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Oil Burner Mechanic Program at Yukon College receives funding

WHITEHORSE—The Oil Burner Mechanic Program at Yukon College will train up to 24 Yukon students and registered apprentices this year.

"The Yukon government is pleased to provide \$116,762 in funding to Yukon College for this course of study in support of training opportunities in the fuel-burning appliance trade," Minister of Education Elaine Taylor said. "Public safety continues to be enhanced as we increase the number of certified oil burner mechanics in Yukon."

This training will prepare the Yukon College students to become certified to service, install and modify oil-fired furnaces throughout the territory.

Over the past two years the Oil Burner Mechanic Program has expanded the number paths to journey person certification, which include:

- For those with no trade experience, a six-month preparation pre-employment course is available prior to embarking on formal apprenticeships.
- For registered apprentices, Oil Burner Mechanic Level A and Oil Burner Mechanic Level B training—consisting of two 10-week courses of study—is available.
- Certified Plumbers with at least 3,600 hours of experience in the oil burner mechanic trade can complete an approved upgrading course to challenge the interprovincial exam.
- Tradespeople with at least 8,100 hours of experience in the oil burner mechanic trade can challenge the interprovincial exam without having to complete the upgrading course.

Four students from Whitehorse and two from Teslin are currently taking the course, all of whom have employment in their field lined up upon the completion of their training in March 2015.

Improved training for workers in the fuel-burning appliance trade is a key component of the Government of Yukon's action plan launched in 2012 to improve public safety. This plan also includes a carbon monoxide and home safety public awareness campaign as well as the development of new regulations governing oil-fired appliances.

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