



## **Earn while you learn; Get registered in the Horticulture Technician program!**

If you are ready to work and want to combine training with earning power, consider the apprenticeship program, where workplace-based training is provided under the direction of experienced mentors and trainers, combined with classroom training. The Ontario government pays for almost 85% of classroom training, supports apprentices with grants and some apprentices are eligible for EI grants during classroom training.

### **WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP?**

Apprenticeship is a form of post-secondary education like university or college.

But there's a big difference. Apprentices not only learn skills in a classroom, but receive paid, on-the-job training with your employer/sponsor. You can earn while you learn! Approximately 80% of the training happens on-the-job with your employer and the other 20% is completed in school over two 12 week winter semesters. Once registered, apprentices typically take between 4-6 years to complete their training and certification requirements. For more information about the Horticulture Technician Apprenticeship program process go to: [www.horttrades.com/lo-apprenticeship](http://www.horttrades.com/lo-apprenticeship)

### **ADVANTAGES TO APPRENTICESHIP:**

- Lower Student Debt as you can earn while you learn
- Good Pay
- High Job Satisfaction
- Gain recognized work experience
- Exposed to hands on learning
- Acquire skills that will last a lifetime and that open doors for promotion and entrepreneurship
- Horticulture is recognized across Canada as a Red Seal Trade
- Apprentices are eligible for incentives including training grants at the end of each in-class training semester, in school loans and completion grants.
- Apprentices can access incentives: <http://gfl.me/x2yA>
- Apprenticeship Loans: <http://gfl.me/x2yB>
- Apprentices may be eligible for EI while in-school

### **APPRENTICE RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Find an Employer to sponsor apprenticeship training
- Apply and register in the program
- Apply for EI
- Participate in landscape horticulture training with a mentor/trainer on the job
- Commit to and complete technical training in school
- Complete the on the job training log book indicating achievement of competencies with an employer/sponsor
- Write a Certificate of Qualification exam to become a recognized Red Seal Journeyman as a landscape horticulturist

### **TO REGISTER AS AN APPRENTICE AND FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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