



BC & ALBERTA GUIDE DOGS

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APPRENTICE SERVICE DOG INSTRUCTOR

We are seeking two passionate, results-oriented individuals, with the desire to learn to become a Service Dog Instructor specializing in OSI-PTSD & Autism Service Dog programs. We are seeking applications from individuals either in the BC Lower Mainland area and individuals located in the Calgary, AB region.

Apprenticeship Training Period of 2 years

The initial 6 months of apprenticeship training will take place at our office in Parksville, BC, with the remaining 18 months to be completed in either our Calgary, AB or Ladner, Delta BC office.

Background

BC & Alberta Guide Dogs is a registered charity that provides professionally trained Guide Dogs to blind and visually impaired individuals, Autism Service Dogs to children with autism, and OSI-PTSD Service Dogs to Veterans and First Responders in BC & Alberta.

Position Summary

Service Dog Instructors are our professional group responsible for the delivery of PTSD Service Dogs and Autism Service Dog services on behalf of BC & Alberta Guide Dogs.

Instructors fulfill several critical roles within the profession. They:

- Formally train our dogs to become certified Service Dogs.
- Undertake the selection, matching and formal training of all clients with their Service Dogs.
- Conduct interviews with potential clients. Provide follow-up through our aftercare services with all our graduates for the working life of each team.
- Instructors as professionals, represent BC & Alberta Guide Dogs at public events by presenting speeches, papers and demonstrating the work of our dogs. These activities may take place with corporations, foundations, community groups and service clubs.
- Instructors, regularly, exchange professional knowledge with other professionals working within the field of providing Service Dogs.

Accredited Instructors will have completed a two-year apprenticeship program. The program is set to International Standards as prescribed by Assistance Dogs International.

The apprenticeship includes oral, written, and practical examinations, and trauma-informed training.



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A few of the subjects studied include:

- Dog care and veterinary aspects.
- Dog handling.
- OSI-PTSD and Autism Service Dog selection.
- OSI-PTSD and Autism Service Dog training.
- Client interviewing/assessment.
- Client training for both PTSD and Autism Service Dogs.
- Providing aftercare support for all our graduate client teams.

We would like to hear from caring and compassionate individuals, living in the Calgary area (or willing to work in Calgary upon certification) and in the Metro Vancouver area, who are self-starters and strong team players, who wish to join our professional team.

This position requires the Apprentice Instructor to live on Vancouver Island, BC for the first 6 months of their Apprenticeship Training and then re-locate to either the Calgary, AB or Ladner, BC office. Financial support will be provided for living expenses during this training.

What We Offer:

Salary and benefits provided during training include:

Salary range \$55,000.00-\$60,000.00 per year

4 weeks' vacation.

A comprehensive benefits package includes health, drugs, vision and dental coverage.

Applicants with post-secondary education, demonstrated experience working with persons with disabilities and any previous dog training experience will be at an advantage.

To Apply:

Please submit your resume, with cover letter highlighting any relevant work experience, to:

Mike Annan, Director Service Dog Program

mike.annan@bcandalbertaguidedogs.com

Deadline for Application: March 27, 2026

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. We will contact the candidates we wish to interview no later than April 17, 2026
No telephone inquiries, please.



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