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**DRYWALL FINISHER &**  
**PLASTERER**

Based on the Red Seal Occupational Standard

# **Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Program of Study**

## **Drywall Finisher & Plasterer**

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## Program Overview

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### Level 1

Code	Self-directed Learning Modules	Code	Self-directed Learning Modules
MENT-700	Mentoring I	DFR- 120	Drywall Taping
DFR-105	Safety	DFR-125	Drywall Finishing
DFR-110	Tools and Equipment	DFR-130	Repair and Restoration
DFR-115	Common Work Practices		

### 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
MENT-701	Mentoring II	DFR -305	Program Review

## Program Structure

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### Level 1

Code	Learning Modules	Learning Outcomes	
MENT-700	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, mix 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.
DFR-120	Drywall Taping	5 Demonstrate knowledge of requirements and procedures to clean site and verify work completion.
		1 Demonstrate knowledge of tapes and compounds, their characteristics and applications.
		2 Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to apply compound and tape to fire-rate (fire-proof) and gas-proof (smoke-seal) surfaces.
		3 Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to embed tape.
		4 Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to install beads and trim.

Code	Learning Modules	Learning Outcomes	
DFR-125	Drywall Finishing	5	Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to apply multiple coats of compound.
		6	Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to scuff-sand between coats.
		1	Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to apply a level 5 finish.
		2	Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to assess work and perform touch-ups.
		3	Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to perform final sanding.
		4	Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to perform wet sanding.
DFR-130	Repair and Restoration	1	Demonstrate knowledge of troubleshooting procedures.
		2	Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to seal drywall surfaces and stains.
		3	Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to repair drywall.
		4	Demonstrate knowledge of procedures used to repair plastered surfaces.
		5	Demonstrate knowledge of procedures to restore textured surfaces.
		6	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	
MENT-701	Mentoring II	1	Demonstrate knowledge of effective communication practices as a mentor.
		2	Demonstrate knowledge of strategies for teaching workplace skills.
DFR-305	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.

## 2023 Occupational Standard Sub-task to Learning Module Comparison

Sub-task		Learning Modules	
<b>Task A-1 – Performs safety-related functions</b>			
A-1.01	Maintains safe work environment	DFR-105	Safety
A-1.02	Uses personal protective equipment (PPE) and safety equipment	DFR-105	Safety
<b>Task A-2 – Uses and maintains tools and equipment</b>			
A-2.01	Uses access and lifting equipment	DFR-110	Tools and Equipment
A-2.02	Maintains tools and equipment	DFR-110	Tools and Equipment
<b>Task A-3 – Performs common work practices and procedures</b>			
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 compounds	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
<b>Task A-4 - Uses communication and mentoring techniques</b>			
A-4.01	Uses communication techniques	MENT-700	Mentoring I
A-4.02	Uses mentoring techniques	MENT-701	Mentoring II
<b>Task B-5 – Prepares for taping</b>			
B-5.01	Prepares drywall surface	DFR-120	Drywall Taping
A-5.02	Pre-fills drywall	DFR-120	Drywall Taping
<b>Task B-6 – Tapes drywall</b>			
B-6.01	Tapes to fire-rate (fire-proof) and gas-proof (smoke-seal) surfaces	DFR-120	Drywall Taping
B-6.02	Embeds tape	DFR-120	Drywall Taping
B-6.03	Installs beads and trim	DFR-120	Drywall Taping
B-6.04	Applies multiple coats of compound manually	DFR-120	Drywall Taping
B-6.05	Applies coats of compound using automatic taping tools	DFR-120	Drywall Taping
B-6.06	Scuff-sands between coats	DFR-120	Drywall Taping

Sub-task		Learning Modules	
<b>Task B-7 – Finishes drywall</b>			
B-7.01	Applies level 5 finish	DFR-125	Drywall Finishing
B-7.02	Performs touch-ups	DFR-125	Drywall Finishing
B-7.03	Performs final sanding	DFR-125	Drywall Finishing
B-7.04	Performs wet sanding	DFR-125	Drywall Finishing
<b>Task C-8 – Troubleshoots problems</b>			
C-8.01	Determines cause of problem	DFR-130	Repair and Restoration
C-8.02	Determines type of repair	DFR-130	Repair and Restoration
<b>Task C-9 – Repairs taped drywall surfaces</b>			
C-9.01	Seals surfaces and stains	DFR-130	Repair and Restoration
C-9.02	Repairs drywall	DFR-130	Repair and Restoration
<b>Task C-10 – Applies special plaster finishes and specialty coatings</b>			
C-10.01	Repairs plastered surfaces	DFR-130	Repair and Restoration
C-10.02	Restores textured surfaces	DFR-130	Repair and Restoration
C-10.03	Restores mouldings	DFR-130	Repair and Restoration