



## Heavy Equipment Technician

2020-2021

Welcome to the Heavy Equipment Technician program for the 2020-2021 academic year at the Medicine Hat College. We've had to take a different approach this year to your training because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Rest assured that you will receive the high quality training that MHC is known to provide.

The Heavy Equipment Technician program typically runs in a face to face format for 8 weeks. The 8 weeks are split roughly 50/50 between theory classes and shop classes depending on the period. Here are some things you can now expect during your time here.

The theory portion will be in a blended format. You will need a computer, laptop or surface capable of video with a microphone. A smartphone will hinder the learning experience and therefore not recommended. A stable Internet connection will be required. A typical theory class will be posted online through our Blackboard system. You will be expected to go through the lesson prior to meeting with the instructor. At a prearranged time the instructor will meet the class online to go over the highlights of the lesson and address any questions that may arrive on that topic.

The shop portion will be in a face to face format. A schedule will be provided where you will be expected to be in the shop ready to commence assigned projects. Instructors will be in the shop with you for all necessary instructions. For everyone's safety there are sinks for handwashing or hand sanitizing stations in the shops and at entrances to the classrooms. You will be expected to wash your hands or use hand sanitizer as you enter and leave all areas.

**We need to follow AHS guidelines at all times.** Where we cannot maintain a safe 6ft physical distance from each other for learning tasks, we will be using either barriers, PPE or face masks and in some situations, a combination. Tools are not to be shared between students. We have a tool crib where specialty tools are loaned out to students. They will need to be cleaned and sanitized before returning to the tool crib. MHC protocols and requirements regarding COVID-19 will change as the government guidance and requirements change. We will notify you of any changes as soon as possible.

As with all trades training at MHC, you will need CSA approved work boots, safety glasses and gloves (if you use them). On orientation day your instructor will let you know what personal tools you should bring to your first shop class.

In addition to these regular items you will need to provide the following to help with your learning experience.

- Computer, with microphone and camera capable of running windows 10.
- Internet access. An Ethernet connection is recommended over wireless access, with a basic internet connection of 10 mbps
- Multiple face masks if you prefer to wear one.
- A great attitude.

Closer to orientation day you will receive a communication on how to enter the college for your shop classes and to pick up your learning resources. Please remember to maintain the 6ft distance. Your instructors will meet you for orientation where you will receive your modules and further instructions. During the orientation you will discuss a timetable outlining shop, class, quiz, exam and instructor availability times suitable to everyone and address any questions you may have.

Thank you for choosing Medicine Hat College and we look forward to seeing you this fall.

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