



CREDENTIAL	PROGRAM CODE	AREA OF INTEREST	LOCATION	DURATION
Confederation College Recognition of Achievement Certificate	8200	Skilled Trades	Thunder Bay	12 weeks Start Date: May 13, 2024

Overview

Hop on a train to start your career as a Railway Conductor!

The 12-week Railway Conductor program at Confederation College prepares graduates for employment in road or yard service train crews in Class 1 railways in North America as well as in shortline, regional carriers and industrial switching operations.

Railway Conductors are typically responsible for carrying out specific instructions detailing a train's schedule and specific movements; handling the switching of cars, including coupling (connecting) and uncoupling (disconnecting) cars; getting on and off, and riding moving equipment to effect the switching of rail equipment in yard operations or at customer sidings; and preparing and completing forms and documents relevant to train orders and switching lists. They also observe, interpret and relay signals and other indications affecting train movement; communicate with crew members using specific hand signals or radios to indicate direction of movement, stop and set or release air brakes; and provide protection by placing warning flares and flags appropriately and communicate with other trains in an emergency situation.

The Railway Conductor program is offered in partnership with the Railway Association of Canada (RAC).



Top Highlights

- Course follows RAC standards and practices so you are ready for the job market
- Hands-on training in an active rail yard while under the supervision of qualified instructors with over 50 years of combined conductor/engineer and training experience
- Connections with Industry Partners
- Average starting salary \$80K+



Employment Opportunities

Graduates are rewarded with good salaries and opportunities for advancement to positions of greater responsibility.

Railways operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year. Railway conductors work out of specific pools with irregular hours, weekends and holidays depending upon workload position within the pool. This job requires excellent physical health and conditioning. Constant vigilance and situational awareness are key factors in performing safely and efficiently.



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Railway Conductor

Admission Requirements

Ontario High School diploma or equivalent.

Will require an interview or questionnaire to determine your eligibility.

**Tuition is \$12,000 + HST.
A \$500 deposit is required to secure your seat.**

What are the requirements of the job?

- High school (OSSD) graduate or GED required.
- Most railways require a Driver's licence with no restrictions.
- Must be able to lift up to 100 lbs.
- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- Criminal record check.
- Good vision (no colour blindness) and hearing along with good general health.
- Flexibility to go where the jobs are with the understanding that relocation to another province may be needed.

What can you expect once you are in the program?

- This is a full-time program spread over 12 weeks at 6 hours per day.
- The practicum course provides students with real-life railroading experience and will be held at local rail industries in Thunder Bay.
- Resume and cover letter workshop as well as training in reference to behavioural interviews.
- Expect field and classroom training to occur at other locations outside of Confederation College.

Topics Covered in the Program

Conductor Communications

Rules & Regulations

Creating a Safety Culture

Switching, Marshaling & Crewing

Authorities & Record Keeping

Transportation of Dangerous Goods

Practicum



Have questions? Want to apply?

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