

**Orientation to Trades and Technology**  
**A Curriculum Guide and Resource Book with Special Emphasis on the Needs**  
**of Women**

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Orientation to Trades and Technology identifies the key elements necessary for Women in Trades and Technology programs. It has been revised to meet the National Standards for Exploratory Courses in Trades and Technology for Women developed by the WITT National Network. The revisions also reflect changes in technology, and the use of instructional technology by learners and instructors in the delivery of the program.

The guide is divided into three parts giving a program overview, practical information on setting up a course, and course units on personal and professional development skills, work-related skills, and career development. Each of the topics within the course sections include an introduction, learning outcomes, and specific learning objectives matched with learning activities and teaching strategies. A resources section is provided for each unit. Although this guide is intended for instructors of Women in Trades and Technology exploratory courses, much of the material could be used in a variety of orientation courses. Employability skills development is embedded throughout the learning activities and teaching strategies.

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