

Petroleum Career Employment Training Program

CNRL is an active participant and avid supporter of the Petroleum Career Employment Training Program (PET).

PET is a unique partnership involving major producers and regional oil/gas field service companies, various community agencies, First Nations, Metis Settlements and associations, provincial and federal government education departments, and community colleges. The PET concept was launched in northern Alberta in 1998 to meet industry workforce demands and help local communities take part in employment opportunities available in the oil and gas industry. Since the first training program took place in 1999 in the Wabasca-Desmarais-Sandy Lake area of Alberta, many more programs have been offered to hundreds of students in northern Alberta, as well as in northeastern British Columbia.

For example, the Bonnyville/Cold Lake Area PET program is located in CNRL's Building Futures Training Centre in Ardmore. As with other PET programs, it helps trainees enter career employment as trades helpers or apprentices, production operator trainees, vehicle and heavy equipment operator trainees, or oil field rig and maintenance workers. Major producers and oil/gas field service and construction companies participate in the 10-month program as guest instructors or host companies for the on-site work experience practicum included as part of the training. PET also helps students move into other post-secondary and training opportunities.

Generally, PET participants are involved in intensive in-class training and practical work experience focussing on five key learning components:

- Safety Training
- Employment Skills Training
- Industry Skills Training
- Academic Upgrading
- Self Enhancement

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, have a valid Class 5 driver's license and have completed a minimum of Grade 8. They must have an aptitude for mechanical reasoning.

For more information on PET programs, please contact these service providers:

- Northern Lakes College in Slave Lake, Alta. at (780) 849-8600 or 1-866-652-3456
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- Northern Lights College in Fort St. John, B.C., Erik Halliday at (250) 787-6219