



"This year I will be leaving high school with not only a high school diploma but a Level 1 certification in Carpentry" -
Bobby Vossen
Dual Credit Student



Learning the "How to" in High School

How a high school student started his career in carpentry

Bobby Vossen, a grade 12 student, is simultaneously earning his Carpentry Level 1 working as a contractor while completing his last semester of high school.

In Grade 11, one of Bobby's high school teachers suggested he participate in the Dual Credit Program, which afforded him the opportunity to take a college course in Carpentry.

Bobby knew that he always wanted to work in construction and always enjoyed working in shop class, but after he joined the Dual Credit Program in grade 11, he realized his real passion was carpentry.

The idea of participating in a college program for Bobby was, at first, a little daunting, but he quickly learned how rewarding the experience could be.

As he said, "The dual credit program was at first intimidating because I was mixed with college students, but the high school students all caught up quickly and the college students helped guide us through. We all worked really well together."

Bobby Vossen, said his first project in the college program changed his outlook on his career. He had to create a frame using joints and woods, using only hand tools. He said the experience of working with only his hands made him feel really accomplished and proud.

Bobby is now completing a second course through the Dual Credit Program and is currently earning his Level 1 in Carpentry. He is also working as a contractor with a construction company, where he is working on windows, wood siding of homes, drywall, mudding, and more.

Bobby's parents are really proud of what the program has offered their son. As Bobby said, "This is the first time I really started to see a better future for myself, I plan to continue attending college in the fall so I can earn my Level 2 and eventually go on to earning my Level 3 in Carpentry."

The Dual Credit Program allows students to participate in apprenticeship training and post secondary courses, allowing them to earn credits that count towards both their high school diploma and their postsecondary diploma, degree or apprenticeship certification.

For more information regarding Dual Credits visit www.canadorecollege.ca/programs or contact a Dual Credit representative at a local District School Board.

