

2015-2016 COURSE PURCHASE SUCCESS STORY



Clarence Bouchard - Automotive Service Technician – Confederation College

Clarence Bouchard is a member of Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek and lives in Beardmore, Ontario with his wife and 5 children. Clarence recently completed Level 3 of the Automotive Service Technician apprenticeship. He is also enrolled in the Automotive Mechanic apprenticeship and has successfully completed his second apprenticeship. Before deciding an apprenticeship was the best choice for him, Clarence was a commercial fisherman for 6 years. He was also a police constable for the Rocky Bay/MacDiarmid area. As a concerned citizen, Clarence sat as a Board of Director for the Ontario Fisheries Resource Centre in North Bay.

Clarence currently works at Greenstone as a bus driver and mechanics. He enjoys the work very much and also enjoys working for his employer. He finds them very supportive of his apprenticeship and can easily bring any concerns to their attention. With a growing family, Clarence also believed that education was very important and wants to be an example to his family and friends.

Being a family man and wanting to be with his family, Clarence knew that being away from home was something he had to overcome. Having meals together and spending time with his children was something he missed. He also knew these sacrifices had to be done in order to successfully complete his training and obtain his Red Seal certification. With the financial assistance provided by Anishinabek Employment & Training Services, Clarence was able to complete both apprenticeships. Without the financial assistance of AETS, Clarence would not have been able to concentrate on the task ahead. Being the sole provider, leaving his job to attend school would not have been possible. For this, he is grateful.