

SELF-EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS

- If a program is identified as ► **Alberta Works Funded**, this means that the program is funded by Community and Business Services (CBS), Alberta Human Services (HS)

Anderson Career Training Institute (ACTI):

Self-employment Training Program

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Provider Description:

Anderson Career Training Institute helps individuals and organizations realize their potential through training, coaching and mentoring.

Target group:

Applicants must be unemployed, 18 years of age or older, have a viable business concept that matches their skills and financial situation, and be willing to commit to the Self-employment (SE) Program requirements.

Program Description:

The Self-employment Training Program is a 26-week program that includes ten weeks of fulltime, in-class instruction, followed by sixteen weeks of individualized mentoring and support during the business implementation phase.

Instructional sessions on business topics include: licensing, taxation, goal setting, banking, public speaking, insurance, effective website design, marketing, selling, branding, market research, advertising, customer service, small business law, motivation, accounting, and more.

Program Length:

26 weeks

Intake Dates:

Please contact for intake dates.

Pre-Requisites/Eligibility Requirement:

Preference will be given to clients who have a current Employment Insurance (EI) claim, ended an EI claim in the last three years or received maternity/paternity benefits within the past five years.

DECSA:

Ventures Program

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Target group:

Persons residing in the Edmonton or surrounding area living with a permanent disability with a disclosure of a realistic entrepreneurial goal or business idea. Minimum age is 18 years.

Program Description:

Ventures is an entrepreneurial training program that provides business supports to individuals wishing to pursue self-employment and who are living with a documented disability. The program works with the person with a disability to realize their employment goals and guide them on a path to become self-sufficient through self-employment.

The program offers:

- Assessment of entrepreneurial suitability that takes the disability into consideration.
- Assessment of entrepreneurial goals or business ideas.
- Assessment of business strengths, needs and strategies to achieve self-employment goals.
- Business plan coaching
- Identification of training needs
- Referrals to appropriate sources to access learning opportunities
- Upon the development of a viable business plan, there is a potential to access secured micro-loan funding and post loan support.

Program Length:

Varies.

Intake Dates:

Please contact for intake dates.

Pre-Requisites/Eligibility Requirement:

- Medically documented disability
- Sound working knowledge of the proposed business
- Interest in a secured loan to establish or expand a business, which will create or maintain long term employment.
- Applicants must have been declined by two conventional financial institutions.

Referral from Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH), Disability Agencies, Community Agencies or self-referral.

Microbusiness Training Centre Inc.

Self-employment Training Program

Address: 203 Energy Square
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Provider Description:

Microbusiness Training Centre is a private business training school, delivering training, business development, coaching and mentoring services to aspiring and established entrepreneurs.

Target group:

Albertans 18 years of age or older seeking small business training and coaching with practical knowledge, tools, and support needed to develop and own their own business

Program Description:

The program consists of eight weeks of intensive practical classroom training that covers all aspects of building a well-researched business plan including:

- Company setup/ Defining goods and services
- Market analysis/Marketing and sales
- Financial management and projections
- Operations/ Risk management
- Financing
- Business plan development

Classroom training is followed by 18 weeks of group and individual coaching. In addition, individuals can access business consulting services for an additional six months after completing the 26 week program.

Program Length:

8 weeks classroom training followed by 18 weeks of group and individual coaching and mentoring.

Intake Dates:

Please contact for intake dates.

Pre-Requisites/Eligibility Requirement:

Eligible individuals may qualify for Alberta Works Learner Income Support for up to six months if they meet one of the following criteria:

- Currently receiving Employment Insurance (EI) benefits
- Received EI in the past three years
- Have received EI Maternity/Paternity benefits in the last five years.
- Currently receiving Alberta Works Income Support.
- Have limited sources of income while starting a business.