

“Continuing my education helped me so much. I am on my way to a better career and a happier life for my family, and I feel more confident in everything I do.”
- *David Robicheau*



David Robicheau knows how hard it is to find work and provide for a family without an education. “I didn’t want my daughter to follow my example and struggle through life, so I enrolled in an adult learning program at the Digby Area Learning Association. I met a lot of great people at school. Now I have my grade twelve, and I plan to study skilled trades at NSCC. I also found a job with decent hours and good pay.”

David’s career goal is to be plumber. The knowledge and self confidence he gained from adult learning will see him through the next two years of schooling required to get his plumbing certificate. “I’ve learned how important my goal is, and now I have the courage to stick with it. I know all my efforts will be worth it in the end.”



*Literacy and Essential Skills:
Making a Difference in the Lives
of Nova Scotians*

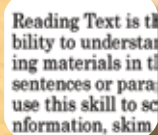
Literacy Nova Scotia works to ensure that literacy and essential skills learning opportunities are available wherever and whenever there is a need or interest.

Literacy and essential skills provide the foundation for learning all other skills. They enable us to succeed in our jobs and adapt to workplace change; they also enable us to evolve in our personal lives and contribute to our communities.

Nine Essential Skills are needed for work, learning and life.

Reading

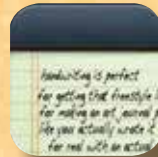
- Read emails from coworkers
- Read a recipe; read letters from your doctor, landlord, friend
- Read newspapers, billboards, signs, menus



Reading Text is the ability to understand sentences or paragraphs. Use this skill to scan information, skim

Writing

- Take notes at a meeting; send emails
- Write letters to friends, relatives, your child's teacher
- Share your opinion by writing letters to the editor of your local newspaper



Handwriting is perfect for getting that freelance job. For making an ad, you need to be like you actually wrote it. For real with an action

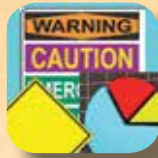
Working with Others

- Listen to and support your boss and coworkers; get your part of the job done
- Create a supportive home environment by listening and caring
- Become a community volunteer



Document Use

- Fill out a job application
- Read nutritional labels on food packaging
- Read bus schedules



Oral Communication

- Give directions to your customers
- Order items by phone
- Discuss health concerns with your doctor



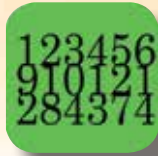
Thinking Skills

- Organize your weekly work schedule
- Plan a family reunion
- Plan a fundraising event at your local school or church



Numeracy

- Keep track of office expenses
- Make a household budget; create a plan to save money for your child's education
- Count out correct change when making a payment



Computer Use

- Send pdf files to a coworker via email
- Use the Internet to shop online
- Use an ATM machine



Continuous Learning

- Take an online course
- Learn how to use new tools for household repairs
- Learn how to play bridge or do yoga at your community recreation centre



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