

Retail Work

Kathy Crane is the front store Manager with **Shoppers Drug Mart** in Montague.



Kathy has been employed with the store for 26 years. She was hired as a cosmetics manager and was eventually promoted to her present position.

“Entry-level jobs include **cashier, merchandising, and receiving**,” says Kathy. “The basic skills required for entry-level positions are cash experience, basic computer skills, and customer service skills.”

“There are opportunities for advancement for staff. Some positions are part-time and seasonal, while other positions are full-time. Hiring is on-going as needed.”

Five students are hired for the summer months working as cashiers and labeling and shelving products. At the moment, a part-time cashier position is available.

Applications are available at store locations. Job seekers are welcome to attach a resumé to a store application.

“In an interview, a well-groomed appearance is important because these positions deal with the public. A follow-up call after an interview shows the applicant is interested, willing and able to work.”

For more information about job opportunities, contact **Kathy Crane** at **838-2561** or visit www.shoppersdrugmart.com



Construction Work

Southern Kings Construction (SKC) in Commercial Cross has been a successful family-owned business for 30 years. **Kevan MacLean** is Owner and Operator. His wife is the bookkeeper and his son, who has an engineering background, coordinates work projects. They are now entering into the second generation of management.

“We are a general and building contractor,” says Kevan. “We do residential, commercial, industrial, renovations, and specialize in design build projects.”

“Hiring is on-going as needed. Many of our year-round staff have been with the firm since the beginning.”

Hiring as needed

“SKC may hire as many as 200 people depending on the work project. We hire subcontractors and trades people, including plumbers, project managers, electricians, estimators, and carpenters.”

“It’s becoming more of a challenge to find the right staff. This industry is constantly seeking younger people because of an aging workforce. I need staff who have good work ethics. For entry-level positions, the basic skill requirements are an aptitude for the work, dependability, and reliability.”

“SKC is a good place to work and offers the opportunity of learning a trade in a family oriented atmosphere.”

For more information about job opportunities, contact **Kevan MacLean** at **838-4006** or visit www.skepei.ca



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Reagh Ellis is the Franchise Owner of **Mark’s Work Wearhouse** on PEI.

He says there are **35** entry-level positions at their two locations: **25** positions in Charlottetown and **10** positions in Summerside.

Sample jobs include **customer service, merchandising, shipping and receiving, working at the cash register, and data entry**. “We provide on-the-job training to our employees,” says Reagh. “Most positions are year round. October to December is busier, and we usually do seasonal hiring for the fourth quarter.” Reagh says it has not been difficult to find qualified staff.

He says the company offers good opportunities for advancement based on the employee’s customer service, productivity and work ethic.

Basic skills and education needed

Some skill requirements include customer service, interpersonal skills, verbal and written communication, willingness to clean the premises as needed, and the ability to lift around 25 pounds. A merchandising or customer service certificate would be an asset. Grade 12 is needed for all full-time, year-round positions.

Reagh says pay rates are based on an applicants’ work history, work experience, credentials and the position applied for.

How to apply

Apply in person at either location or e-mail a resumé and cover letter to:

Trevor.Carroll@marks.com
for the Charlottetown location.

Terri.Ferguson@marks.com
for the Summerside location.



Wade has worked at **Prestige Kitchens Ltd. Custom Cabinetry and Counter Tops** in Summerside for more than 10 years.

Prestige Kitchens Ltd. Custom Cabinetry and Counter Tops in Summerside is doubling its manufacturing space. The expansion will eventually mean more jobs, says Co-owner **JoAnne Parnham**.

JoAnne says the extra space will be used for staining, spraying, storage, and some aspects of manufacturing. “We’ve added 12,000 square

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Cabinet manufacturer and retail company expands again

by *Patricia Roy*

feet at the back of the building. Construction is progressing well and I expect the work to be completed soon.”

They manufacture kitchen counter tops as well as bathroom vanities, entertainment units, fireplace mantles, closets and shelving. The business expanded to Charlottetown with a showroom and retail store in 1993. A line of home decor and giftware was added at its Summerside location last year.

The company was started by Wayne Parnham in 1972, and sons James and Jerry and his wife JoAnne took over in 2004.

Employees trained on site

The company currently employs 25 people full time. Six staff members are employed at the Charlottetown location.

“Most of the people at the Summerside plant are trained on-site, or we send them for courses and training. The production staff at the plant includes five technicians trained in either AutoCad or 20/20 Design Software.”

“From time to time, we also take students from the Holland College Cabinetmaking program as part of their on-the-job training.”

Hiring needs and how to apply

“We will likely hire three to five new people once the work is completed. We will train on-the-job. Applicants should have their grade 12. The job requires workers to stand for long periods of time.”

Drop off a resumé and application at the office or e-mail joanneparnham@prestigekitchens.com