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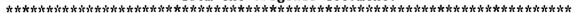
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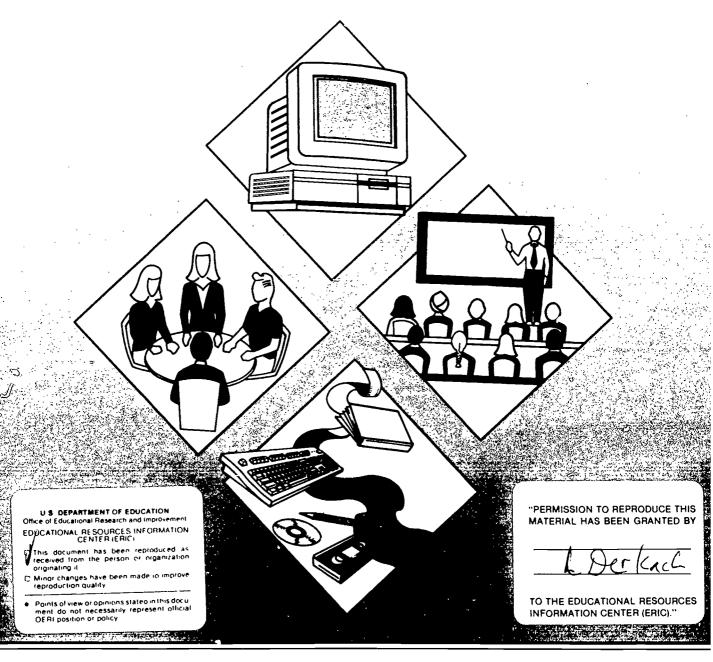
This curriculum guide was developed for an advanced half-credit course in a series of two that deal with keyboarding skills for high schools and elementary grades in Manitoba. The course is designed to improve a student's ability to manipulate a keyboard by reinforcing confidence and improving the functional skill level. The guide includes the following components: (1) an employability skills profile; (2) recommended program patterns for business education courses; (3) rationale for the program; (4) evaluation methods; (5) time allotments; (6) goals and objectives; and (7) five units of study. The units cover a review of introductory keyboarding, keyboarding skills development, advanced formatting, composition, and production. Units consist of a goal, objectives, and teaching methods keyed to the objectives. A bibliography listing 39 texts and an address for business education materials completes the guide. (KC)

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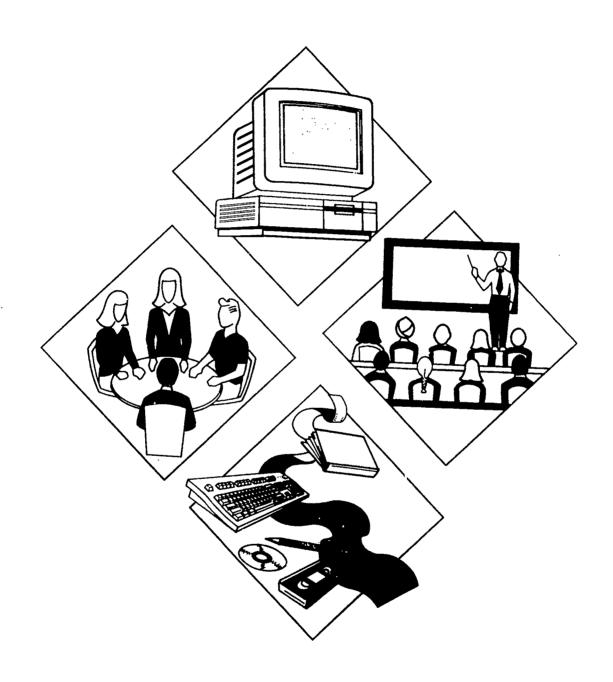
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This guide replaces, in part, the Typewriting 102, 202, and 302 guides of 1982, and becomes effective September, 1993. The contents have been developed as part of the review of the Business Education cluster of courses which are affected by computer technology.

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# EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS PROFILE: The Critical Skills Required of the Canadian Worldorce

# **Academic Skills**

Those skills which provide the basic foundation to get, to keep, and to progress on a job and to achieve the best results.

Canadian employers need people who are able to

## Communicate

- Understand and speak the languages in which business is conducted
- · Listen to understand and learn
- Read, comprehend, and use written materials, including graphs, charts, and displays
  - Vite effectively in the languages in which business is conducted

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- Think critically and act logically to evaluate situations, solve problems, and make decisions
- Understand and solve problems involving mathematics and use the results
- Use technology, instruments, tools and information systems effectively
- Access and apply specialized knowledge from various fields, e.g., skilled trades, technology, physical sciences, arts and social sciences

### Learn

· Continue to learn for life

# Personal Management Skills

The combination of skills, attitudes and behaviours required to get, to keep, and to progress on a job and to achieve the best results.

Canadian employers need people who demonstrate

# Positive Attitudes and Behaviours

- Self-esteem and confidence
- Honesty, integrity, and personal ethics
- A positive attitude toward learning, growth, and personal health
- Initiative, energy, and persistence to get the job done

## Responsibility

- Ability to set goals and priorities in work and personal life
  - Ability to plan and manage time, money, and other resources to achieve goals
    - · Accountability for actions taken

### Adaptability

- Positive attitudes toward change
- Recognition of and respect for people's diversity and individual differences
- The ability to identify and suggest new ideas to get the job done – creativity

# **Teamwork Skills**

Those skills needed to work with others on a job and to achieve the best results.

Canadian employers need people who are able to

# **Work with Others**

- Understand and contribute to the organization's goals
- Understand and work within the culture of the group
   Plan and make decisions with others and
- Plan and make decisions with others and support the outcomes
- Respect the thoughts and opinions of others in the group
   Exercise "give and take" to achieve group
- results
   Seek a team approach as appropriate
- Lead when appropriate, mobilizing the group for high performance

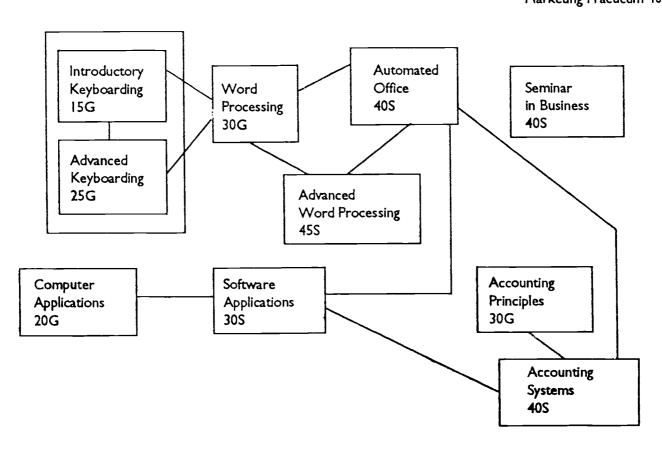
There is a growing concern that many young people do not see the direct relevance of what they are learning in school to their needs in later life. The Conference Board of Canada has identified the critical skills, qualities, and abilities that students will require to make a successful transition from school to work. These skills are developed through a variety of life experiences provided by parents, integrated educational approaches in schools, post-secondary institutions, actions that support skill development on the job, and formal and informal opportunities for updating skills throughout life.

### RECOMMENDED PROGRAM PATTERNS

This flowchart is meant to provide schools with a recommended sequence of studies for the new Business Education courses. While the prerequisite to any course is at the discretion of the school, the skill development as shown in the flowchart is recommended. However, it is left to schools to schedule courses and to advise students based upon the educational readiness of individual students.

Exploration of Business 10G/15G\*

General Business 20G/25G\* Retailing 20S Business Principles 30G Shorthand and Transcription 30S Promotions 30S Relations in Business 30S Economics 40G Law 40G Shorthand and Transcription 40S Management 40S Marketing Practicum 40S



<sup>\*</sup> Under development



### **RATIONALE**

Advanced Keyboarding 25G is the advanced half-credit course in a series of two that deal with keyboarding skills. It is designed to improve a student's ability to manipulate a keyboard by reinforcing confidence and improving the functional skill level. Advanced Keyboarding 25G is recommended for all students, regardless of the intended use of their keyboarding skills. It is a half-credit course that may be used as a guideline to improve keyboarding skills at any grade level after Introductory Keyboarding 15G has been completed or equivalent skills have been acquired.

Whereas keyboards associated with computers are commonly found in the elementary grades, it is important that teachers integrate Advanced Keyboarding 25G wherever students use computers. It is recommended that school divisions solicit the advice of teachers trained in business education skills in implementing a division-wide keyboarding strategy.

The need for proficiency in using keyboards is evident in most occupations. Keyboards are the most common input devices to computers in control of communications, data management, industrial controls, scientific measurements, and personal computing. For these occupational and avocational reasons, keyboarding is a lifeskill which has value for all students irrespective of their goals, level of study, and school-based applications.

Advanced Keyboarding 25G has been prepared for the tenth grade (Senior 2) level. However, it is recognized that throughout the province there exists a wide range of computer usage in schools. Some schools provide formal keyboarding instruction at the primary level; some schools provide no formal instruction, but provide access to computers at an early stage.

Advanced Keyboarding 25G is designed to reinforce proper keyboarding techniques for students in senior years (senior 1-4) to enable them to keyboard with accuracy and speed and to produce meaningful output in an efficient manner. As well as improving keyboarding skills, students are provided with activities that are designed to enhance their capabilities of composing and developing documents at the keyboard which are appropriate in difficulty to their grade level.

If students need to improve their keyboarding skills at the elementary school level, Advanced Keyboarding 25G is recommended as a guideline to instruction. If students receive their first introduction to keyboarding skill at the secondary level, Advanced Keyboarding 25G should be offered immediately following completion of Introductory Keyboarding 15G.



### **EVALUATION**

All students should have completed Introductory Keyboarding 15G or have acquired equivalent skills before enrolling in Advanced Keyboarding 15G. The term "mailable document" is used throughout this course. The criteria for a mailable document are

- No keyboarding or spelling errors
- Composition, grammatical structure, and punctuation should be correct
- Format should conform to accepted standard

Advanced Keyboarding 25G is a half-credit course designed to allow all students to apply their keyboarding skills in the production of meaningful material. Keyboarding skills, language skills, document formatting, display techniques, and creativity enhancement should be the major components of this course.

Recognizing the learning theories associated with keyboarding skill development, periodic testing is recommended for strengthening the value of feedback and achievement. Student achievement is usually a matter of kinesthetic response development, and is usually observed to be developed in stages. Speed and accuracy should be developed through intensive and directed drill sessions while composition and production activities should be numerous and varied. Vocational standards are not part of this course but productivity concepts may be introduced in the applications exercises.

The emphasis in evaluation should be on proper keyboarding techniques, accuracy, speed, composition, and production. Evaluation for accuracy should be a maximum of one error per minute. Students should be able to keyboard at a rate of 30-40 words a minute.

### **Guidelines for Evaluation**

Keyboarding Skills Development Technique	10%	30%
Accuracy/Speed	20%	
Advanced Formatting		30%
Composition		15%
Production		25%
		100%



### TIME ALLOTMENTS

Advanced Keyboarding 25G is a half-credit course that has been developed and approved by Manitoba Education and Training for general purposes. It represents 55-60 hours of instruction.

The following guidelines for time allotments are recommended

UNITS	HOURS
Review of Introductory Keyboarding	5
2. Keyboarding Skills Development	12 — 17
3. Advanced Formatting	20
4. Composition	10
5. Production	10
	57 — 62

### **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

### Goals

- To have students review introductory keystroking, editing, composing and formatting techniques
- To provide students with advanced skills in keyboarding
- To teach students advanced centring, tabulation, correspondence, report and outline formatting procedures
- To have students compose various documents at the keyboard\*
- To have students produce timed mailable documents



### **Objectives**

### UNIT 1: REVIEW OF INTRODUCTORY KEYBOARDING

### Keystroking

Students should be able to

demonstrate alphanumeric touch keyboarding with an average speed of 25-30 wpm with a maximum of one error per minute

### **Editing and Composing**

Students should be able to

- edit and proofread a document meeting all mailable standards
- compose a mailable document relevant to grade level

### **Formatting**

Students should be able to

format characters and paragraphs with proficiency

### UNIT 2: KEYBOARDING SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

### Keystroking

Students should be able to

 demonstrate touch alphanumeric keyboarding with a speed of 30-40 wpm with a maximum of one error per minute

### **UNIT 3: ADVANCED FORMATTING**

### Centring

Students should be able to

- centre text between the left and right margins or over a given point on a line
- centre text on a page with equal top and bottom margins



### **Tabulation**

### Students should be able to

- create and edit vertical rows and columns of data using the tab key and tab settings
- centre the tabulation vertically and horizontally
- centre column headings over the columns where the column heading is shorter than the column
- centre columns under the column heading where the column heading is longer than the column

### Correspondence

### Students should be able to

produce mailable letters, memoranda and labels

### Reports and Outlines

### Students should be able to

produce mailable reports and outlines

### **UNIT 4: COMPOSITION**

### Composition

### Students should be able to

compose memoranda, letters and reports

### **UNIT 5: PRODUCTION**

### **Production**

### Students should be able to

produce a variety of mailable documents within a specified time



### ADVANCED KEYBOARDING 25G



UNIT 1: REVIEW OF INTRODUCTORY KEYBOARDING			
GOA	GOAL: To review introductory keystroking, editing, composing and formatting techniques.		
		OBJECTIVES	METHODS
1.0	Keyst	roking	
	Stude	ents should be able to	
	1.1	demonstrate alpha-numeric touch keyboarding with an average speed of 25-30 wpm with a maximum of one error per minute	Review proper finger placement and movement.  Review correct posture.
2.0	2.0 Editing and Composing		
	Students should be able to		
	2.1	edit and proofread a document meeting all mailable standards	Basic editing, composing and proofreading procedures should be reviewed.
	<b>2</b> .2	compose a mailable document relevant to his/her grade level	
3.0	0 Formatting		
	Students should be able to		
	3.1	format characters and paragraphs with proficiency	Character and paragraph formats should be reviewed.
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UNIT 2: KEYBOARDING SKILLS DEVELOPMENT		
GOAL: To provide students with advanced skills in keyboarding.		
OBJECTIVES	METHODS	
1.0 Keystroking		
Students should be able to		
1.1 demonstrate touch alphanumeric key-boarding with a speed of 30-40	Use diagnostic/prescriptive techniques to improve the student's keystroking performance.	
wpm with a maximum of one error per minute	Accuracy and speed drills should be practiced every class.	
	Timings of various lengths should be incorporated into each lesson progressing up to five-minute timed writings.	

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UNIT 3: ADVANCED FORMATTING			
GOAL: To teach students advanced centring, tabulation, correspondence, report and outline formatting procedures.			
OBJECTIVES		OBJECTIVES	METHODS
1.0	Centr	ing	
	Stude	ents should be able to	
	1.1	centre text between the left and right margins or over a given point on a line	Introduce the centring code. (In cases where equipment does not have a centring code use the horizontal backspacing method to centre a line of text.)
	1.2	centre text on a page with equal top and bottom margins	Introduce the centre page code. (In cases where hardware or software does not have a centre page code use the mathematical method of counting lines or spaces to calculate the vertical centre of the page.)
2.0 Tabulation		lation	
	Stude	ents should be able to	
	2.1	create and edit vertical rows and columns of data using the tab key and tab settings	Introduce students to the different styles of tabs, with or without leaders  • Left aligned • Right aligned • Decimal aligned • Centre
	2.2	centre the tabulation vertically and horizontally	



UNI	UNIT 3: ADVANCED FORMATTING		
		OBJECTIVES	METHODS
	2.3		
	2.4	centre columns under the column heading where the column heading is longer than the column	
3.0	Corre	spondence	
	Stude	ents should be able to	
	3.1	produce mailable letters, memoranda and labels	Introduce full-block and simplified format styles for the common types of business correspondence.
			Business correspondence may be keyed in from arranged and unarranged material in typed, rough draft or handwritten formats.
4.0	Repo	rts and Outlines	
	Students should be able to		
	4.1	produce mailable reports and outlines	Introduce reports in manuscript style and newspaper style.
			References, endnotes, footnotes, bibliographies, tables of contents and title pages should be introduced with reports.
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UNIT 4: COMPOSITION		
GOAL: To have the student compose various documents at the keyboard.		
	OBJECTIVES	METHODS
1.0 <b>C</b> om	position	
Stud	lents should be able to	
1.1	compuse memoranda, letters and reports	Compositions should begin with one or two sentences progressing to paragraphs and gradually building into documents consisting of three, four or more paragraphs.



UNIT 5: PRODUCTION		
GOAL: To have students produce timed mailable documents.		
OBJECTIVES	METHODS	
1.0 Skill Building		
Students should be able to		
1.1 produce a variety of mailable documents within a specified time	Tabulation, correspondence, reports and composition should be integrated to allow students to develop effective keyboarding skills, to acquire the ability to think and solve problems while keying and to produce mailable documents.	

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