

The Advisor

Progressive Training College of Business & Health



Pictured - Students at our Sault Ste. Marie, Thunder Bay, Barrie and Scarborough campuses get spooky for our first annual Halloween Costume Contest! Looking good crew!

PTC Celebrates Halloween

On Tuesday October 31, 2017, students and staff at each of our five campuses got their costume game on to celebrate Halloween!

Who says Halloween is just for kids? Students at our Thunder Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Barrie and Scarborough campuses competed in PTC's first annual Halloween Costume Contest. Each winner received a \$25 Tim Horton's gift card.

A big thank you to all of our staff and students for participating and coming up with such fantastic costumes! You made this Halloween a fun one!



Alumni Update

Gilmore J.,
Customer Service
Express Diploma grad
from our Barrie campus
is happily working as a
supervisor at Home
Hardware!



Upcoming Events

Open House College-wide: March 1, 2018
9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Holiday Closure



College-wide:
December 23, 2017 -
January 1, 2018

Who Are We? Featuring Mike Dell'Angelo

Mike is our Student Advisor and Campus Manager at PTC's Barrie campus.



What I enjoy most about my job is the ability to help people that are going through a big transition in their lives. There's a great feeling when someone you've worked with gets a job they're interested in, and you can sense their stress dissipate!

Some fun facts about myself:

- I can ballroom dance
- I met my Goodreads goal for this year (in September!)
- I can play the drums

Want to have a chat with Mike? Get in touch with him at mdellangelo@ptcollege.com.



ALERT: January Classes Starting

Our Personal Support Worker and Business Programs are gearing up for another term!

There are still some spots available - Please contact us at info@ptcollege.com or 1-888-711-3271 TODAY for more information.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Help us make this holiday season better for those in need! Please drop off non-perishable food items to any of our five campuses by November 28, 2017.

Our Toronto campus will be dropping off their donation to the CN Holiday Train when it makes its stop at Lambton Yard on Tuesday, November 28 at 8:00 PM. Please join us in the festivities!

For more information on the Holiday Train, visit this link: <http://www.cpr.ca/en/community/holiday-train>



How important is experience?

There is no doubt, that today's workforce exists in a riptide of change. There are thousands of new graduates who are ready to join the workforce, but are they really ready? Sana Qureshi explains.

Do these grads have the necessary experience and skills to succeed? Employers are becoming more interested in the candidate's experience



versus their educational background. Graduates are having a hard time finding a job because they have the required education, but when it comes to experience, that's where they fall short. In today's workplaces, I believe this issue is becoming more prominent. Therefore, having the educational background along with relevant work experience would strike the right balance. Progressive Training College has a history of providing effective placement services from which we have developed an extensive database of employers that have taken on our students for both co-op and employment positions. We offer co-op placements within all

our skills training diploma programs and that's what makes our students so successful. It provides them an opportunity to test skills learned in the classroom, and to expand their knowledge through related work experience.

The co-op placement not only gives students a chance to practice the latest theories and approaches in their particular discipline, but also the competitive edge when going out into the workforce. The co-op placement can also be purchased as a separate service or added to any of our other programs. Our diploma programs also include software training modules such as QuickBooks, Sage 60, LANKAR along with the training provided by external parties – Trucking HR Canada for dispatch operator. This allows our graduates to be even more successful at finding a job.

Over the past year, I have worked closely with local employers to ensure they are providing the right training and co-op experience to our students. During the placement period, I follow up with the employer and student, both, to ensure that everything is progressing well and to find out what new skills and experiences are being acquired by the student. At the end of the placement, *(continued on page 4)*

Event Highlights - Terry Fox Run



the majority of our students do get hired by the same employer. Therefore, the co-op placement is a great opportunity for students to build a network for future employment!

Want to have a chat with Sana? Get in touch with her at sasureshi@ptcollege.com.

Where are they at now?

Congrats to our latest Personal Support Worker grads in Sault Ste. Marie on their new careers!



Felicia July – F.J. Davey Home

Riahha Maxwell – Red Cross and Mapleview

Kristen McDonald – Collegiate Heights Retirement Residence

Jessica Pickard – F.J. Davey Home

Nadine Schell – F.J. Davey Home

Michelle St. Onge – Private Home Care



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