Developed in consultation with the PEI Agricultural Trade Advisory Committee, this one-of-a-kind 2-year registered apprenticeship program combines classroom learning with on-farm experience, earning students a Certificate of Qualification in Farm Technician by the PEI Department of Innovation and Advanced Learning. Classroom learning is covered in two 5-week blocks, offered each January. Apprentices work on-farm during the rest of the year, gaining skills from a farm mentor.

### **BLOCK I — Crop Production**

- OH&S/Ag Health
- Orientation
- Communications
- Field and Cropping
- Potatoes
- Forages
- · Cereal Corn and Grain
- Legumes
- Computers
- Soil and Nutrient Management
- Pest Management

### **BLOCK II — Farm Equipment**

- OH&S/Ag Health
- Orientation
- Communications
- Tractor Safety
- Farm Equipment
- · Shop Skills
- Preventative Maintenance
- Food Safety
- Livestock Safety
- Farm Properties

### **ELIGIBILITY**

In order to enter the program, a person must be at least 16 years of age, have grade 12 or equivalent education (or be willing to obtain during the program), be working on a farm with an employer willing to mentor, and have at least 1000 hours work in agriculture.

### COST

The program tuition is subsidized 100%, if EI eligible, by Skills PEI through the Labour Market Development Fund.

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