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Program Overview

Level 1

Code	Self-directed Learning Modules	Code	Self-directed Learning Modules
DFR-100	Mentoring I	DFR-125	Drywall Finishing
DFR-105	Safety	DFR-130	Plastered and Textured Surfaces
DFR-110	Tools and Equipment	DFR-135	Mouldings
DFR-115	Common Work Practices	DFR-140	Repair and Restoration
DFR-120	Drywall Taping		

Level 2

Code	Self-directed Learning Modules	Code	Self-directed Learning Modules
DFR-200	Program Review		

Level 3

Code	Self-directed Learning Modules	Code	Self-directed Learning Modules
DFR-300	Mentoring II	DFR-305	Program Review

Program Structure

Level 1

Code	Learning Modules	Learning Outcomes	
DFR-100	Mentoring I	1	Demonstrate knowledge of effective communication practices as a mentor.
		2	Demonstrate knowledge of strategies for learning skills in the workplace.
DFR-105	Safety	1	Demonstrate knowledge of personal protective equipment (PPE) and safety equipment, their applications, maintenance and procedures for use.
		2	Demonstrate knowledge of maintaining a safe work environment.
		3	Demonstrate knowledge of regulatory requirements pertaining to safety, PPE and safety equipment.
DFR-110	Tools and Equipment	1	Demonstrate knowledge of hand tools, their applications, maintenance and procedures for use.
		2	Demonstrate knowledge of power tools and equipment, their applications, maintenance and procedures for use.
		3	Demonstrate knowledge of access equipment, their applications, maintenance and procedures for use.
		4	Demonstrate knowledge of lifting equipment, their applications, maintenance and procedures for use.

Code	Learning Modules	Learning Outcomes
DFR-115	Common Work Practices	5 Demonstrate knowledge of regulatory requirements pertaining to access and lifting equipment.
		1 Demonstrate knowledge of products and materials, their characteristics and applications.
		2 Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to handle and store products and materials on-site.
		3 Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to determine materials and equipment needed for project tasks.
		4 Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to prepare and visually inspect the work site.
		5 Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to mix materials.
		6 Demonstrate knowledge of requirements and procedures to clean site after job completion.
		7 Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to verify work completed.
DFR-120	Drywall Taping	1 Demonstrate knowledge of tapes and compounds, their characteristics and applications.
		2 Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to prepare drywall for taping.

Code	Learning Modules	Learning Outcomes	
DFR-125	Drywall Finishing	1	Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to apply a level 5 finish.
		2	Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to fine-sand surfaces.
		3	Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to wet-sand surfaces.
		4	Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to perform touch-ups before priming.
DFR-130	Plastered and Textured Surfaces	1	Demonstrate knowledge of plastered and textured surfaces, their characteristics and applications.
		2	Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to apply veneer plaster systems.
		3	Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to apply special plaster finishes and specialty coatings.
		4	Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to prepare surfaces for texturing.
		5	Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to texture walls and ceilings.
		6	Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to apply custom textured design patterns.
DFR-135	Mouldings	1	Demonstrate knowledge of mouldings, their characteristics and applications.
		2	Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to prepare for installation of mouldings.
		3	Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to cut and install mouldings.

Code	Learning Modules	Learning Outcomes	
DFR-140	Repair and Restoration	4	Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to finish joints and surfaces.
		1	Demonstrate knowledge of troubleshooting procedures.
		2	Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to seal surfaces and stains.
		3	Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to repair drywall.
		4	Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to repair/restore plastered surfaces.
		5	Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to repair textured surfaces.
		6	Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to repair stucco.
		7	Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to restore mouldings.

Level 2

Code	Learning Modules	Learning Outcomes	
DFR -200	Program Review	1	Demonstrate knowledge of the Occupational Standard and its relationship to the Red Seal Exam.
		2	Demonstrate knowledge of overall comprehension of the trade in preparation for the Red Seal Exam.

Level 3

Code	Learning Modules	Learning Outcomes	
DFR-300	Mentoring II	1	Demonstrate knowledge of effective communication practices as a mentor.
		2	Demonstrate knowledge of strategies for teaching workplace skills.
DFR-320	Program Review	1	Demonstrate knowledge of the Occupational Standard and its relationship to the Red Seal Exam.
		2	Demonstrate knowledge of overall comprehension of the trade in preparation for the Red Seal Exam.

2013 Occupational Standard Sub-task to Learning Module Comparison

Sub-task		Learning Modules	
Task A-1 – Performs safety-related functions			
A-1.01	Maintains safe work environment	DFR-105	Safety
A-1.02	Uses personal protective equipment (PPE) and safety equipment	DFR-105	Safety
Task A-2 – Uses and maintains tools and equipment			
A-2.01	Uses access equipment	DFR-110	Tools and Equipment
A-2.02	Uses lifting equipment	DFR-110	Tools and Equipment
A-2.03	Maintains tools and equipment	DFR-110	Tools and Equipment
Task A-3 – Performs common work practices and procedures			
A-3.01	Handles materials	DFR-115	Common Work Practices
A-3.02	Plans project	DFR-115	Common Work Practices
A-3.03	Prepares worksite	DFR-115	Common Work Practices
A-3.04	Inspects surfaces	DFR-115	Common Work Practices
A-3.05	Mixes materials to be applied	DFR-115	Common Work Practices
A-3.06	Cleans premises after job completion	DFR-115	Common Work Practices
A-3.07	Verifies work completed	DFR-115	Common Work Practices
Task B-4 – Prepares for taping			
B-4.01	Prepares wallboard/drywall surface	DFR-120	Drywall Taping
A-4.02	Pre-fills wallboard/drywall	DFR-120	Drywall Taping
Task B-5 – Tapes wallboard/drywall			
B-5.01	Tapes to fire-rate (fire-proof) and gas-proof surfaces	DFR-120	Drywall Taping
B-5.02	Embeds tape	DFR-120	Drywall Taping
B-5.03	Installs beads, control joints and trim	DFR-120	Drywall Taping
B-5.04	Applies multiple coats of compound	DFR-120	Drywall Taping
B-5.05	Scuff-sands between coats	DFR-120	Drywall Taping
Task B-6 – Finishes wallboard/drywall			
B-6.01	Applies level 5 finish	DFR-125	Drywall Finishing

Sub-task		Learning Modules	
B-6.02	Fine-sands surfaces	DFR-125	Drywall Finishing
B-6.03	Wet-sands surfaces	DFR-125	Drywall Finishing
B-6.04	Performs touch-ups before priming	DFR-125	Drywall Finishing
Task C-7 – Prepares surfaces for texturing			
C-7.01	Prepares surfaces for texturing	DFR-130	Plastered and Textured Surfaces
C-7.02	Applies levelling coat, primer or sealers to walls and ceilings	DFR-130	Plastered and Textured Surfaces
Task C-8 – Textures surfaces			
C-8.01	Textures walls and ceilings	DFR-130	Plastered and Textured Surfaces
C-8.02	Applies custom design patterns	DFR-130	Plastered and Textured Surfaces
Task D-9 – Applies veneer plaster systems			
D-9.01	Applies base coat for veneer plaster	DFR-130	Plastered and Textured Surfaces
D-9.02	Applies finish coat for veneer plaster	DFR-130	Plastered and Textured Surfaces
Task D-10 – Applies special plaster finishes and specialty coatings			
D-10.01	Prepares surface for overlay applications	DFR-130	Plastered and Textured Surfaces
D-10.02	Applies primer to surface	DFR-130	Plastered and Textured Surfaces
D-10.03	Applies overlay applications	DFR-130	Plastered and Textured Surfaces
Task E-11 - Prepares for installation of mouldings (NOT COMMON CORE (NCC))			
E-11.01	Prepares surface for mouldings	DFR-135	Mouldings
E-11.02	Lays out location and dimensions of mouldings	DFR-135	Mouldings
Task E-12 – Installs mouldings			
E-12.01	Cuts mouldings (NCC)	DFR-135	Mouldings
E-12.02	Secures mouldings on surfaces (NCC)	DFR-135	Mouldings
E-12.03	Finishes joints and surfaces	DFR-135	Mouldings
Task C F-13 – Troubleshoots problems			
F-13.01	Determines cause of problem	DFR-140	Repair and Restoration
F-13.02	Determines type of repair	DFR-140	Repair and Restoration
Task C F-14 – Repairs surfaces			
F-14.01	Seals stains	DFR-140	Repair and Restoration
F-14.02	Repairs wall/drywall	DFR-140	Repair and Restoration

Sub-task		Learning Modules	
F-14.03	Repairs plaster	DFR-140	Repair and Restoration
F-14.04	Repairs textured surfaces	DFR-140	Repair and Restoration
F-14.05	Repairs stucco	DFR-140	Repair and Restoration
Task C F-15 – Restores old mouldings (NOT COMMON CORE (NCC))			
F-15.01	Takes imprint of moulding	DFR-135	Mouldings
F-15.02	Prepares surface for re-installation	DFR-135	Mouldings
F-15.03	Installs guides	DFR-135	Mouldings
F-15.04	Places mouldings	DFR-135	Mouldings

Note: Not Common Core (NCC) means that the sub-task is not currently tested on the Red Seal exam.