

Tourism Training Week: Training Resources for COVID-19 and More

With COVID-19 creating challenges for tourism businesses around the province, it's essential to be ready for re-opening, recovery and resiliency. Here is a list of free and for-a-fee tourism training resources you can use for your business, your employees, and yourself to help to navigate our new reality.

Destination BC Learning Centre

Access free resources and tools, featured articles, guides, templates, and videos such as:

Road to Recovery Webinar Series:

- May 12 Business After Re-opening: A Look at the Post-closure Traveller
- May 14 Essential Strategies to Innovate your Visitor Experience and Offerings
- May 19 Planning for Doors Open
- May 21 Managing Expectations and Reputation through Effective Communication
- May 26 Using Social Media to Support Re-opening
- May 28 Building a Digital Marketing Strategy for Re-opening
- June 4 ExploreBC... Virtually

Other recommended resources:

- 10 Tips for Optimizing Your TripAdvisor Listing
- Is Your Business Digitally Ready?
- Give Your Website a Refresh
- Think Accessibility: General Tip Sheet

Small Business BC

A wide range of <u>free and paid business education courses, webinars, and workshops</u>, including <u>COVID-19-specific</u> material. Upcoming free courses include:

- May 27 Strategies for Staying Resilient During COVID-19 (Part 3)
- June 1 Designing a New Content Marketing Plan for 2020: Content Marketing in the Age of <u>COVID-19</u>
- June 5 How to Become an Inclusive Employer after COVID-19

go2HR

go2HR's <u>Training Map and Directory</u> has the location and contact information for all high school and post-secondary tourism and hospitality programs in British Columbia. Other resources include:

- go2HR's ROI of Training
- Developing an Effective Training Strategy
- SuperHost Customer Service Training

• Foundations of Workplace Safety

Indigenous Tourism BC

ITBC offers training options to support the development of Indigenous tourism businesses, as well as one-on-one Stakeholder Coaching, based on your resources and needs: Experience Development
Training & Workshops

BC Tourism Resiliency Network

The BCTRN has a collection of <u>upcoming and archived webinars</u> including WorkSafe BC Health & Safety Guidelines and Reputation Management.

Emerit Tourism Training

A variety of <u>frontline</u>, <u>supervisory</u>, <u>and managerial online training modules</u>, currently free of charge, including:

- Bartender
- Canadian Workplace Essentials
- Event Coordinator
- Event Manager
- Food & Beverage Manager
- Food & Beverage Server
- Front Desk Agent
- Heritage Interpreter
- Housekeeping Room Attendant
- HR Toolkit
- Line Cook
- Providing Quality Service
- Reservation Sales Agent
- Sales Manager
- Supervisor
- Tourism Visitor Information Counsellor
- Workplace Essentials

Google

<u>Google Analytics Academy</u>: free online courses on Google's measurement tools to help you grow your business through intelligent data collection and analysis.

<u>Google Digital Garage</u>: free personalised training courses designed to build your confidence and help you thrive in the digital world, including tech, data, and digital marketing.

Facebook

<u>Facebook Blueprint</u>: Learn new skills through free, self-paced and simple online resources that build your digital marketing knowledge.