

Programs of one year or less

Field or job	Required credential, duration of program, and provider	Cost* (tuition only) & availability of programs	+ Jobs available widely in NS ↑ Market improving	Job details: shift work? work outside? Pay: \$/hr
Auto mechanic	Certificate in Motor Vehicle Repair, Mechanical: 10 months in NSCC	✓ \$2,600	↑ +	☼ A: \$14.50; T: \$22.00
Call Centre Agent	Grade 12 or GED, at adult learning organizations or NSCC (length varies)	normally free, training is done on-the-job	↑ +	☼ A: \$11.50; T: \$21.00
Continuing Care Assistant	certificate, 35 weeks in NSCC or 29 weeks NSCC customized training	✓ \$2,600, NSCC \$5,000 NSCC (custom)	↑ +	☼ A: \$11.75; T: \$15.00
Cosmetician	certificate 1 yr. in NSCC, or private school	✓ \$2,600 (NSCC) \$10,000 (private)	↑ +	A: \$8.50; T: \$13.50
Dental Assistant	Certificate in Dental Assisting (Level II), 35 weeks at NSCC	\$2,600 HRM	↑ +	A: \$12.75; T: \$16.75
Esthetician	certificate, 1 yr. in private school or 1 yr. at NSCC in Annapolis Valley	\$6,800 - \$10,600, HRM, Sydney, or \$2,600 NSCC	↑ +	A: \$9.50; T: \$16.00
Landscaper	Diploma in Horticulture 1 yr. in NSCC	\$2,600 Kentville	only 10 new jobs per year in NS	☼ A: \$10/hr; T: \$17.50/hr
Medical Transcriptionist	certificate 1 yr. in NSCC	\$5,700 HRM	↑ +	A: \$14.75; T: \$21.00
Office Administrator (secretary)	certificate 10 months in NSCC or 1 or 2 yrs. in private school	✓ \$2,600 at NSCC or \$5,000 to \$14,000 private schools	↑ +	A: \$11.75; T: \$20.75
Pet Care & Animal Worker	on-the-job training, or 10 months in private school to earn certificate	\$8,400 HRM	only 8 new jobs/yr in NS	A: \$9.00; T: \$14.75
Police Officer	35-week Police Science program at Holland College, Summerside, PEI, or 6-month RCMP Cadet program, Regina, SK	\$25,500 PEI, or \$5,000, SK, (for personal expenses, no tuition fee)	+ high demand occupation in NS	☼☼ A: \$22.50; T: \$32.75

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Programs of one or two years				
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Accounting Clerk	Diploma in Business Administration (Accounting) 2 yrs. NSCC, or 1 yr. and 2 yrs. in private schools	✓ \$5,200 (NSCC) \$5,000 to \$17,500 (private)	↑ +	A: \$13.25; T: \$20.00
Architectural Engineering Technologist	diploma, 2 yrs. in NSCC	HRM \$5,200	only 3 new jobs/yr. in NS, no change expected	A: \$19.75; T: \$27.50
Bilingual Secretary	2 yrs. at Universite de Sainte Anne in Pointe d'Eglise, NS	\$2,494 per year Point d'Eglise	no information available	A: \$11.75; T: \$20.75
Carpenter	diploma 2 yrs. at NSCC	✓ C \$5,200	↑ +	☼ A: \$15.00; T: \$30.00
Cook	certificate or diploma Culinary Arts: 1 or 2 yrs. in NSCC	✓ \$2,600/yr.	↑ +	☼ A: \$9.25; T: \$18.75
Computer Electronics Technician/Technologist	diploma, 2 yrs. in NSCC or 37 weeks in private school (CompuCollege)	✓ C \$5,200 NSCC \$7,640 at CompuCollege	↑ +	A: \$16.25; T: \$28.75
Correctional Officer	Diploma in Human Services (Correctional Services concentration) 2 yrs. in NSCC	\$5,200 Truro	only 17 new jobs/yr in NS	☼ A: \$24.25; T: \$32.25
Drafting Technologist or Technician	diploma (mechanical or architectural) 2 yrs. in NSCC	C \$5,200 Bridgewater	↑ only 18 new jobs/yr. in NS, expected to improve	A: \$17.25; T: \$28.75
Early Childhood Educator	2 yrs. for NSCC diploma, or 4 yrs. Child and Youth Studies Degree	✓ \$2,600/yr at NSCC \$6,000/yr at MSVU	↑ +	A: \$9.25; T: \$15.25
Emergency Medical Technician	Certificate or diploma, private school	HRM \$10,000 certificate, \$15,500, diploma	only 22 new jobs/yr in NS, expected to improve significantly	A: \$16.75; T: \$22.00

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Forestry Technician	2 yrs. in NSCC for diploma, or 8 months in private school in Fredricton, NB	\$5,200 (NSCC) \$8,000 (NB)	only 10 new jobs/yr. in NS	☼ A: \$24.00; T: \$30.25
Insurance Adjuster or Claims Examiner	Diploma in Business Administration 2 yrs. in NSCC, or on-the-job training	✓ \$5,200 \$0 (on-the-job training)	↑ +	A: \$15.75; T: \$34.25
Library Technician	Diploma in Library and Information Technology, 2 yrs.	\$5,200 HRM, or on-line course	only 13 new jobs/yr in NS	A: \$15.25; T: \$29.25
Licensed Practical Nurse	certificate 2 yrs. at NSCC	\$2,600/yr. Sydney or HRM	↑ +	☹ A: \$14.00; T: \$17.50
Pharmacy Technician	certificate, 1 yr. at NSCC or 1 - 2 yrs private schools	NSCC: HRM, \$2,600 Private: Truro, Sydney approx. \$8,500	↑ +	☹ A: \$11.25, T: \$19.00
Student Program Assistant	Diploma in Human Services (Educational Support Concentration) 2 yrs. in NSCC	\$5,200 Annapolis Valley	↑ +	A: \$13.50; T: \$19.25
Survey Technician or Technologist	Diploma in Geomatics Engineering Technology plus Survey Technician Certificate : 2 yrs. in NSCC	\$5,200 Annapolis Valley	↑ only 3 new jobs/yr. in NS, expected to improve	☼ A: \$15.50; T: \$23.25
Welder/metal fabricator, or Welder Inspector	certificate or diploma 1 or 2 yrs. in NSCC (Inspector, need diploma)	✓ C \$2,600/yr	↑ +	A: \$17.25; T: \$28.75

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Programs of three or more years				
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Accountant	Bachelor of Business Administration (Accounting) 4 yrs. in university	✓ C \$5,900 to 6,800/yr	↑ +	A: \$29.00; T: \$57.50
Chef	Applied Degree in Culinary Operations 4 yrs: 2-yr. diploma at a college, then 2-yr. post-diploma	✓ \$5,200 NSCC, then \$15,500 Holland College✓	↑ only 19 new jobs/yr in NS, expected to improve	☉ A: \$15.75; T: \$36.00
Dental Hygienist	diploma, 1 yr. in university, then 2 yrs. Dental Hygienist program, DAL	✓ \$6,000 - \$7,200, then \$9,433/yr. HRM	↑ only 12 new jobs/yr in NS, expected to improve	A: \$20.75; T: \$27.50
Geographic Information Systems Technologist	4 yrs. of university, then 1 yr. in NSCC	\$6,000 - \$7,200/yr. for degree, then \$3,560 for NSCC (Ann.)	↑ only 7 new jobs/yr in NS, expected to improve	☼ A: \$16.25; T: \$25.00
Lawyer/judge	Bachelor of Laws, Master of Laws, or Doctor of Laws 3 to 5 yrs., or more at DAL	HRM \$12,464/yr, plus a year of articling, low pay, no tuition	↑ +	A: \$38.50; T: \$107.75
Medical Radiation Technologist	Bachelor or Diploma of Health Science, 3 or 4 yrs. at DAL	\$6,800/yr HRM	↑ only 24 new jobs/yr in NS, expected to improve	☉ A: \$21.00; T: \$28.50
Pharmacist	1 yr. of university science degree, plus 4 yr. Pharmacy program at DAL	\$5,900 to 6,800 for 1 year of sciences, then \$9,574/yr. at Dal	↑ +	A: \$27.75; T: \$40.75
Registered Nurse	Bachelor of Science in Nursing 4 yrs. of university	✓ \$6,000 - \$7,200/yr.	↑ +	☉ A: \$15.75; T: \$31.50
School Teacher	Bachelor of Education (BEd) 3 or 4 yrs. for BA, then 2 yrs. in BEd	✓ \$6,000 to \$7,200/yr.	↑ +	A: \$28.75; T: \$37.25
Social Worker	Bachelor of Social Work: 4 yrs. at Dalhousie University in Halifax	\$6,690 per year	↑ +	☉ A: \$25.25; T: \$33.00

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