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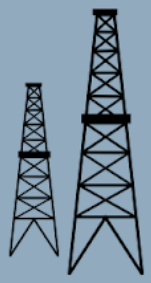

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Counsellor Resource Guide

2026 - 2027

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Alberta University of the Arts

- **Webpage:** auarts.ca
- **Mailing Address:** 1407 14 Avenue NW, Calgary, Alberta, T2N 4R3
- **Student Population:** 1,300

Contact Information

- **For Counsellors & Students:** myfuture@auarts.ca

Resources & Support

- **Learning Resources:** Tutoring and Writing Centre - https://www.auarts.ca/our-campus/student-support/academic-support
- **International Students:** International student support - https://www.auarts.ca/our-campus/student-support/international-student-support

Admissions & Applications

- **Application Link:** https://www.auarts.ca/future-students/how-to-apply
- **Competitive Admissions:** Yes - Admission is competitive based on portfolio score and academics. More details are provided in the Admissions Requirements section.
- **Admission Requirements:**
  - High school diploma
  - Minimum in English 30-1 or minimum 65 in English 30-2
  - Minimum 60 in three additional Grade 12 courses (Fine Arts, Humanities, Math, Science, or CTS). A maximum of three credits can be CTS.
- **Portfolio Requirements:**
  - 12-piece creative portfolio
  - Statement of Intent
- **Application Deadlines (2026-2027 Academic Year):**
  - **Fall 2026 Open:** October 1, 2025 / **Close:** June 1, 2026

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- **Scholarships & Financial Aid:** https://auarts.ca/future-students/student-awards-and-financial-aid
- **Entrance Scholarships:** https://auarts.ca/future-students/student-awards-and-financial-aid/awards-and-scholarships/entrance-awards

Additional Information

- **Important Dates/Events**
  - **Open House -** October 26
  - **Portfolio Review Day -** November 29
  - **ShowOff! Competition and Exhibition -** Submissions Open December 1
  - **Counsellor Update -** December 5
  - **Priority Application Deadline -** February 1 (to be considered for Entrance scholarships)
- **Program Structure/New Programs:** A new concentration in Game Design is being introduced in the Bachelor of Design program for Fall 2026.

Ambrose University

- **Webpage:** https://amrbose.edu
- **Mailing Address:** 150 Ambrose Circle SW, Calgary, AB T3H 0L5
- **Student Population:** 800

Contact Information

- **For Counsellors & Students:** enrolment@ambrose.edu

Resources & Support

- **Athletics:** Soccer, Futsal, Volleyball, Basketball, Cross Country - https://ambrose.prestosports.com/landing/index
- **Learning Resources:** Student Success - https://ambrose.edu/undergrad-academic-calendar/academic-success
- **International Students:** International student support - https://ambrose.edu/international

Admissions & Applications

- **Application Link:** https://ambrose.edu/admissions/how-to-apply
- **Competitive Admissions:** N/A. Non competitive admission.
- **Admission Requirements:** 60% average
- **Application Deadlines (2026-2027 Academic Year):**
  - **Fall 2026 Open:** October 1, 2025 / **Close:** August 1, 2025
  - **Winter 2027 Open:** October 1, 2025 / **Close:** December 1, 2026

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- **Scholarships & Financial Aid:** https://ambrose.edu/financial-aid
- **Entrance Scholarships:** Must be admitted by August 1.

Additional Information

- **Important Dates/Events**
  - **Open House -** October 17, 2025

Athabasca University

- **Webpage:** www.athabascau.ca
- **Mailing Address:** 1 University Drive, Athabasca AB T9S 3A3
- **Student Population:** 40,000

Contact Information

- **For Counsellors & Students:** partner@athabascau.ca

Resources & Support

- **Athletics:** n/a
- **Learning Resources:** https://www.athabascau.ca/write-site/index.html; https://www.athabascau.ca/math-site/index.html: https://www.athabascau.ca/support-services/index.html
- **International Students:** https://www.athabascau.ca/applications-admissions/apply-au/international-students.html

Admissions & Applications

- **Application Link:** https://tux.athabascau.ca/oros/servlet/DispatcherServlet?_gl=1*yjlr8z*_ga*MTkwMjQ2NzY5Ny4xNzU2ODQyODU0*_ga_6P6YLGLVL3*czE3NTY4NDI4NTQkbzEkZzEkdDE3NTY4NDQwNDUkajU2JGwwJGgw
- **Admission Requirements:** Open admission requirements are that a student be 16 years old and proficient in English.
- **Application Deadlines (2026-2027 Academic Year):**
  - Register by the 10th of the month to start class the 1st of the following month.

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- **Scholarships & Financial Aid:** https://www.athabascau.ca/applications-admissions/financial-aid-and-awards.html
- **Entrance Scholarships:** https://www.athabascau.ca/support-services/financial-aid-and-awards/index.html

Additional Information

- **Important Dates/Events**
  - **Monthly Registration:** Register by the 10th of the month to start class the 1st of the following month

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Bow Valley College

- **Webpage:** www.bowvalleycollege.ca
- **Mailing Address:** 345 6 Avenue SE Calgary, AB
- **Student Population:** 15,000

Contact Information

- **For Counsellors:** recruiting@bowvalleycollege.ca
- **For Students:** info@bowvalleycollege.ca

Resources & Support

- **Athletics:** https://www.bowvalleycollege.ca/student-life/esports
- **Learning Resources:** https://www.bowvalleycollege.ca/student-life/academic-support
- **International Students:** https://www.bowvalleycollege.ca/apply/i-am-ready/i-am-an-international-student
- **Upgrading:** Yes - https://www.bowvalleycollege.ca/programs/upgrading

Admissions & Applications

- **Application Link:** https://www.bowvalleycollege.ca/apply/i-am-ready/i-am-a-first-year-student
- **Competitive Admissions:** No. Applications are assessed on a first qualified, first accepted basis.
- **Admission Requirements:** 10 or Grade 12 Math, and some programs require Biology 30 and Chemistry 30. Alternative admission pathways available.
- **Application Deadlines (2026-2027 Academic Year):**
  - **Fall 2026 Open:** October 1, 2025 / **Close:** August 25, 2026
  - **Winter 2027 Open:** February 2, 2026
  - **Spring 2027 Open:** June 1, 2026

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- **Scholarships & Financial Aid:** https://www.bowvalleycollege.ca/apply/financial/overview
- **Entrance Scholarships:**
  - Winter program start: Deadline is December 1
  - Spring program start: Deadline is April 1

Additional Information

- **Additional Information/Highlights:** Our 3,560 sq foot Digital Entertainment Nexus Production Hub is now open!
- **Program Structure/New Programs:** The University Transfer program has expanded its partnerships. The Machine Learning Analyst Diploma launches Fall 2026. New programs under development for Fall 2026 - stay tuned!
- **Important Dates/Events**
  - **Fall Open House:** October 4, 2025
  - **Counsellor Update:** October 27, 2025
  - **Winter Open House:** March 7, 2026

Burman University

- **Webpage:** www.burmanu.ca
- **Mailing Address:** 6730 University Drive, Lacombe, AB T4L 2E5
- **Student Population:** 400

Contact Information

- **For Counsellors & Students:** christina@burmanu.ca

Resources & Support

- **Athletics:** Acronaires, Badminton (ACAC), Basketball
- **Learning Resources:** Writing Centre - https://www.burmanu.ca/library/writingcentre
- **International Students:** https://www.burmanu.ca/international
- **Upgrading:** No

Admissions & Applications

- **Application Link:** https://www.burmanu.ca/apply
- **Competitive Admissions:** No.
- **Admission Requirements:**
  - English 30-1 or equivalent with a minimum grade of 60
  - Four additional Grade 12 courses, three of which must be academic.
  - Overall average of 60 with no grade below 55
- **Application Deadlines (2026-2027 Academic Year):**
  - **Fall 2027 Open:** September 15, 2025
  - **Winter 2027 Open:** September 15, 2025

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- **Scholarships & Financial Aid:** https://www.burmanu.ca/studentfinancialservices
- **Entrance Scholarships:** Early Admission Tuition Scholarship (Feb 1 deadline), Academics, Athletics, Leadership & Service, Music. New Central Alberta New Student Scholarship ($1000) and new Music Scholarships. Increased School of Business Scholarship ($5000 for first year).

Additional Information

- **Additional Information/Highlights:** Central Alberta New Student Scholarship ($1000 for first year); New Music Scholarships available; Increased School of Business Scholarship - Now $5000 for first year
- **Important Dates/Events**
  - **Fall Open House:** November 6, 2025
  - **Burman Expo:** March 23, 2026
- **Program Structure/New Programs**
  - New BBA track in Marketing

Concordia University of Edmonton

- **Webpage:** https://concordia.ab.ca/
- **Mailing Address:** 7128 Ada Boulevard, Edmonton, AB, T5B 4E4
- **Student Population:** 3,000

Contact Information

- **For Counsellors & Students:** recruitment@concordia.ab.ca

Resources & Support

- **Athletics:** CUE Thunder Contact: athletics@concordia.ab.ca; Website: https://www.gothunder.ca ; Teams: Badminton, Basketball, Cross Country, Curling, Futsal, Golf, Hockey, Soccer, Indoor Track, Volleyball
- **Learning Resources:** Student Life & Learning Contact: studentlife@concordia.ab.ca Website: https://concordia.ab.ca/student-services
- **International Students:** https://concordia.ab.ca/international/international-students
- **Upgrading:** No

Admissions & Applications

- **Application Link:** https://concordia.ab.ca/future-students/admissions/how-to-apply
- **Competitive Admissions:** No.
- **Admission Requirements:**
  - Bachelor of Arts - 60 minimum average on five Grade 12 courses
  - Bachelor of Science - 60 minimum average on five Grade 12 courses
  - Bachelor of Management - 65 minimum average on five Grade 12 courses
  - Bachelor of Management & Bachelor of Science in Chemistry (Dual Degrees) - 65 minimum average on five Grade 12 courses
- **Application Deadlines (2026-2027 Academic Year):**
  - **Fall 2026 Open:** October 1, 2025 / **Close:** June 30, 2026
  - **Winter 2027 Open:** October 1, 2025 / **Close:** November 1, 2026
  - **Spring 2027 Open**: October 1, 2025 / **Close:** March 1, 2027

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- **Scholarships & Financial Aid:** https://concordia.ab.ca/student-services/financial-aid
- **Entrance Scholarships:** Students must apply by April 1 for September start date and August 1 for January start date. CUE Entrance Scholarship Website: https://concordia.ab.ca/scholarships/university-entrance-scholarship

Additional Information

- **Additional Information/Highlights:** NEW Men's and Women's Futsal teams as of Fall 2025.
- **Important Dates/Events**
  - **Open House:** Saturday, October 25, 2025
  - **Campus Day:** Wednesday, November 12, 2025
  - **Info Night:** Thursday, March 5, 2026
  - **Counsellor Update Breakfast:** Thursday, December 4, 2025

Forces Canada

- **Webpage:** www.forces.ca
- **Mailing Address:** See website for application details
- **Student Population:** 1,200

Contact Information

- **For Counsellors & Students:** info.calgary@forces.gc.ca or info.edmonton@forces.gc.ca

Resources & Support

- **Athletics:** THE PALADINS - https://www.rmc-cmr.ca/en/athletic-department/department
- **Learning Resources:** https://forces.ca/en/paid-education/rotp

Admissions & Applications

- **Application Link:** https://forces.ca/en/apply-now/
- **Competitive Admissions:** Yes - https://www.rmc-cmr.ca/en/registrars-office/academic-prerequisites.
- **Admission Requirements:**
  - Bachelor of Arts - 60 minimum average on five Grade 12 courses
  - Bachelor of Science - 60 minimum average on five Grade 12 courses
  - Bachelor of Management - 65 minimum average on five Grade 12 courses
  - Bachelor of Management & Bachelor of Science in Chemistry (Dual Degrees) - 65 minimum average on five Grade 12 courses
- **Application Deadlines (2026-2027 Academic Year):**
  - **Fall 2026 Open:** September 1, 2025 / **Close:** January 31, 2026

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- **Scholarships & Financial Aid:** https://forces.ca/en/paid-education/rotp

Additional Information

- **Additional Information/Highlights:** As a military university, the Royal Military College of Canada educates, develops, and inspires bilingual, fit, and ethical leaders who serve the Canadian Armed Forces and Canada. Students interested in pursuing a full-time undergraduate degree program offered at the Canadian Military Colleges must start their applications online. Applicants are encouraged to start their application in Sept of their final year of high school.

Keyano College

- **Webpage:** https://www.keyano.ca/
- **Mailing Address:** 8115 Franklin Avenue
  Fort McMurray, AB T9H 2H7
- **Student Population:** 2,000

Contact Information

- **For Counsellors & Students:** recruitment@keyano.ca

Resources & Support

- **Athletics:** https://gohuskies.ca/landing/index
- **Learning Resources:** https://www.keyano.ca/student-services/academic-support/
- **International Students:** https://www.keyano.ca/admissions/international-students/
- **Upgrading:**
  https://www.keyano.ca/programs/academic-upgrading-and-skills-development/

Admissions & Applications

- **Application Link:** https://www.keyano.ca/admissions/how-to-apply/
- **Competitive Admissions:** Competitive entry process applies to the following programs:
  - Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Collaborative Program
  - Bachelor of Science in Engineering University Transfer Program
  - Practical Nursing Diploma
- **Admission Requirements:** Vary by program.
- **Application Deadlines (2026-2027 Academic Year):**
  - **Fall 2026 & Winter 2027 Open:** October 1, 2025

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- **Scholarships & Financial Aid:**
  https://www.keyano.ca/admissions/scholarships-and-bursaries/

Additional Information

- **Important Dates/Events:** Open House is scheduled for Saturday, October 25, 2025 from 10:00am - 2:00pm

Lakeland College

- **Webpage:** https://lakelandcollege.ca
- **Mailing Address:** 5707 College Drive Vermilion T9X 1K4 | 2602 59 Avenue Lloydminster T9V 3N7
- **Student Population:** 3,000

Contact Information

- **For Counsellors & Students:** hello@lakelandcollege.ca

Resources & Support

- **Athletics:** gorustlers.ca
- **Learning Resources:** thecommons@lakelandcollege.ca
- **International Students:** international@lakelandcollege.ca
- **Upgrading:** foundational.learning@lakelandcollege.ca

Admissions & Applications

- **Application Link:** https://lakelandcollege.ca/admissions/applying/index.html
- **Competitive Admission:** Animal Health Technology diploma is a competitive entry
- **Admission Requirements:** Lakeland College accepts students on a first qualified, first accepted basis. Students should apply early as some programs fill and waitlist.
- **Application Deadlines (2026-2027 Academic Year):**
  - **Fall 2026 Open:** October 1, 2025
  - **Winter 2027 Open:** May 6, 2026
  - **Spring 2027 Open:** August 5, 2026

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- **Scholarships & Financial Aid:** financialaid@lakelandcollege.ca

Additional Information

- **Important Dates/Events:**
  - **Open House**: October 17 & 18, 2025
  - **Program Info Sessions**: March 6, 2026

Lethbridge Polytechnic

- **Webpage:** www.lethpolytech.ca
- **Mailing Address:** 3000 College Drive South, Lethbridge, AB, T1K1L6
- **Student Population:** 5,500

Contact Information

- **For Counsellors & Students:** futurestudent@lethpolytech.ca

Resources & Support

- **Athletics:** Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, Indoor Track, Cross country, Esports https://gokodiaks.ca/landing/index
- **Learning Resources:** https://lethpolytech.ca/departments/learning-services
- **International Students:** https://lethpolytech.ca/departments/international-services
- **Upgrading:** Yes, academic upgrading is available at https://lethpolytech.ca/programs-and-courses/academic-upgrading

Admissions & Applications

- **Application Link:** https://lethpolytech.ca/departments/admissions/how-to-apply
- **Competitive Admissions:** https://lethpolytech.ca/departments/admissions/entrance-requirements/admission
- **Admission Requirements:** Most programs require a completed high school diploma and have non-competitive entry.
- **Application Deadlines (2026-2027 Academic Year):**
  - **Fall 2026 Open:** October 1, 2025 / **Close:** September 8, 2026
  - **Winter 2027 Open:** February 1, 2026 / **Close:** January 1, 2027
  - **Spring 2027 Open:** June 1, 2026 / **Close:** May 5, 2027

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- **Scholarships & Financial Aid:** https://lethpolytech.ca/departments/student-awards-and-financial-aid
- **Entrance Scholarships:** Open on March 1st and close on July 15th each year.

Additional Information

- **Important Dates/Events**
  - Fall Open House: October 22, 2025
  - Winter Open House: March 21, 2025
- **Program Structure/New Programs:** We now offer Powerline Technician Apprenticeship as well as the pre-employment option.

MacEwan University

- **Webpage:** https://www.macewan.ca/home/
- **Mailing Address:** 10700 104 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB T5J 4S2
- **Student Population:** 18,800

Contact Information

- **For Counsellors:** recruiters@macewan.ca
- **For Students:** info@macewan.ca

Resources & Support

- **Athletics:** https://macewangriffins.ca/landing/index
- **Learning Resources:** https://library.macewan.ca/research-and-writing/writing-centre
- **International Students:** https://www.macewan.ca/about-macewan/administration/international/
- **Upgrading:** https://www.macewan.ca/academics/programs/university-preparation/

Admissions & Applications

- **Application Link:** https://www.macewan.ca/apply-enrol/admissions/
- **Admission Requirements:** Applicants must have a minimum overall average of 65, with no course grade lower than 50.
- **Application Deadlines (2026-2027 Academic Year):**
  - **Fall 2026 Open:** October 1, 2025 / **Close:** June 30, 2026
  - **Winter 2027 Open:** February 1, 2026 / **Close:** November 30, 2026

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- **Scholarships & Financial Aid:** https://www.macewan.ca/apply-enrol/fees-finances/scholarships-awards-bursaries/
- **Entrance Scholarships:** https://www.macewan.ca/apply-enrol/fees-finances/scholarships-awards-bursaries/entrance-scholarships/

Additional Information

- **Important Dates/Events**
  - Open House: November 1, 2025
- **Program Structure/New Programs:**
  - **Fall 2025:** New Minors added: Cybersecurity Studies Minor (BSc minor); Indiegology Minor (Arts minor) & Childhood, Youth and Family Studies Minor (Out of Faculty minor)
  - **Fall 2026:** Bachelor of Public Safety and Justice; Major: Environmental Sciences (Bachelor of Science); Major: Public Relations (Bachelor of Communications)

Medicine Hat College

- **Webpage:** https://www.mhc.ab.ca/
- **Mailing Address:** 299 College Drive S.E. Medicine Hat, AB T1A 3Y6
- **Student Population:** 3,000

Contact Information

- **For Counsellors:** Justine Panchuk: jpanchuk@mhc.ab.ca or James Dillman jdillman@mhc.ab.ca
- **For Students:** info@mhc.ab.ca

Resources & Support

- **Athletics:** Rattlers Athletics - https://www.rattlers.ca/landing/index - Men's & Women's Basketball, Men's & Women's Volleyball, Men's & Women's Soccer, Men's & Women's cross-country, Men's & Women's Golf, Women's Only Ice Hockey
- **Learning Resources:** Academic Support - https://www.mhc.ab.ca/student-life/academic-support
- **International Students:** https://www.mhc.ab.ca/information-for/international
- **Upgrading:** Yes - https://www.mhc.ab.ca/programs-and-admissions/academic-upgrading

Admissions & Applications

- **Application Link:** https://www.applyalberta.ca/about-applyalberta/participating-institutions/medicine-hat-college/
- **Competitive Admissions:** Yes - Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Practical Nurse Diploma, Bachelor of Applied Health Science - Paramedic, 3rd Year Bachelor of Education. All other programs are processed on a first-qualified, first-admitted basis.
- **Admission Requirements:** Vary by program.
- **Application Deadlines (2026-2027 Academic Year):**
  - **Fall 2026 Open:** October 1, 2025 / **Close:** September 3, 2026
  - **Winter 2027 Open:** June 1, 2026 / **Close:** December 19, 2026
  - **Spring 2027 Open:** August 1, 2026 / **Close:** June 3, 2027

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- **Scholarships & Financial Aid:** Financial Aid - https://www.mhc.ab.ca/student-life/financial-aid
- **Entrance Scholarships:** Scholarship and Bursary applications open March 1-June 1. One online application enters students for all awards and scholarships they qualify for at Medicine Hat College. https://www.mhc.ab.ca/student-life/financial-aid/applications

Additional Information

- **Important Dates/Events:** Open House **-** Medicine Hat Campus - November 12, 2025; Brooks Campus - November 5, 2025. https://www.mhc.ab.ca/information-for/future-students/open-house

Program Structure/New Programs:

- **New:** Addictions Counselling Diploma, Pharmacy Technician Diploma

Mount Royal University

- **Webpage:** www.mru.ca
- **Mailing Address:** 4825 Mount Royal gate SW Calgary, AB, T3E 6K6
- **Student Population:** 15,000

Contact Information

- **For Counsellors & Students:** aro@mtroyal.ca

Resources & Support

- **Athletics:** https://mrucougars.com/index.aspx
- **Learning Resources:** https://www.mtroyal.ca/AcademicSupport/ResourcesServices/StudentLearningService
- **International Students:** https://www.mtroyal.ca/InternationalStudents/

Admissions & Applications

- **Application Link:** https://www.mtroyal.ca/Admission/Apply/index.htm
- **Competitive Admissions:** Yes. A searchable table of requirements is available at https://www.mtroyal.ca/Admission/admission-requirements-table.htm
- **Application Deadlines (2026-2027 Academic Year):**
  - **Fall 2026 Open:** October 1, 2025 / **Close:** February 1, 2026
  - **Winter 2027 Open:** October 1, 2025 / **Close:** December 1, 2025
  - **Spring 2027 Open:** October 1, 2025

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- **Scholarships & Financial Aid:** https://www.mtroyal.ca/Admission/FinancingYourEducation/ScholarshipsBursaries/index.htm
- **Entrance Scholarships:** https://www.mtroyal.ca/Admission/FinancingYourEducation/ScholarshipsBursaries/list-of-awards.htm

Additional Information

- **Important Dates/Events**
  - **Open House:** October 18, 2025
  - **Early Admissions Period:** October 1, 2025 to February 1, 2026
  - **Ongoing Admissions Period:** February 2, 2026 onward

Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT)

- **Webpage:** http://www.nait.ca
- **Mailing Address:** 11762 - 106 Street
  Edmonton, AB, Canada, T5G 2R1
- **Student Population:** 30,000

Contact Information

- **For Counsellors & Students:** recruitment@nait.ca

Resources & Support

- **Athletics:** www.naitooks.com
- **Learning Resources:** https://nait.service-now.com/ltc_ls
- **International Students:** www.nait.ca/nait/international
- **Upgrading:** Yes - www.nait.ca/coned/academic-upgrading

Admissions & Applications

- **Application Link:** www.nait.ca/nait/admissions/applying-to-nait/starting-your-application
- **Competitive Admissions:** Yes - for some programs. www.nait.ca/nait/admissions/applying-to-nait/entrance-requirements/how-does-nait-evaluate-my-application/competitive-entrance-programs
- **Admission Requirements:** Admission is competitive for specific programs. Many programs have non-competitive admission. Entrance requirements overview: www.nait.ca/admissions/entrance-requirements
- **Application Deadlines (2026-2027 Academic Year):**
  - **Fall 2026 Open:** October 1, 2025
  - **Winter 2027 Open:** March 1, 2026
  - **Spring 2027 Open:** June 1, 2026

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- **Scholarships & Financial Aid:** www.nait.ca/nait/admissions/financial-planning/student-awards-funding-options
- **Entrance Scholarships:** Application period for Fall is October-February, Winter is March-July. Late applications are not accepted. www.nait.ca/nait/admissions/financial-planning/student-awards-funding-options/entrance-awards

Additional Information

- **Additional Information/Highlights:** Programs close as they fill. Program availability can be monitored at: www.nait.ca/nait/admissions/programs/program-availability-domestic Applications are evaluated in order by date received. Applications to Open programs may be waitlisted if the program fills before the application is evaluated.
- **Important Dates/Events**
  - **Open House:** October 25th, 2025
  - **Counsellor Update:** September 17th, 2025

Northern Lakes College

- **Webpage:** http://www.northernlakescollege.ca
- **Mailing Address:** 1201 Main Street SE
  Slave Lake, Alberta T0G2A3
- **Student Population:** 2,500

Contact Information

- **For Counsellors & Students:** admissions@northernlakescollege.ca

Resources & Support

- **Athletics:** *n/a*
- **Learning Resources:** https://www.northernlakescollege.ca/current-students/counselling-services
- **International Students:** https://www.northernlakescollege.ca/future-students/international-students
- **Upgrading:** Yes - https://www.northernlakescollege.ca/programs-courses/academic-upgrading

Admissions & Applications

- **Application Link:** https://www.northernlakescollege.ca/apply-now
- **Competitive Admissions:** No.
- **Admission Requirements:** Check individual program pages for requirements.
- **Application Deadlines (2026-2027 Academic Year):**
  - **Fall 2026 Open:** October 1, 2025 / **Close:** August 19, 2026
  - **Winter 2027 Open:** October 1, 2025 / **Close:** December 15,, 2026
  - **Spring 2027 Open:** October 1, 2025 / **Close:** May 15, 2027

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- **Scholarships & Financial Aid:** https://www.northernlakescollege.ca/future-students/financial-aid-scholarships-and-funding
- **Entrance Scholarships:** https://www.northernlakescollege.ca/future-students/financial-aid-scholarships-and-funding/register-now-nlc-funding-applications

Additional Information

- **Important Dates/Events**
  - **Free Application Day:** November 6, 2025
- **New Programs:** Human Resource Management Diploma: www.northernlakescollege.ca/programs-courses/business-administrative-studies/human-resource-management-diplomas/program/1887

Northwestern Polytechnic

- **Webpage:** https://www.nwpolytech.ca/
- **Mailing Address:** 10726 106 Ave., Grande Prairie, AB T8V 4C4
- **Student Population:** 3,000

Contact Information

- **For Counsellors & Students:** experience@nwpolytech.ca

Resources & Support

- **Athletics:** https://www.nwpolytech.ca/sport-fitness/wolves-athletics
- **Learning Resources:** https://www.nwpolytech.ca/student-life/learning-commons
- **International Students:** https://www.nwpolytech.ca/international-students
- **Upgrading:** https://www.nwpolytech.ca/program/academic-upgrading-certificate

Admissions & Applications

- **Application Link:** https://www.nwpolytech.ca/admission/apply
- **Competitive Admissions:** The only program at NWP that has competitive admission is the Primary Care Paramedic Certificate. Our Bachelor's of Science in Nursing, in particular, is not competitive entry, rather admissions are based on first to apply and qualify, first to be accepted.
- **Admission Requirements:** Check individual program pages for requirements.
- **Application Deadlines (2026-2027 Academic Year):**
    - **Fall 2026 Open:** September 1, 2025 / **Close:** August 8, 2026
    - **Winter 2027 Open:** February 1, 2026 / **Close:** November 28, 2026
    - **Spring 2027 Open:** June 1, 2026 / **Close:** April 11, 2027

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- **Scholarships & Financial Aid:** https://www.nwpolytech.ca/financial-aid-services
- **Entrance Scholarships:** https://www.nwpolytech.ca/financial-aid-services

Additional Information

- **Additional Information/Highlights:** https://www.nwpolytech.ca/news
- **Important Dates/Events**
    - **Main Campus Open House:** October 4, 2025, Grande Prairie, AB.

- **Webpage:** https://www.oldscollege.ca/
- **Mailing Address:** 4500 50 St, Olds, AB T4H 1R6
- **Student Population:** 2,500

Contact Information

- **For Counsellors & Students:** recruitment@oldscollege.ca

Resources & Support

- **Athletics:** Broncos Athletics - https://www.oldscollege.ca/student-life/athletics-and-recreation/index.html
- **Learning Resources:** Teaching & Learning Centre of Innovation - https://www.oldscollege.ca/current-students/teaching-and-learning-centre-of-innovation/index.html
- **International Students:** International Admissions - https://www.oldscollege.ca/admissions/international-admissions/index.html
- **Upgrading:** No

Admissions & Applications

- **Application Link:** https://www.oldscollege.ca/admissions/how-to-apply.html
- **Competitive Admissions:** No, unless applying for the Veterinary Technology Diploma
- **Admission Requirements (for most programs):**
  - 50 or better in English Language Arts 30-1 or 30-2
  - 50 or better in Math 20-1 or 20-2
  - 50 or better in two of Biology 20, Chemistry 20, Science 20, OR one of Biology 30, Chemistry 30, Science 30
- **Application Deadlines (2026-2027 Academic Year):**
  - **Fall 2026 Open:** October 3, 2025 / **Close:** October 3, 2026
  - **Winter 2027 Open:** October 3, 2025 / **Close:** January 4, 2027
  - **Spring 2027 Open:** June 3, 2026 / **Close:** May 3, 2027

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- **Scholarships & Financial Aid:** https://www.portagecollege.ca/Scholarships-Awards-and-Bursaries

Additional Information

- **Highlights:** Our trades building renovation is underway! https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_7amSZ7R0_iH9Z6PlDkmCrRvhLGjGTwT/view
- **Important Dates/Events**
  - **Open House:** Friday, Oct 3 and Saturday, Oct 4, 2025
  - **Discovery Day:** May 14, 2026
- **Program Structures/New Programs:** Hospitality & Tourism Certificate & Diploma and Craft Beverage and Brewery Operations Diploma programs have been suspended.

Portage College

- **Webpage:** https://www.portagecollege.ca/
- **Mailing Address:** Box 417, 9531-94 Avenue, Lac La Biche, AB
- **Student Population:** 2,000

Contact Information

- **For Counsellors & Students:** info@portagecollege.ca

Resources & Support

- **Athletics:** Soccer, Hockey, Curling, Golf
- **Upgrading:** Yes - https://www.portagecollege.ca/Programs/Academic-Upgrading

Admissions & Applications

- **Application Link:** https://www.portagecollege.ca/application-process
- **Competitive Admissions:** Yes for certain programs, but not for most.
- **Admission Requirements:** Vary depending on program.
- **Application Deadlines (2026-2027 Academic Year):**
  - **Fall 2026/Winter 2027/Spring 2027 Open:** October 10, 2025

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- **Scholarships & Financial Aid:** https://www.portagecollege.ca/Scholarships-Awards-and-Bursaries

Additional Information

- **Program Structure/New Programs:** New: Apprenticeship Carpentry, Apprenticeship Heavy Equipment Technician, Aircraft Structures Technician (begins Fall 2026), Addictions Counselling Diploma, Computer Science Diploma, Kinesiology and Sports Studies Diploma, Pre-Health Sciences Certificate.
- **Important Dates/Events**
  - **Open House:** October 21 (St. Paul Campus), October 22 (Cold Lake Campus), October 23 (Lac La Biche campus)

Prairie College

- **Webpage:** www.prairie.edu
- **Mailing Address:** PO Box 4646, Three Hills, AB, T0M 2N0
- **Student Population:** 535

Contact Information

- **For Counsellors & Students:** admissions@prairie.edu

Resources & Support

- **Athletics:** www.prairie.edu/athletics/
- **Learning Resources:** Student Success - studentsuccess@prairie.edu
- **International Students:** www.prairie.edu/admissions-international
- **Upgrading:** No

Admissions & Applications

- **Application Link:** https://www.prairie.edu/canada-and-us-application/
- **Competitive Admissions:** No, those who meet the admissions requirements are accepted on a first come first serve basis.
- **Admission Requirements:** Minimum of 60% in English 30, average of 60% in 5 grade 12 subjects. Some programs have specific requirements for entrance above and beyond this.
- **Application Deadlines (2026-2027 Academic Year):**
  - **Fall 2026 Open:** October 1, 2025 / **Close:** August 28, 2026
  - **Winter 2027 Open:** October 1, 2025 / **Close:** December 1, 2026

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- **Scholarships & Financial Aid:** https://www.prairie.edu/fees-and-financial-aid/

Additional Information

- **Additional Information/Highlights**: In September 2025 we opened a new state of the art residence.
- **Important Dates/Events**
  - **Preview Days:** November 14-15, 2025; March 12-13, 2026; May 23, 2026

Red Deer Polytechnic

- **Webpage:** www.rdpolytech.ca
- **Mailing Address:** 100 Donald Blvd. Box 5005 Red Deer, Alberta T4N 5H5
- **Student Population:** 11,000

Contact Information

- **For Counsellors:** tracy.mcclelland2@rdpolytech.ca
- **For Students:** studentconnect@rdpolytech.ca

Resources & Support

- **Athletics:** rdpolytechathletics.ca
- **Learning Resources:** guides.rdpolytech.ca/library
- **International Students:** rdpolytech.ca/international
- **Upgrading:** rdpolytech.ca/programs/academic-upgrading

Admissions & Applications

- **Application Link:** rdpolytech.ca/admissions
- **Admission Requirements:** Each program has unique entrance requirements. Students are admitted on a first apply, first qualified basis. The exception to this is Bachelor of Science Nursing which is competitive based on GPA.
- **Competitive Admissions:** Red Deer Polytechnic's only competitive program based on Grade Point Average is Bachelor of Science Nursing.
- **Application Deadlines (2026-2027 Academic Year):**
  - **Fall 2026 Open:** October 1, 2025
  - **Winter 2027 Open:** March 1, 2026
  - **Spring 2027 Open:** August 1, 2026

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- **Scholarships & Financial Aid:** rdpolytech.ca/funding
- **Entrance Scholarships:** rdpolytech.ca/scholarships

Additional Information

- **Additional Information/Highlights:**
  - The new Taylor Family Campus Centre will open in late 2027.
  - Teachers and Counsellors can sign up for Updates here: https://www.sait.ca/
- **Important Dates/Events**
  - **Fall Open House:** October 25, 2025
  - **Spring Open House:** March 28, 2025
- **Program Structure/New Programs:**
  - Some of RDP's notable new programs include: Mechanical Engineering Technology Diploma, Instrumentation and Automation Engineering Technology Diploma, Diagnostic Medical Sonography Diploma, Medical Device Reprocessing Certificate, and Artificial Intelligence & Data Analytics Diploma.

Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT)

- **Webpage:** www.sait.ca
- **Mailing Address:** 1301 16 Avenue NW, Calgary AB, T2M 0L4
- **Student Population:** 20,000

Contact Information

- **For Counsellors:** recruitment@sait.ca
- **For Students:** recruitment@sait.ca or inquiry@sait.ca

Resources & Support

- **Athletics:** Trojans Athletics and Recreation: https://www.sait.ca/student-life/trojans-athletics-and-recreation/
- **Learning Resources:** Lamb Learner Success Centre and Accessibility Services: https://www.sait.ca/student-life/student-success-centre/
- **International Students:** International Centre: https://www.sait.ca/international-students
- **Upgrading:** Academic Upgrading: https://www.sait.ca/programs-and-courses/academic-upgrading

Admissions & Applications

- **Admission Requirements:** Admission requirements are program-specific. Review requirements on our program pages here: https://www.sait.ca/programs-and-courses
- **Application Deadlines (2026-2027 Academic Year):**
  - **Fall 2026 Open:** October 1, 2025 / **Close:** June 30, 2026
  - **Winter 2027 Open:** March 1, 2026 / **Close:** October 23, 2027
  - **Spring 2027 Open:** March 1, 2026 / **Close:** April 30, 2027

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- **Scholarships & Financial Aid:** https://www.sait.ca/tuition-and-financial-aid
- **Entrance Scholarships:** https://www.sait.ca/tuition-and-financial-aid/student-awards

Additional Information

- **Additional Information/Highlights:**
  - The new Taylor Family Campus Centre will open in late 2027.
  - Teachers and Counsellors can sign up for Updates here: https://www.sait.ca/
- **Important Dates/Events**
  - **Open House:** October 17 & 18
  - **Additional Important Dates:** https://www.sait.ca/student-life/important-dates
- **Program Structure/New Programs:**
  - New Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems Diploma: https://www.sait.ca/sait-schools/school-of-transportation/remotely-piloted-aircraft-systems

St. Mary's University

- **Webpage:** https://stmu.ca/
- **Mailing Address:** 14500 Bannister Road SE, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2X 1Z4
- **Student Population:** 1,050

Contact Information

- **For Counsellors & Students:** visitus@stmu.ca

Resources & Support

- **Athletics:** https://stmu.ca/campus-life/athletics/
- **Learning Resources:** https://stmu.ca/campus-life/student-services/academic-support/
- **International Students:** https://stmu.ca/admission/international-students/
- **Upgrading:** No

Admissions & Applications

- **Application Link:** https://stmu.ca/admission/apply-now/
- **Competitive Admissions:** No competitive admission - high school students are guaranteed admission to undergraduate degrees and programs if they have an average of 65% or higher on the five 30-level subjects listed in the link https://stmu.ca/admission/admission-requirements/
- **Admission Requirements:** High school students are guaranteed admission to undergraduate degrees and programs if they have an average of 65 or higher on the five 30-level subjects listed in the link.
- **Application Deadlines (2026-2027 Academic Year)**
  - **Fall 2026 Open:** October 1, 2025 / **Close:** August 1, 2026
  - **Winter 2027 Open:** February 1, 2026 / **Close:** December 31, 2026

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- **Scholarships & Financial Aid:** https://stmu.ca/admission/scholarships/
- **Entrance Scholarships:** The President's Entrance Scholarships are automatically awarded to new students entering directly from high school who achieve an average of 75 per cent or higher. For more information about additional scholarships please use this link: https://stmu.ca/admission/scholarships/
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Additional Information

- **Additional Information/Highlights**: Launching a new varsity badminton program, expected to participate in the ACAC in 2026.
- **Program Structure/New Programs:** Applications for the new Masters of Education open on October 1, 2025, to begin studies in Spring 2026. Flexible Entry Pathway (FEP) offers university entrance to Grade 12 students with a 65 average or higher using English 30-2 and four other 30-level subjects.
- **Important Dates/Events: Open House:** Fall: Saturday, November 1, 2025 10AM-2PM. Winter: Saturday, February 21, 2026 10AM-2PM. Spring: Saturday, May 13, 2026 6-8PM.

The King's University

- **Webpage:** https://www.kingsu.ca
- **Mailing Address:** 9125 50 Street NW, Edmonton, AB, T6B2H3, Canada
- **Student Population:** 861

Contact Information

- **For Counsellors & Students:** admissions@kingsu.ca

Resources & Support

- **Athletics:** https://athletics.kingsu.ca/landing/index
- **Learning Resources:** https://kingsu.ca/services/accessibility-and-accommodation
- **International Students:** https://kingsu.ca/admissions/international-students
- **Upgrading:** N/A

Admissions & Applications

- **Application Link:** https://www.kingsu.ca/apply
- **Competitive Admissions:** No, for general undergraduate admission (60% required). The required GPA for B.Ed. is 2.5.
- **Admission Requirements:** Overall average of 60 in 5 Grade 12 courses. Minimum average of 60 in English 30-1. More at https://kingsu.ca/admissions/admission-requirements/general
- **Application Deadlines (2026-2027 Academic Year):**
  - **Fall 2026 Open:** October 1, 2025 / **Close:** August 15, 2026
  - **Winter 2027 Open:** February 1, 2026 / **Close:** December 1, 2026

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- **Scholarships & Financial Aid:** https://kingsu.ca/services/financial-aid/scholarships
- **Entrance Scholarships:** https://kingsu.ca/services/financial-aid/scholarships/admissions-scholarships

Additional Information

- **Additional Information/Highlights:** A new science building is expected to open in Fall 2026.
- **Important Dates/Events**
  - **Fall Open House:** October 18, 2025
  - **Spring Open House:** March 21, 2026
  - **Campus Visit Day 1:** October 3, 2025
- **Program Structure/New Programs:**
  - We also offer a 3-year Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration in Fall 2025.
  - We will offer a Bachelor of Kinesiology in Fall 2026.

University of Alberta

Webpage: uab.ca/start
Mailing Address: Office of the Registrar,
University Commons, Edmonton, AB, Canada T6G 2M7
Student Population: 44,000+

Contact Information

- **For Counsellors:** counsellor@ualberta.ca
- **For Students:** uab.ca/ask

Resources & Support

- **Athletics:** North Campus: bearsandpandas.ca | Augustana Campus: govikings.ca
- **Learning Resources:** Academic Success Center: uab.ca/success
- **International Students:** uab.ca/international | uab.ca/mapleleaf
- **Upgrading:** No

Admissions & Applications

- **Application Link:** uab.ca/apply
- **Competitive Admissions:** The competitive average varies for each program, each year, and depending on the competitiveness of the applicant pool. Presenting marks within the competitive range does not guarantee admission as space in each program is limited.
- **Admission Requirements:** Students must present a competitive average across the 5 Grade 12 level courses required for their program of choice. For details on the requirements of each program, see the charts in our Viewbook or go to our online program tool at uab.ca/programs.
- **Application Deadlines (2026-2027 Academic Year)**
    - **Fall 2026 Open:** October 1, 2025 / **Close:** March 1, 2026

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- **Scholarships & Financial Aid:** uab.ca/awards
- **Entrance Scholarships:** The University of Alberta offers over $52 million in undergraduate financial support each year! There are 2 scholarship categories for direct-entry students: Admission-Based and Application-Based. For more information on scholarships and to apply online, visit uab.ca/awards.

Additional Information

- **Additional Information/Highlights**
    - We are launching a new virtual tour platform that will allow you to tour our campuses at your own pace and from the comfort of your home!
    - We have updated our website. Browse our dedicated Counsellor Webpage for Counsellor Update dates and more at uab.ca/counsellor.
- **Important Dates/Events**
    - **Open House:** October 18, 2025
    - **Augustana Preview Day:** October 25, 2025

      We host a number of events all year and they will be posted to uab.ca/recruitmentevents.

University of Calgary

- **Webpage:** https://www.ucalgary.ca/future-students
- **Mailing Address:** Admissions and Recruitment, Hunter Student Commons 2nd floor, University of Calgary, 2500 University Drive NW, Calgary, AB, T2N 1N4
- **Student Population:** 36,000

Contact Information

- **For Counsellors:** mackenzie.beerbaum@ucalgary.ca
- **For Students:** alberta.recruiter@ucalgary.ca

Resources & Support

- **Athletics:** https://godinos.com/
- **Learning Resources:** https://ucalgary.ca/current-students/student-services
- **International Students:** https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/iss
- **Upgrading:** https://conted.ucalgary.ca/

Admissions & Applications

- **Application Link:** https://www.ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/admissions/how-to-apply
- **Admission Requirements:** Dependent on program choice. All programs require successful completion of English Language Arts 30-1. Early evaluation will be done using four courses.
- **Application Deadlines (2026-2027 Academic Year)**
  - **Fall 2026 Open:** October 1, 2025 / **Close:** March 1, 2026

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- **Scholarships & Financial Aid:** Scholarships and bursaries available from $500-$10,000.
- **Entrance Scholarships:**
  - Prestige Scholarships (Dec. 1, 2025 deadline): Valued between $39,400-$100,000.
  - Competitive High School Entrance Awards: Range from $500-$10,000 – Deadline March 1, 2026

Additional Information

- **Additional Information/Highlights**
  - The Business Playbook initiative helps students develop skills to launch businesses through workshops and mentorship.
  - UCalgary offers a collaborative Social Work program with Portage College where students spend the first two years at UCalgary's modern main campus, building a strong academic foundation, and the final two years taking social work-specific courses with Portage College through a flexible delivery format..
- **Important Dates/Events**
  - **Open House:** October 25, 2025
  - **In-Person Counsellor Update:** October 8, 2025
  - **Virtual Counsellor Update:** October 7, 2025

University of Lethbridge

- **Webpage:** https://www.ulethbridge.ca/
- **Mailing Address:** 4401 University Drive Lethbridge, Alberta T1K 3M4 Canada
- **Student Population:** 8100

Contact Information

- **For Counsellors:** meagan.koshman@uleth.ca
- **For Students:** inquiries@uleth.ca

Resources & Support

- **Athletics:** https://gohorns.ca/
- **Learning Resources:** https://www.ulethbridge.ca/campus-life/student-services
- **International Students:** https://www.ulethbridge.ca/international

Admissions & Applications

- **Application Link:** https://www.ulethbridge.ca/future-student/application
- **Admission Requirements:** Dependent on program choice. All programs require successful completion of English Language Arts 30-1. Program specific requirements can be found at: https://www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/admissions/undergrad/additional-admission-requirements
- **Competitive Admissions:** Bachelor of Education - Early Years Education; Bachelor of Health Sciences/Bachelor of Arts - Addictions & Mental Health; Counselling/Psychology; Bachelor of Music (requires completion of a successful audition); Bachelor of Nursing
- **Application Deadlines (2026-2027 Academic Year)**
  - **Fall 2026 Open:** October 1, 2025 / **Close:** June 30, 2026
  - **Winter 2027 Application Open:** January 15, 2026 / **Close**: November 2, 2026

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- **Scholarships & Financial Aid:** https://www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/student-finance
- **Entrance Scholarships:**
  - Grade 11 Merit Award: Applications open on Sept 1 and close on June 30 of your Grade 11 year.
  - Board of Governors' Admission Scholarship: Students automatically qualify by applying for fall admission by December 15.
  - Our general scholarship and awards application opens early-January. Application deadline is March 15.

Additional Information

- **Additional Information/Highlights:** Application fees for self-identifying Indigenous applicants are waived for students applying to ULethbridge.
- **Program Structure/New Programs:** Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Politics and Law; (BHS/BA) in Addictions and Mental Health Counselling & Psychology; Southern Alberta Medical Program (SAMP) gives students from smaller communities the chance to study medicine closer to home. For more information and to apply, visit go.uleth.ca/samp.
- **Important Dates/Events**
  - **Open House:** October 25, 2025
  - **Iniskim Future Students Day:** February 24, 2026