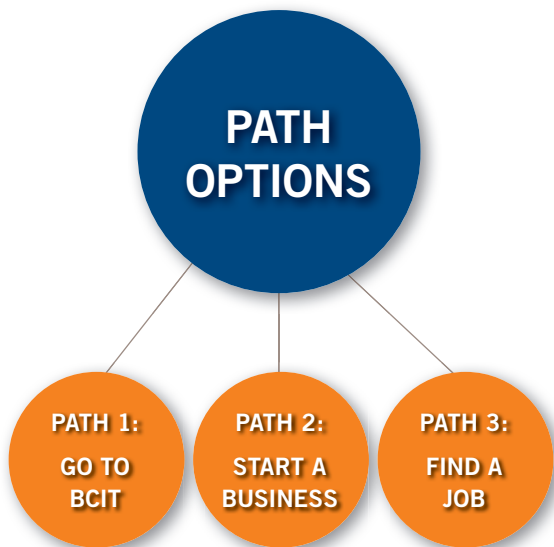


PATH OPTIONS

The Royal Canadian Legion has always been at the forefront of caring for military families. The Legion Military Skills Program at BCIT demonstrates this pioneering approach. Funded by BC/Yukon Command as exclusive and proud sponsor, the program is unique in Canada.

The program enables service personnel to successfully transition from military to civilian life, using a three pronged approach: academic, entrepreneurial and employment.



We accept participants into the program all year round. Our program is flexible to your availability and there is no time limit for participation.

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THREE PATHS. UNLIMITED OPPORTUNITIES. WHICH PATH WILL YOU CHOOSE?

PATH 1: GO TO BCIT

Receive academic recognition for your military experiences and fast track your post secondary education. You can earn up to a years worth of course credit to get advanced placement and complete your Bachelor degree in as little as two years full time or three years part time. Here's an example of just a few of the program our current participants are pursuing:

- > Bachelor of Business Administration
- > Bachelor of Technology in Forensic Investigation
- > Business Management Post-diploma
- > Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Advanced Diploma
- > Marketing Management Diploma – Professional Sales
- > Computer Sciences Technician Diploma

BCIT has a wide variety of certificate, diploma, and degree programs available. If you don't know what program best fits your needs, interests, and abilities, we can help you narrow your options by using the World of Work Inventory career assessment and a personalized opportunities profile.

The Legion Military Skills Conversion program is happy to assist each participant pursue the program that best meets their career goals and personal interests.

Participation in this path can last anywhere from one month to four years depending on the duration and nature of your academic studies at BCIT

PATH 2: START A BUSINESS

Do you have an idea for a business? Are you motivated to be self-employed? BCIT can provide you with the opportunity to make it happen.

Through Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE BCIT), you will have one-on-one consultations to develop a strong business plan that accurately reflects your entrepreneurial goals and can be easily implemented. SIFE BCIT consultants will also make sure that your plan will meet the criteria of financial institutions that supply start up capital. If desired, micro loans are available to participants who complete this path of the program.

SIFE BCIT accepts business consultations in the fall every academic calendar and aims to have the plans completed by the following April. Requests for business planning consultations outside of this time frame will be handled on a case by case basis.

Participation in this path can last as long as needed to complete the business plan but is ideally no longer than eight months.

PATH 3: FIND A JOB

First impressions are everything. SIFE BCIT can help you make a great first impression that begins with delivering a professional resume and cover letter to your potential employer.

- > Find out what valuable skills and abilities you bring to a civilian employer.
- > Sign up for workshops that will teach you how to write a professional resume and cover letter to showcase your skill set.
- > Receive tips and practice for successful interviews in a risk free environment.
- > Obtain help with your job search.
- > Get assistance with any other questions you may have about entering the job market.

Group workshops or individual consultations are available upon request.

The SIFE BCIT: *Essential Guide to the Civilian Work Force* is a tool designed to assist military members translate their military work experiences into civilian equivalencies. It was created by SIFE BCIT in collaboration with local human resources professionals, BCIT communications and business faculty, and Canadian Forces military members. It is available via hard copy or PDF upon request.

Participation in this path usually lasts one to three months depending on the assistance needed.

Participants who complete the follow-up interview are entered to win a **FREE** School of Business course worth up to \$600. Draws occur three times a year.