great event! For more information, please visit the myRobot Rumble webpage at <http://saskpolytech.ca/myrobotrumble>



18th Annual Provincial Skills Competition

April 21 – 22, 2016
Regina, SK

22nd Annual National Skills Competition

June 5-8, 2016
Moncton, NB



Branding has become so important that a whole industry has been built around assisting companies in establishing their brand. This year's Contact conference is planned for **April 12 and 13, 2016** in Saskatoon and the theme is "Branding Your Future". The Contact Conference has set the standard for career development/education conferences in Saskatchewan.

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From our SCWEA Family to Yours "Happy Holidays!!"