

# Agricultural -Swine Herdsperson

An agricultural – swine herdsperson performs herd health and comfort maintenance, breeding/gestation and farrowing procedures and operates and maintains farm systems, vehicles, and equipment.

Do you like working with animals? Do you like to work both inside and outside? Are you easily offended by farm odours? Are you in good physical condition and like working hard? Do you have the stamina to be on your feet for long periods of time?



# MOST IMPORTANT ESSENTIAL SKILLS

- adaptability
- problem solving
- technical proficiency
- teamwork



### **POTENTIAL EARNINGS**

**Hourly wage** 

from \$19.00 to \$34.13

**Annual salary** 

from \$30,342 to \$40,950

Make up to 100K during your apprenticeship



#### **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

#### You could work:

- on a hog farm
- for corporate farming entities
- for the Ontario pork industry as a breeding technician, pharmaceutical representative, swine research technician

or one day have your OWN business!

### **Other related trades:**

- Agricultural dairy herdsperson (640D)
- Horse groom (600H)



## IMPORTANT DETAILS

- **CODE 640S**
- Non-compulsory trade
- 5,520 hours on the job + 480 hours of in-school training (levels 1, 2)
- Total of 6,000 hours (approximately two to three years)
- No certifying exam



To become an agricultural – swine herdsperson, you could participate in an apprenticeship.

Start your apprenticeship now with OYAP!

Check out the specialized programs in your high school to explore the trades!

