

Nova Scotia Youth Pathways Glossary

- **Community-based Learning:** An educational method that uses real-world community engagement to apply classroom knowledge and develop civic skills.
- **Skilled Trades Careers:** Jobs that involve specialized, hands-on skills used to build, repair, install, and/or maintain. These careers typically require an apprenticeship, technical training and/or a college program rather than a traditional university degree.
- **Skilled Trades Courses:** High school courses in Nova Scotia where you learn by doing. You spend 80% of your time working with your hands using real tools and only 20% of your time learning theory. These classes help you practice trades skills like building, fixing engines, or cooking.
- **Technology Education:** High school courses that develop problem-solving and technical literacy through hands-on activities, often including trades-related courses.
- **Options and Opportunities (O2):** A three-year high school program providing focused career exploration through extensive community-based and work experiences.
- **Nova Scotia High Skills Major:** A high school certificate recognizing students who have completed focused courses and experiences within a specific sector, such as Skilled Trades.
- **Co-Operative Education (Co-Op):** A high school course where students earn credit by combining classroom learning with an 80-hour supervised work placement in the community.
- **Journey person:** A tradesperson who is certified and fully qualified in a trade, authorized to train and supervise apprentices.
- **Apprenticeship:** The formal training system that combines paid, supervised on-the-job experience with required periods of theoretical Technical Training.
- **Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Agency (NSAA):** The provincial government agency managing and administering the trades training and certification system.
- **Technical Training:** The required in-class, theoretical instruction component of an apprenticeship, typically delivered at a college or training centre.
- **myBlueprint:** The approved provincial online tool used by students for career planning and portfolio development.
- **Pre-apprenticeship:** Pre-apprenticeship is a training program that prepares people with the basic skills and experience needed to start an apprenticeship in the skilled trades. Pre-apprenticeship hours can be counted toward a future apprenticeship.

