



Success Story

Commitment to Your Goals Can Yield Rewards

Andrew came to JobWave in December 2009 after relocating from Vancouver to the relatively small community of Prince Rupert. Andrew had previously held certification in Level 3 First Aid and had been gainfully employed as a First Aid attendant, but had not been able to find employment because his ticket had since expired.

After participating in the intensive job search portion of the program including Job Seekers' Club workshops and Job Seekers' Cafes (Group Touchbacks), his Case Coordinator, Nina, met with him to review his plan and to discuss his perceived barriers.

Andrew completed a Training Plan which included a request for funding to renew his First Aid certification, as he felt his outdated work skills were holding him back.

Andrew approached employers throughout his job search to learn what they were looking for in their employees, and he received positive feedback. Three employers indicated they wanted him to contact them once his certification was re-instated.

Once the funding was approved, the real work began. Andrew had to commit himself to the course; despite it being "brutal and intense," he knew it was "hard, but achievable."

During the 2-week course, Andrew "ate, lived and breathed" first aid, stating "it's not just the written test, the practical test is really serious...they fly someone in from Vancouver (to do the testing), and there is significant anxiety going in."

His hard work paid off, and Andrew received 70% on the practical exam, and 84% on the written portion. Reflecting on his achievement, he said: "This ticket will get me a decent job. It did before, and it will again."

Andrew took advantage of networking opportunities in the classroom, conversing with a fellow student who is currently employed at the local grain terminal, and plans to follow up on this connection.

He is grateful to the JobWave program for the First Aid training and for the Basic Computer workshop he was able to attend in order to improve the scope of his job search activities. Andrew plans to resume his intensive job search activities and is confident he will gain employment in the community.

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Case Coordinator: Nina Dickinson

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