

BUILD YOUR SKILLS AT SHERIDAN

Sheridan is fielding an increase of requests for many skilled trade graduates and has launched a new apprenticeship program for January 2012 to train highly-skilled toolmakers in order to meet the demand from a rebounding local manufacturing sector.

The Mechanical Technician Tool Making Co-Op Diploma Apprenticeship Program is a new approach for Sheridan, combining apprenticeship training, a technical diploma and co-op work experience.

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During the classroom component of the Mechanical Technician Tool Making program, you will work with Computer Numerical Control (CNC) equipment and other leading-edge tool making technology, becoming skilled in: Precision machining; computer-aided manufacturing (CAM); computer-aided drafting and design (CADD); CNC programming; workplace safety; and all trade and diploma supporting soft skills.

Alan Reid, associate dean of Apprenticeship and Skilled Trades at Sheridan College, says "It's been there for a few years in different trade areas, but it's a new approach to us where we're combining the in-school apprenticeship training with the mechanical technician diploma. It's quite an attractive program and it gives them a really healthy start."

It will allow students to complete the required in-school curriculum for an apprenticeship program and gain valuable work experience, while also earning a two-year technician college diploma. Students are trained in Sheridan's dedicated skills training facilities, which feature the most current and sophisticated equipment that graduates will use in the workplace.

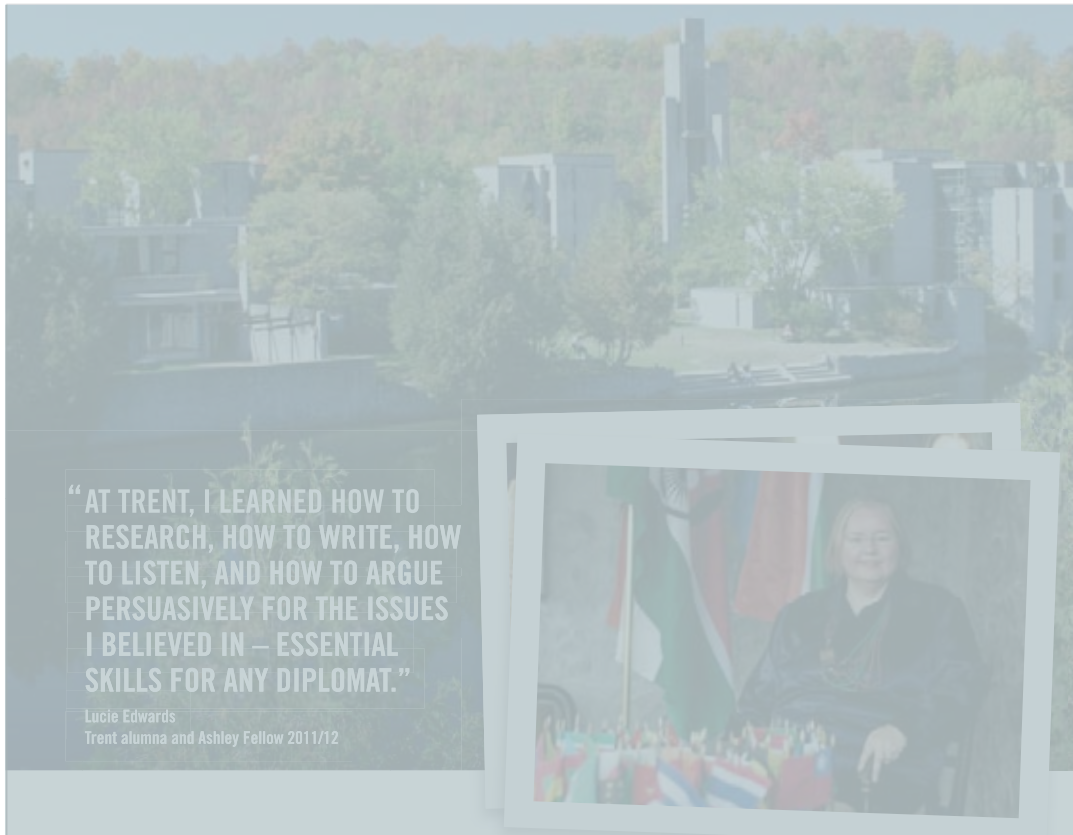
Unlike other apprentice programs where students must return to school after starting work, Sheridan's new program will let graduates enter the job market with their schooling complete, as well as a full year of work experience.

"So they've completed the in-school requirement for the apprenticeship training and they've earned a college diploma," Reid says. "It's a packed course for post-secondary education. It's really taking a lot into a short period of time really, so it makes the graduate very, very marketable."

Graduates from this new program will be attractive to local employers, particularly for small manufacturers, who, in the past, frequently had to release newly-hired employees to return to school.



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Lucie Edwards
Trent alumna and Ashley Fellow 2011/12

Lucie Edwards earned her Honours B.A. in History and Economics at Trent University. She went on to become High Commissioner to Kenya, South Africa and India. Today, she can be found working at the crossroads of science, the environment, and international development. Among the most research-intensive universities of its size in Canada, Trent is renowned for creating opportunities for students to flourish and develop as individuals and as global citizens. This made all the difference to Ms. Edwards who says, "Trent helped me develop the tools in public policy to deal with the big 21st century problems, like climate change and development."

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