



News and General Information

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Info older than a month is on a grey background and has the old stuff label. It will be in all future newsletters. Titles are in black font.



Stay up to date daily with all career-related information, join the Prairie South Career Google Classroom. This is for students, parents, teachers, or anyone who wants up to the minute info about all things career. Get all kinds of information from post-secondary institutions, open houses, how to navigate that new transcript request system, scholarships, webinars, presentations, how to write resumes, apply for jobs, and much more, all sent right to your device. If you have not signed up yet, you are missing out on a whole lot of valuable information. Sign up today.



ORDERING TRANSCRIPTS:

MyCreds TRANSCRIPT REQUEST PROCESS: is as follows:

A fantastic step-by-step guide for using MyCreds, with specific instructions and screen shots is on the U of R website. Click here to access it. You don't need to be going to the U of R to use it.

- 1. Submit your PERSONAL email (non-school, non-parent) that you will use after grade 12 to your administrator or admin assistant in the office. From there they will submit your email address to MSS and then connect that email you provided with MyCreds. This may take a day or two.
- 2. Go to this website: High School or Adult 12 Transcripts
- 3. Once you have clicked the button you will be taken to a screen that will require you to fill out your information. This will also include a section where you will need to provide a picture of your photo ID, as well as a picture (selfie) of you with your photo ID included (right next to your face). After submitting all the information, you should receive an email within a few days letting you know that you're setup to access MyCreds and begin sharing your transcripts with post-secondary institutions.
- 4. Each share of your transcript will cost \$15.00 per institution. ALWAYS CHOOSE THE INSTITUTION FROM THE DROPDOWN MENU. **DO NOT CHOOSE EMAIL**. Choosing from the dropdown will ensure that your transcript is automatically sent from MyCreds to your school(s) of choice automatically each time there is a class completed. Choosing email means you need to make multiple requests and pay \$15 multiple times. If you don't see your school as an option in the dropdown menu, contact that school to see how they want the transcript submitted.

More information is in the links: MyCreds Homepage; MyCreds How-To Videos; MyCreds FAQs

- Remember that most of Sask. Polytechnic's programs are <u>First Qualified</u>, <u>First Admitted</u> (<u>FQFA</u>) which means first come, first served, when you meet the minimum requirements. For current grade 12s, for many programs, the first opportunity to apply is Sept. 1, 2025. If you wait, the course may be full. Here is an <u>application guide</u> to assist you. As soon as you decide what program you want to take, apply. And you can do that any time of the year.
- Are you taking training for a trade for your post-secondary or are you entering the workforce in a trade?
 If so, you have only a short time to complete your <u>Sask. Youth Apprenticeship Challenges</u>. Doing SYA
 allows you to acquire 300 hours of trade time, free level 1 technical training (potentially saving nearly
 \$900), free registration (\$250 savings), and a shot at one of the 100 scholarships worth \$1000 across the
 province.

FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS: NEW STUFF

• <u>Stepabroad</u> is a working holiday where you get to travel to one or more of six countries, and your work visa and other red tape is handled for you. There is a 20% off deal until midnight, Dec. 29.



Women in Technology and Trades (WITT) is having two free workshops for women aged 15 and up. March 14 and 15 for Automotive Service Technician and Carpentry at Sask.
 Polytech in Moose Jaw. Deadline for registration is Mar. 6. Scan the code to register, or click here.





There will also be five workshops at the Sask. Polytech campus in Regina on Apr. 18/19 and May 2/3 for Autobody, Building Systems Tech, Electrician, Welding, and Millwright. Deadline for registering is Apr. 10. Scan the code to register, or click here.

- Unsure what to believe about career advice? In just 5-10 minutes, this quiz will help you uncover what's true, what's myth, and move forward with confidence. <u>DegreeHub</u> is a career myth buster designed to help students who are exploring a variety of career paths.
- <u>RDIEC</u> is hosting several upcoming in-person and virtual events including: Feb. 2, <u>THINK Health</u>, Apr. 22, <u>THINK Trucking</u>. Go to the <u>RDIEC</u> website to register or click on links above.
- RDIEC <u>Parents as Career Coaches 2025: Funding Your \$tudent\$ Education</u> is a great opportunity for
 parents and students to learn about funding options like loans, grants, scholarships, apprenticeships, and
 band funding. Presenters have provided virtual videos of the funding opportunities that can be viewed at
 your convenience on our <u>RDIEC YouTube Channel</u> under the heading <u>Parents as Career Coaches</u>.
- <u>Virtual Reality Job Simulations</u> Please visit the RDIEC <u>VR Hub</u> section under the Programs Tab to see the
 updated list of sims as new ones come on-line throughout the year. We also have new hardware, adding
 a MetaQuest 3S headset and new laptop to bring our overall total to three full VR set-ups. This opens
 exciting possibilities for classrooms wishing to give students extensive VR Career exploration experience.
 Please contact <u>Kelly Ireland</u> to arrange VR experiences for your students
- Discover Year, a purposeful gap year, is holding a virtual <u>Info Session</u> on Jan.22. Other info sessions will be held Mar. 10, and May 12. <u>Applications are now open</u> for fall 2026. And check out the <u>Discover Year</u> <u>Newsletter: November 2025</u>

FOR ANYONE WITH A DISABILITY

If you have any type of disability, including but not limited to anxiety, depression, ADHD, dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, or other learning disabilities, and you plan to attend post-secondary in the fall, contact the <u>Saskpolytech Accessibility Services</u> or <u>U of R Accommodations</u> or <u>U of S Access and Equity Services</u>. If you are attending a post-secondary program elsewhere, search up terms like accommodations or accessibility on that school's website and get registered as soon as possible. If you are going into an apprenticeship, contact <u>Saskpolytech Accessibility Services</u> for the 6-8 weeks of training. When you get to writing your final journey person exams, contact <u>Sask Apprenticeship</u>.

FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS FROM PREVIOUS ISSUES: OLD STUFF

- <u>RDIEC's Job Readiness webpage</u> offers students a comprehensive suite of resources, including 16 career inventories to help them identify their strengths and interests, free certifications valued at over \$600 to enhance their qualifications, and expert tips for crafting effective resumes and cover letters, all of which collectively empower students to confidently navigate the job market, improve their employability, and secure rewarding career opportunities.
- Before someone from a university or technical school comes by your high school, have a look at these <u>tips</u> to prepare for post-secondary representatives.
- Students 16-18 who are interested in volunteering in the health care field, consider the Volunteen Program where you would go into hospitals and health centres to spend time with patients and help health care professionals. Contact John Paul Hickie (306-630-7405).
- Looking for scholarships? Check out the <u>Scholarship Library from mycampusgps.ca</u>. It's a paid service, but you can acquire great information to be able to be well-prepared in grade 11 to apply for scholarships in grade 12.
- <u>Bridge To Campus</u> is a new organization dedicated to helping students in rural communities access resources when applying to university and experience a seamless transition into university by setting up students with webinars and 1:1 mentoring. Although they are based in McGill, they will help all students. Students, parents, and teachers are welcome to contact them, and all services are FREE.
- If what you're doing to help you figure out some career possibilities just doesn't seem to be working, you can have a look at a <u>Career Assessment</u> from Ken Coleman. It provides you with several assessments to lead you to understand your talents, passion, mission, and vision, as well as some practical options for potential industries and occupations that could be in your wheelhouse.
- Learn about education lines of credit, scholarships and bursaries, Can/Sask. Student Loans, First Nations and Metis Band Funding, and other post-secondary funding at the <u>RDIEC</u> event: Parents as Career Coaches: Funding your Child's Education.
- Keep up to date on the <u>RDIEC YouTube Channel</u> for all the newest virtual spotlights.
- Interested in health sciences? Saskatchewan has agreements with post-secondary institutions in other
 provinces to reserve seats for eligible Saskatchewan residents in specific health training programs not
 offered here. The programs include Respiratory Therapy, Nuclear Medicine, Diagnostic Medical
 Sonography (Ultrasound), Occupational Therapy, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Cardiovascular
 Perfusion, Electroneurophysiology, and Prosthetics and Orthotics are offered in Alberta and BC schools.
- Have a look at the <u>Health Science Fact Sheet</u> for more information on health programs in and outside the province. Check out the expansion of the <u>Health Training Program Opportunities</u>.
- Unsure of what you wish to do after grade 12? Consider <u>Discover Year</u>, an innovative half-year or full-year life skills program that helps young adults better understand what they want and build the skills they need to go out and get it. Students learn a variety of skills and have experiences that prepare them for life after their gap year, whether that be the workforce or a post-secondary program. They get to travel, plan and do community service projects, do teamwork activities, and more. Application deadline for Discover Year is Aug 15 yearly. <u>Apply here</u>.
- Or check out <u>The Canadian Gap Year Association</u> for different options for a gap year after grade 12.
 Instead of an in-person year of activities, this organization has <u>several specific programs</u>.

- Stepabroad is another option for a gap year. It's advertised as a working holiday. Destinations include Australia, Japan, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Spain, South Korea, and France, and the duration is anywhere from one month to three years, depending on the location. They assist students with acquiring work visas and all the red tape. This program is in conjunction with the Federal Government's Internation Experience Canada (IEC) Program. Other countries also offer the option of a working holiday. See the full list here.
- <u>Skills Canada Saskatchewan</u> is out with their <u>November Newsletter</u>. Skills Canada Saskatchewan is a notfor-profit Provincial Organization that promotes skilled trades and technologies to young people in Saskatchewan.

FOR CWEX, CAREER ED., PAA TEACHERS, CAREER COUNSELLORS: NEW STUFF

- Do you teach CWEX or career Ed 6-9? Are you a career or guidance counsellor? If you have anything to do with anything career-related, you should join SCWEA, the Saskatchewan Career and Work Education Association. It is one of the Professional Growth Networks (PGN) of the STF. Contact Kerrie Binetruy or Amanda Ross to become a member or to receive invitations to any of the events below.
- The SCWEA Career Connection Conversations (CCCs) occur on the first Tuesday each month at 4:00 pm, via Teams. This allows you to learn about numerous career-related topics. See upcoming CCCs below.
- Upcoming SCWEA Events:
 - o Jan 13 CCC Professional Resources. We have invited CERIC to share their resources with us.
 - Feb3 CCC Sask. Apprenticeship: Alora Heinrichs will share the resources available through the SATCC, the SYA program and information on how they can help your students through high school and beyond.
 - o March 3 CCC TBA
 - o May 5 CCC Career Development and Mental Health: Vivianna Arcand will share resources and experiences for supporting mental health through career development.

FOR CWEX, CAREER ED., PAA TEACHERS, CAREER COUNSELLORS: OLD STUFF

How to Get Started:

Students to take Young Workers' Readiness Course, but it remains a requirement of the Saskatchewan Government for those ages 14 and 15 only. Participants who enroll in Career Safety Education will be given sequential access to the following programs: New Worker Readiness, Mental Health Resiliency, WHMIS, Hearing Protection, Industry Elective(s) of choice. Once enrolled, Career Safety Education is an automated process whereby each course can only be accessed after the pre-requisite, or previous course, is completed. This makes the system much more efficient than previous versions. If your curriculum requires the completion of Young Workers Readiness, that is a separate requirement from our program and not related. If you prefer that your students take only a specific industry course(s), and not participate in the system as defined above, we can modify their registrations to allow different access, however some courses such as SCOT and WAVE would no longer be available to them.

There are **2 pathways** schools can choose to participate in our free training:

- 1. Career Safety Education Guided Pathway This is a hands-off system that allows students to take 1 course at a time in a specific order to help build their knowledge at each step. They take New Worker Readiness, Mental Health Resiliency, WHMIS, Hearing Protection and lastly, an industry elective. This ensures the learner is building the knowledge at each step that can be used to help understand the next course content. (Note: New Worker Readiness is not the same as YWRCC offered by the Government of Saskatchewan, New Workers Readiness provides significantly more detail in understanding risk and safety within first jobs. YWRCC is a legal requirement for those aged 14 or 15 at the time of employment). To register for the Career Safety Education, complete the profile request form here.
- 2. **Self-Learning Pathway** The learner is given access to all the free training, allowing them to pick and choose what courses to take based on what they need. This pathway is recommended for those that already have a foundational knowledge of workplace safety, risks, hazards, and control measures so they can comprehend the material in the courses. It is also the one used if you only want a single course or access to courses in a different sequence than is recommended. For all-access to the programs in the self-learning pathway, complete the profile request found here.

What teachers responsible for young workers need to know:

- Commonly Confused Young Workers Readiness Course & Career Safety Education
- Young Workers' Readiness Course is a single course that is required to work in Saskatchewan for those aged 14 and 15 only.
- **Career Safety Education** is a series of voluntary training courses designed to prepare new workers at all ages for employment in Saskatchewan.
- Keep up to date on the **RDIEC YouTube Channel** for all the newest virtual spotlights.
- Anyone teaching Career and Work Exploration (CWEX) please contact <u>Jeff Feeley</u> for CWEX employer folders, certificate frames, gifts, CWEX binder, or anything else related to CWEX. Or if you are new to teaching CWEX, please contact him to learn more about running the course. CWEX calendars are ready to go on <u>Connect</u>.

APPRENTICESHIP AND TRADES INFO: NEW STUFF

• Sask. Apprenticeship has a <u>MyATC Guide</u> for teachers and other SYA Champions. It will make your experience smoother, faster, and more intuitive. Whether you're looking for key resources, helpful contacts, or step-by-step instructions, everything is now easier to find and navigate.



• Here is the October Sask. Youth Apprenticeship Newsletter.

APPRENTICESHIP AND TRADES INFO: OLD STUFF

- Sask. Youth Apprenticeship (SYA) is now listed as an approved Implementation Resource by the Ministry of Education for a wide range of Practical and Applied Arts (PAA) courses. This means SYA can be used directly to help meet curriculum outcomes in classes such as Construction, Automotive, Welding, Electrical, Career and Work Exploration, and more without adding extra work for teachers. The full list of applicable courses and the official resource listing can be found here.
- Sask. Apprenticeship's SYA Program Development Specialist is <u>Alora Heinrichs</u> (306-227-7801). Contact Alora for information on career fairs and SUTIL inquiries. In the south of the province, contact <u>Morgan Waldo</u> (306-527-1730). She is the SYA Program Consultant in the Regina office, and she coordinates SYA presentation requests in the south half of the province, VR presentation requests, and MyATC assistance.
- If you wish to book a presentation from Sask. Apprenticeship, contact the main office (306-787-2444) in Regina. Three presentations are available:
 - Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship (SYA) (overview of skilled trades, apprenticeship process, and educates students on SYA—45 minutes)
 - Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship and Virtual Reality (condensed overview of skilled trades, apprenticeship process, and educates students on SYA, followed by the opportunity for students to try out a trade using VR technology—3 hours)
 - Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship and MyATC Registration (overview of skilled trades, apprenticeship process, and educates students on SYA, followed with a student registration walkthrough of MyATC—60 minutes)
- What is Apprenticeship Brochure can provide information for those interested in apprenticeship trades.
- <u>Entrance Requirements-for-Apprenticeship Training</u> explains the high school grades and classes required to apprentice in each specific trade.
- <u>Journey through Apprenticeship</u> explains the process involved in becoming a journeyperson and the difference in getting there via direct apprenticeship versus pre-employment.
- All SYA Champions and SYA Participants will need to have a MyATC account. New students are registered through MyATC. SYA Champions can approve youth apprentice registrations, and request and access completion certificates. SYA Participants can view levels completed and print their completion certificates and will use MyATC to apply for apprenticeship when they are ready. If you were registered with us as a school before January 10, 2022, you will have a code that you will use to register. Your code will never expire and can be used to set up multiple SYA Champs. If you've lost your code or you are a brand new school please contact us at youthapprenticeship@gov.sk.ca.
- Another guide to explain how to get registered for MyATC can be found here. If you have questions, contact Sask. Youth Apprenticeship at you can find MyATC here.
- <u>Free WHMIS Training</u> is available through the Sask. Safety Council. Login to our <u>Learning Management</u>
 <u>System</u> and check out the other free programs listed below.

 <u>Fall Protection</u>, <u>Ground Disturbance</u>, <u>Hearing Protection</u>, <u>Mental Health Wellness Resiliency</u>, <u>New Worker Readiness</u>, <u>Respiratory Protection</u>, <u>Retail Safety Training</u>, <u>Safe Gravel Travel</u>, <u>Safe Trailering</u>

RCMP INFO: OLD STUFF

Interested in the RCMP? <u>Click here</u> for more information on how to become a civilian employee or a police officer. Learn about the <u>nine steps</u> required to become a police officer. Attending a <u>recruiting event</u> is a great way to learn more about being a member. Options include 15-minute talks to get the chance to talk with an RCMP recruiter, and one-hour virtual career presentations, some with an Indigenous focus, some with a female focus, and some for anyone to see if the RCMP is potentially for you.

MYBLUEPRINT INFO: NEW STUFF

Monthly info and updates:

- Webinar <u>Preparing for Course Selection</u> Discover practical strategies to help students make informed, intentional course selections with myBlueprint. Learn how to use key features to connect their choices with career interests, post-secondary goals, and personal strengths. Participants will also receive our brand-new Course Selection Guide for Educators! Sign up here.
- NEW: December <u>Industry Immersion Series</u> was created in collaboration with <u>thinkAG</u> and Agriculture in the Classroom Canada. The agriculture and food systems sector is at the forefront of innovation, sustainability, and community development. This challenge invites students to explore the diverse career pathways in agriculture, from traditional farming practices to modern food technology and environmental stewardship.
 - The myBlueprint <u>December Newsletter</u> is out.
 - Please contact me with any questions or ideas regarding resources or implementation! For technical support, please contact <u>support@myblueprint.ca</u> for a speedy response.

MYBLUEPRINT INFO: OLD STUFF

• Students and parents new to myBlueprint can try out the <u>myBlueprint Family Toolkit</u> to be introduced to the program. It outlines the specific tools that support students' pathway planning and making informed decisions. It also offers practical tips to help families actively support their students' journey toward success.



- Teachers new to CWEX or Career Education and wish to use myBlueprint should contact <u>Jeff Feeley</u> to get set up. Then, go to the Prairie South website (Students, Career Planning, myBlueprint, ChatterHigh, Career Planning Apps, Student sign up instructions for myBlueprint)
- Teachers should check out the free myBlueprint Webinars on a wide variety of topics to help you and your students get more out of myBlueprint.
- Or have a look at the slide shows to help you help your students.
 <u>Vision Board Lesson Plan & Slideshow</u> to help students visualize their goals and dreams.
 <u>A Forwards & Backwards Planning Slideshow</u> to guide students in preparing for their future.
- Here are some great resources to start the year.
- Getting Started Guide for Teachers
- o Getting Started Guide for Students
- Creating Class Activities Package
- O Goal Setting Activity

- Explore the complete list of available myBlueprint Drop-In Webinars by clicking here. Can't make it to a Drop-In Webinar but are eager to learn? Check out our pre-recorded webinars in our Video Library.
- Reminders & Updates
- Have you explored myBlueprint's new <u>Industry Immersion Series</u> yet?
 Each month, students will have the opportunity to complete an industry-sponsored skill-building and/or career awareness activity, for a chance to earn one of twenty monthly \$500 micro grants. That's \$10,000 in student giveaways EACH month. And some incentives for educators too.
- myBlueprint Facebook Community: Connect, Collaborate & Stay Up-to-Date
- Connect your colleagues with a dedicated space to discover ready-to-use resources, stay updated on the latest shifts in education, exchange ideas with peers, and learn how others across the country are supporting student success and future-readiness. Join the Community
- Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or ideas regarding resources or implementation! For technical support, please contact <u>support@myblueprint.ca</u> for a speedy response.

CHATTERHIGH INFO: NEW STUFF

- <u>Digital Moment</u>, a Canadian not-for-profit organization who works with the Raspberry Pi
 Foundation (Experience AI) training educators how to teach AI in K-12, have partnered with us
 to create a new set of ChatterHigh modules: <u>AI for Educators: Foundations, Applications and
 Classroom Activities</u>. At no cost, these modules give educators a solid understanding of AI concepts and
 provide practical activities to use directly in the classroom.
- Modules (Total completion time: 1 hour)
 - o Understanding AI: Fact vs Fiction
 - o Teaching AI Literacy: Guide to Delivering Lessons with Experience AI
 - Al Ethics and Digital Citizenship
 - o Teaching AI Safety: Guide to Delivering Lessons with Experience AI
 - o Teaching and AI: Technologies to Support and Streamline Your Day

There are two educator-only prizes to win in Saskatchewan

Completion of the AI for Educators course will earn teachers a certificate from Digital Moment, and one entry in a draw for \$250. Points earned completing by the module, as well as any other ChatterHigh activities, can be used to enter a second draw for an additional \$250 cash prize. Multiple entries are permitted. The winners of both prizes will be drawn May 29th, 2026.

- As always, we are here to support your teachers with free virtual demos, class presentations and division PD sessions for seamless implementation. Please contact Kelly Dewhurst (School Support Coordinator -Coordinatrice du soutien scolaire) www.ChatterHigh.com | 250.590.0566 | Book a Meeting if you have questions or would like more information.
- In addition, two complementary courses are available to support integration for students: <u>Adventure into</u>
 <u>Artificial Intelligence</u> and <u>Connect to Careers in AI</u>. To explore our offerings further, view our SK
 Curriculum Charts in <u>ENGLISH</u> and <u>FRENCH</u>.
- Learning Modules: Many national and provincial organizations have partnered with EdTech to provide
 ChatterHigh with a full set of learning modules available for students and teachers to explore. These
 modules are available year-round, for use in high schools. Free learning modules cover Mental Health &
 Wellness, Financial Literacy, Al Literacy, Environment and more. Students can earn certificates from the
 content authority that can be used in their portfolio, or for resumes. Our <u>Curriculum Connection Chart</u>
 makes it simple to see which resources align with your courses.

CHATTERHIGH INFO: OLD STUFF

Why Educators Use ChatterHigh

- Curriculum-aligned content for grades 6–12 See our new Curriculum Connections chart.
- Self-marking platform to save teachers time
- Builds essential life skills in career exploration, financial literacy, mental health, and now Al literacy
- STUEF

- In-class presentations and platform demos available to help kickstart use
- Engaging competitions that motivate students with real prizes

ChatterHigh is featured on the Saskatchewan DLC Resource Bank.

We invite you to book a meeting for an introduction demo to get started this semester.

New to ChatterHigh? It is a gamified content engagement platform to help students prepare for life after high school. **Learn More**.

List of ChatterHigh Activities for Fall 2025-2026 School Year

User-ready Lessons and Career Portfolio Certifications:

AI & Digital Literacy

- Adventure into Artificial Intelligence (New)
- Connect to Careers in AI *Coming September 2025
- AI for Educators: Foundations, Applications and Classroom Activities (New)
- Keep Canada Safe! Discover Careers in Cyber Security by Communications Security Establishment

Financial Literacy

- Learn About Your Taxes Courses by the Canada Revenue Agency
- Insurance Literacy and Me by the Insurance Institute
- Money Management Courses by the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada

Health, Wellness & Safety

- Mental Health and Wellness
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Mental Health Disorders and Substance Use

Science & Environment

• Embracing Nature's Climate Solutions by Environment and Climate Change Canada (New)

Career Readiness Exploration

- Saskatchewan Agriculture Industry Pathways with SaskPork (New)
- Quantum in Canada, Careers and Pathways of the Future by the Quantum Algorithm Institute
- Automotive & RV Industry Pathways
- Work and Travel Abroad with International Experience Canada
- Connect to Careers in Air Traffic Services by NAV CANADA
- Careers of the Future: Advanced Manufacturing by Next Generation Manufacturing
- Insurance Career Connections
- Keep Canada Safe! Discover Careers in Cyber Security by the Communications Security Establishment

Stay up to date with our course library here.

CAREER AND WORK EXPLORATION (CWEX) INFO: OLD STUFF

• The <u>Saskatchewan Federation of Labour</u> offers 1 ½ -2-hour virtual presentations of the Ready for Work Program. If you are teaching CWEX and want to set up a presentation, please contact <u>Janelle Gerard</u> (306-924-8301).



- New to CWEX or Career Education 6-9? Try these resources. Check out the <u>Career Planning</u> section of the Prairie South site for login instructions for both myBlueprint and ChatterHigh
- a. <u>ChatterHigh</u> is a gamified content engagement platform to help students prepare for life after high school.
- b. <u>myBlueprint</u> is a great resource for students and teachers to learn about all things career. <u>myBlueprint</u> <u>Support</u> is a great resource for teachers to access assignments, webinars, videos, and other resources for both teachers and students. Teachers, contact <u>Jeff Feeley</u> to get registered with myBlueprint and access these great resources.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION: OLD STUFF

Have a look at the great information from the <u>Saskatchewan Mining Association</u>, including <u>career posters</u> in the mining industry. As well, check out the reference materials (also available in French), potash kits, lesson plans, career videos about a variety of career possibilities and other great information about the mining industry in Saskatchewan and across the country.



- If you are interested in a presentation for students from Service Canada for things like Social Insurance Number clinics, Student Loans, Apprenticeship Loans and Grants, financial literacy, and career planning in general, contact Sylvie Gauthier (639-538-2738).
- VR 4 Careers in SK Virtual Reality is led by the <u>Regina Work Prep Centre</u>. If you wish to have them come
 to your school to present and have students try out the virtual reality options including mining machine,
 electrician, welder, heavy equipment operator, HVAC tech, robotics tech, mining engineer, and process
 engineer. Contact <u>Eric Milos</u> to book them for your school.
- Teachers and Career Counsellors, try out <u>Wayfinder</u>, a collection of over 300 reflective practice resources to enhance career development with experiential learning.

SAFETY INFO: OLD STUFF

• Check the <u>Events Calendar</u> of the Safety Council for upcoming safety training sessions on a variety topics including skid steer operator, power machine operator, fall protection, forklift, aerial work platform, and hazard recognition. There are also courses for personal interests and activities such as motorcycle rider training, defensive driving, ATV safety.



 Attention grade 9 teachers. RDIEC has organized a video safety series which Grade 9 students and teachers can access by clicking <u>Grade 9 Safety Fair Videos</u>. This series will include videos from the Safety Councils below, totalling approximately 2 hours of viewing time. Teachers can access videos individually so they can incorporate each message into lessons according to their timeline.

Work Safe Saskatchewan Sask. Safety Association
Motor Safety Association SGI – Young Drivers

Service Hospitality Sask. Construction Safety Association

Energy Safety Canada

Post- Secondary Information

OLDS COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY: NEW STUFF

- Webinar Wednesdays: Program Info Webinars will be held at 6:00 p.m. MST on the days
 listed below. This is a great way to hear from actual faculty members, ask questions, and get
 answers. This is the only way to get this kind of detail. Register here for all the programs and info below.
 - o January 14—Business
 - January 21--Agriculture Technology
 - January 28—Agriculture
 - o February 4--Horticulture & Environment
 - o February 11-- How to Apply
 - o February 25--Animal Health
 - o March 4—Equine
 - o March 11--Trades & Meat Processing
 - March 18--Student Supports
- Teachers, counsellors, and principals can <u>book classroom presentations here</u> (in-person or virtual) with
 experts from Olds College. There are presentations on <u>Programs and Student Life</u> (the essential guide to
 campus life, admissions, and student success), <u>Careers in Agriculture</u> (learn about the vast and exciting
 opportunities in agriculture, technology, and beyond). If these don't work for you, contact them and
 book something more applicable for your students.

OLDS COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY: OLD STUFF

- Take a Virtual Campus Tour here.
- Future student advising sessions are available as well. Book now



UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN: NEW STUFF

 The College of Dentistry is pleased to announce applications for the 2026 intake for its two direct-entry undergraduate degrees open on Friday, Jan. 2 and close on Sunday, Feb. 15, 2026.



- o Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene: Dental hygienists play a vital role in bridging the gap between oral and overall health, serving communities across hospitals, long-term care facilities, rehabilitation settings, and public health environments. This program, offered at the main USask campus in Saskatoon, prepares graduates to meet diverse community needs through evidence-based, personcentred care. Dental Hygiene
- o The B.Sc. (Dental Therapy) program is designed to improve access to oral health care for all Canadians. Delivered over six consecutive terms, this accelerated two-year degree program integrates innovative technology, including haptic dental simulators, to prepare graduates for practice in the shortest possible time. This program is offered at four locations: Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Regina, and La Ronge. **Dental Therapy**.
- o If you have a question about these programs you're not able to find answers to online, connect with us at dentistry.admissions@usask.ca.

- The <u>Nursing Prep</u> year is a little clearer than before for students wishing to take nursing at the U of S. This pathway is intended for students who plan to apply for admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program in the College of Nursing. The four-year BSN program comprises a preprofessional year (Year 1) of prerequisite university-level courses, followed by three years (Year 2, 3 and 4) of concentrated nursing education and clinical practice opportunities. Pre-professional year courses can be completed in the USask College of Arts and Science. By selecting <u>Nursing Prep</u> on the application for admission, you can declare your intention to enrol in the pre-professional year of classes required to apply to the BSN.
- The <u>U of S Nursing Parent Page</u> provides parents and guardians a lot of info to help assist potential nursing students.
- Check out the U of S Monthly Newsletter here.
- Applications to all of our <u>Residences</u> are considered on a first-come, first-served basis. Plus, first-year students are <u>guaranteed a spot</u> in Voyageur Place Residence if they apply by January 31, 2026. Did you know? Students don't need to wait to receive an admission decision before applying to live in Residence. Soon after submitting their application for admission, students gain access to PAWS where they can access the Residence application. Here is the <u>residence application process</u>.
- Several programs at USask with competitive ranking-based admission offer early admission based on a minimum average. These include: <u>Education</u>, <u>Engineering</u>, <u>Kinesiology</u>, <u>Kinesiology/Education Combined</u> <u>Program</u>.

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN: OLD STUFF

- Applications are now open for U of S programs. Check on <u>Requirements and deadlines</u> to stay on top of what you need to know and when you must submit your applications.
- Updates to be aware of for 2026-2027 applications:
 - o Engineering degree programs are returning to competitive ranking-based admission with an early admission deadline of Dec. 1 and regular admission deadline of Feb. 15.
 - o The application deadline for Music and Music Education programs is now Feb. 15.
- Chat with USask: Online Wednesdays (6-8 pm) and Fridays (9-11 am and 1-3 pm)
- Arts and Science info sessions: Online at various times.
- Check out the new <u>Introductory Agriculture Certificate</u> offered by the <u>College of Agriculture and Bioresources</u>. Study online or in-person at your own pace to learn about agriculture in the Canadian Prairie Region. This certificate is designed for a variety of learners from different education and professional backgrounds, including educators who want to deliver science-based agriculture programs in primary and secondary schools. New students entering university can take it as a standalone program or concurrently with their degree program (such as Commerce or Engineering) to expand their scope for future careers.
- Did you know the University of Saskatchewan (USask) Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree can be completed at USask campuses in Prince Albert and Saskatoon or at distributed learning sites in Île-à-la-Crosse, La Ronge, Lloydminster, Yorkton, North Battleford, Muenster, Swift Current and Weyburn? This allows students to stay closer to home with their support network as they work to complete their nursing degree.
- Students interested in careers in Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy or Speech-Language Pathology, should explore the programs offered by USask's School of Rehabilitation Science.
- For more info, check out the most recent **U** of **S** Newsletter.
- Interested in business? Consider studying abroad to give you an international experience in university.
- <u>The After (Business) School Special</u> is a podcast about what business professionals, industry leaders, entrepreneurs, and more have learned since finishing their business degree. Each episode welcomes an



- Edwards alumnus to discuss the stories, key learnings, and insights they've gained throughout their professional career.
- <u>Chat with USask</u> are 20-minute appointments with university representatives from 6:00-8:00 on Wednesdays and 1:00-3:00 on Fridays. Ask questions about admission requirements, scholarships, residence, or anything else university related.
- Updates to be aware of for 2026-2027 U of S applications:
 - Engineering degree programs are returning to competitive ranking-based admission with an early admission deadline of Dec. 1 and regular admission deadline of Feb. 15.
 - o The application deadline for Music and Music Education programs is now Feb. 15.
- The <u>College of Agriculture and Bioresources</u> is excited to announce a new admission pathway for the <u>Indigenous Lands Governance</u> and <u>Indigenous Resource Management</u> diplomas.
 - Students can now enter the diplomas in the Kanawayihetaytan Askiy program directly from high school. Previously, the two diplomas required completion of the <u>Kanawayihetaytan Askiy Certificate</u> (now available in Prince Albert as well as Saskatoon) for admission. Both diplomas prepare students for leadership roles in local, provincial and national settings.
 - More info is available in this article and video. Questions? Contact agbio.studentservices@usask.ca.
- <u>Learning Communities at Edwards School of Business</u> will help students be more successful in their first
 year by building community and meeting new people, getting to know the campus, and developing skills
 to succeed as a university student. Check out the <u>Counsellor Resources</u> for more info to help students.
- Teachers and counsellors who wish to book a tour for your class, may do so by contacting <u>Admissions</u>.
- <u>Campus tours</u> are on. <u>Click here</u> to book 90 minute in-person tours conducted by current students who can tell you what life is like at the U of S. You can also book group or guided online tours. There are also tours of residences and colleges.
- Are you interested in how bodies work at the cellular level and how to apply this knowledge in health
 care for patients? Did you know there are five biomedical science degree programs? <u>Click here for more</u>
 information.
- Interested in the <u>Edwards School of Business</u>?
 - Take a virtual tour for a good look at where you may attend school.
 - Have a chat with an advisor, current student, or alum.
 - Counsellors, contact <u>Brayden Glynn</u> for a classroom presentation to learn of the opportunities available at Edwards.
- <u>Counsellors and Agents' Hub</u> provides information for teachers and counsellors about admissions, upcoming events, promotional materials, advising guide, resources for students, sign up to receive emails and updates, and much more.
- <u>Drop-in Q and A Wednesdays</u> are held for students interested in applying to undergraduate programs in Ag. And Bioresources, Arts and Science, Education, Engineering, and Business.
- The U of S <u>Calendar of upcoming events</u> includes all the events in which the university will be participating in the upcoming months.

MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY: NEW STUFF

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MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY: OLD STUFF

- Students are encouraged to apply for more than one program at no extra cost. They strongly recommend adding a backup program, such as an <u>alternative entrance option</u>.
- Guidance Counsellors & Educators can schedule admissions and recruitment specialist services. Book sessions where students can learn about the programs best suited to them and their personality, as well as learn about admission requirements and application process.



UNIVERSITY OF REGINA: NEW STUFF

- Would you like a head start to university and get FREE TUITION? The High School Accelerated Program (HSXL) allows motivated Grade 11 and 12 students to take University of Regina courses while still in high school. Students will gain valuable university experience, build academic confidence, and can even earn dual credits toward both their high school diploma and future degree. Students who continue at the U of R after their HSXL course may also qualify for the Tuition Reimbursement Award, covering the full cost of their HSXL tuition and fees. Here is how it works.
 - o Application Deadline: January 18, 2026
 - o Winter Course List: Available on our website or in the attached HSXL Newsletter
 - o How to Apply: Students must submit their application through the Application Portal
 - Next Steps After Admission: Once admitted, students must accept their offer in the portal before we can register them in their selected course(s).
- Learn more at one of our upcoming virtual sessions for students and parents January 12, 2026 5:00 PM.

UNIVERSITY OF REGINA: OLD STUFF

- If you wish to pursue a professional program at another university, consider taking preprofessional courses at the U of R. Take one to four years of university before applying to a professional program in agriculture and bioresources, chiropractic medicine, dentistry, law, nutrition, occupational therapy, optometry, pharmacy, physical therapy, radiation therapy, or veterinary medicine. Check out Pre-professional Studies and meet with an academic advisor to plan your first year.
- <u>Journalism is back at the U of R</u>. If you are interested this undergraduate degree—Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, News Media, and Communication, click here for more information.
- Ever heard of a Federated College? Situated on the main U of R campus, <u>Luther College</u>, <u>First Nations University of Canada</u>, and <u>Campion College</u> provide students with a unique and supportive community. Choosing to enrol through a Federated College not only grants students all the advantages of being a U of R student but also provides access to extra benefits, including additional support services, personalized one-on-one academic advising, smaller class sizes, and opportunities to apply for additional scholarships and bursaries.
- If you are a parent or guardian of a potential U of R student, sign up for the Parent Newsletter here.
- Take the **New and Improved Virtual Campus Tour**.
- The U of R has a bunch of materials for viewing and/or printing here. From admission and parent info to stuff for counsellors and specific one- or two-page documents that explain programs within each faculty, there is a wealth of good info available.
- Check out the <u>Centre for Experiential and Service Learning</u>. It allows you the opportunity for handson learning in and out of the classroom, credit for hands-on learning as part of your program,
 potentially paid co-op work terms, student-run volunteer centre to help you find more service
 opportunities in the community, training before you volunteer to provide confidence, goal setting and
 self assessments, career guidance, and resume writing and job interview skill building.
- If you are a career counsellor, teacher, or administrator interested in having an in person visit from U of R admissions personnel, the contact person for Prairie South is <u>Jocelyne Paulhus</u>. Contact her to book. 306-585-5274.
- The <u>OMA Program</u> is designed to provide first-year Indigenous students with a supportive learning environment. Contact the **ta-tawâw Student Centre** for more information.
- Check out the new engineering program, <u>Energy Systems Engineering</u>. It is closely related to Petroleum, Sustainable Energy, and Energy Transportation and Storage Engineering.
- Prospective students can use this <u>Application Guide</u> to assist in providing information about the application process, admission requirements and application deadlines for each program.
- Students can take many courses in their own communities or from their homes through the <u>Flexible</u> <u>Learning Division fall courses</u>.

SASKATCHEWAN POLYTECHNIC: NEW STUFF

• Unsure of what to do after grade 12? Try the <u>Program Explorer</u> tool. Just answer questions about your interests, values and strengths, and get program ideas tailored to you. It's a great starting point if you're not sure what to study.



- Also, access the <u>Career and Employment Toolkit</u>. Free resources to help you build self-awareness and plan your next career step at your own pace.
- If you feel like you need to talk to a human about your career plans, book an appointment with a career
 counsellor. Talk through your options, get advice on program choices, or discuss interview anxiety and job
 market trends.
- Electrical Engineering Technology Spend a Day Event Any students interested in the Electrical
 Engineering Technology program (link below), are invited to Spend a Day at the Moose Jaw campus on
 January 21. This event will be a great way to learn or about the program itself; Co-op work terms (link
 below), career opportunities, and to see our program space. Details are still being finalized, but please
 email Scott Hellings for more information.
- Sask. Polytech is accepting applications for Competitive Entry programs until February 15. Student will
 then have until March 15 to provide their transcripts. This process applies to the following programs.
 Apply online
 - Combined Laboratory and X-Ray Technology
 - Dental Hygiene
 - Medical Laboratory Technology
 - Medical Radiologic Technology
 - Practical Nursing
 - Psychiatric Nursing
 - Respiratory Therapy
 - Saskatchewan Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing (SCBScN)
- Apply now. Most of Sask. Polytechnic's 150 programs are <u>First Qualified</u>, <u>First Admitted</u> (<u>FQFA</u>) which means first come, first served, when you meet the minimum requirements. For current grade 12s, for many programs, the first opportunity to apply is Sept. 1, 2025. If you wait, the course may be full. Here is an <u>application guide</u> to assist you.
- First Qualified/First Admitted programs may close to new applications once it is filled to capacity and has
 started a waitlist. Please check the status of the program's application process by visiting the respective
 program page prior to applying. If you don't receive an offer for the current academic year after being
 waitlisted, you will be invited to reapply during the reapplication window (September 1 15). Students
 who choose to do so will retain their original qualification date and maintain their position in the queue
 (first-choice priority) for the next intake.
- Dual Credit: Students who are already interested in the Business Diploma program can get started and Study Once, Count it Twice. Courses run February 2 June 5, 2026
- Business diploma courses offered:
 - ACCT 122 Intro Financial Accounting 1 (Accounting 10)
 - o BUS 104 Introduction to Business (Entrepreneurship 20)
 - o FIN 100 Personal Finance (Financial Literacy 20)
 - o MGMT 108 Introduction to Sport Management (Introduction to Sport Management 30)

Delivery format: Online self-paced, with instructor available for support. Tuition \$398. Contact Enrolment Services to register at 1-866-467-4278. For more information, visit the Sask. Polytech Dual Credit website or contact mj.bsa@saskpolytech.ca.

• There are many other dual credit classes available at Sask. Polytech to cover requirements in numerous programs including Early Childhood Education, Office Administration, Continuing Care Assistant, Civil Engineering, as well as some classes that are required in many different programs. Click on Dual Credit for the full list of options.

SASKATCHEWAN POLYTECHNIC: OLD STUFF

- When students apply to Saskatchewan Polytechnic, they can now select a second and third-choice program on their application; however, we follow a first-choice priority admission process:
 - o First-choice programs are always reviewed and offered first

Once we've assessed and made offers to first-choice applicants, we may begin reviewing second and third-choice applications

Second and third-choice consideration is not guaranteed and is dependent on seat availability after first-round offers only

Additional choices are only reviewed if a student is ineligible for their first choice or placed on a significant waitlist for their first choice

- o Tip: If a student is interested in a competitive or quick-to-fill program, we strongly recommend they apply to it as their first choice or submit a separate application for each program they want to be simultaneously considered
- Check out this **Civil Engineering Video** to learn a little more about this area of engineering.
- <u>Book a Campus Tour</u> to learn more about a potential place you'd like to attend. Many openings exist at all four campuses for in-person campus tours and advising sessions.



- Join a <u>drop-in advising session</u> on Tuesdays and Thursdays to be able to ask questions and talk to people in the know about Sask. Polytech programs.
- You can apply TODAY. Remember that most of Sask. Polytechnic's programs are <u>First Qualified</u>, <u>First Admitted (FQFA)</u> which means first come, first served, when you meet the minimum requirements. For current grade 12s, for many programs, the first opportunity to apply is Sept. 1 of each year. If you wait, the course may be full. Here is an <u>application guide</u> to assist you.
- Undecided about what to do at Sask. Poly? Check out the <u>Program Explorer</u>. It takes approximately 10 minutes to complete and provides a list of programs for students to investigate based on answers to questions about their interests, skills, natural talents and values. The results page provides a summary of pogroms which may be a good fit and lets you print, share, or get in touch with advisors for further assistance.
- <u>Supports for Success</u> are available to students to assist in ensuring they do well at Sask. Poly. There are welcome week events, support for new students, and numerous resources for students who may need help in all kinds of areas including wellness, how to be successful in school, career counselling, budgeting, and more.
- If you are interested in acquiring some microcredentials, check out Surge Micro-credentials offered by Sask. Polytechnic. These short courses include offering in business, education, technology, and entrepreneurship. What are microcredentials? These offer certification in a specific job or skill such as small business taxes, Indigenous leadership, or artificial intelligence. Additional micro-credentials are also available.
- Interested in taking some classes part-time? Sign up for Flexible Learning Courses.
- Want to have a look at where you might be going to school? Check out the virtual tours here.

SOUTHEAST COLLEGE: OLD STUFF

• With campuses in Weyburn, Estevan, Whitewood and Moosomin, Southeast College can offer a variety of programs including Business Admin. Assistant, Electrician, Early Childhood Education, Welding, Food Services Cook, Hairstylist, Health Care Cook, Heavy Equipment Truck and Transport Tech., Practical Nursing, Industrial Mechanic, Plumbing and Pipefitting, and Continuing Care Assistant. The benefits include small class sizes living closer to home, lower application fee and seat deposit than other places, modern facilities and equipment, lower tuition, and great scholarships. You can also take a general first year of classes from the University of Regina (English, Biology, Sociology, Psychology among others).

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA: NEW STUFF

• Be one of only 20 grade 11 students from across the country to experience the U of A. This will include transportation reimbursement (up to a maximum based on location), accommodations, meals and a jam-packed schedule of events. Students will become familiar with the campus, learn about programs, experience what sets the U of A student life apart and meet other amazing students from across Canada. Plus, students will get a taste of the city surrounding the campus. Apply now for the U of A Getaway.

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA: OLD STUFF

 Here are the ways counsellors and students can continue to connect with the University of Alberta:



- o Counsellors' E-News
- o Counsellor Webpage
- o **Program Tool**
- U of A Application
- o <u>Virtual Advising</u>
- o Recruitment Events (In-Person & Virtual)
- Student Inquiries
- o Explore our digital viewbook
- o Take a campus tour
- Book 1:1 advising
- o Contact our Student Service Centre
- What do you want to know? Do you have questions that you would like us to address in an edition of our E-News? Fill out this form and your topic might be selected for next month's theme.
- Check out all the other counsellor events throughout the year <u>right here</u>.
- <u>Faculty of Engineering's Fem+ Mentorship Program</u>
 Fem+ is a hybrid seven-month program for women, non-binary and 2SLGBTQ+ high school students interested in exploring the possibilities of engineering.
 Students will be mentored one-on-one by a current U of A student in the engineering program, see what university is like and meet other high school students interested in engineering. Apply online or email femprog@ualberta.ca for more details.
- Throughout the year, there are many events and activities that are important to students. Check out the **events page** for all you need to know.
- Applications opened on Oct. 1. Learn more about how to apply.
- <u>Parents and Supporters E-News and Resources</u> Parents are you looking to get their own set of helpful tips, reminders on important dates and deadlines and more? Subscribe to our <u>Parent & Supporters E-News</u> or to view our <u>Undergraduate Viewbook</u> and <u>Parents & Supporters Handbook</u>.
- Click on the link to register for a **Prospective Student Advising** session to have questions answered.

COLLEGE MATHIEU: OLD STUFF

 Interested in a bilingual or fully French education? College Mathieu offers several programs in Gravelbourg, Saskatoon, Regina, and online, including business, specialized educational assistant, early childhood education, welding, occupational therapy assistant, physiotherapy assistant, continuing care assistant, practical nursing, and event planning. <u>Click here</u> for a link to the programs.



GREAT PLAINS COLLEGE: NEW STUFF



GREAT PLAINS COLLEGE: OLD STUFF

The following program changes are happening this year:
 Administrative Assistant is now Administrative Skills
 Program Cancellations: Business Diploma (SC & Warman), Business Certificate (Warman),
 Production Line Welding, Hospitality Management, Youth Care Worker / Child and Youth Care



- Scholarships are also changing for this year. Students who apply before April 30, 2026, will automatically be considered for an Entrance Scholarship.
 - \circ 90%+ \rightarrow \$3,000
 - o 85-89% → \$2,000
 - \circ 80-84% \rightarrow \$1,500
 - o 75-79% → \$1,000
 - o 65-74% → \$500
- If you'd like to book a presentation (virtual or in-person) for your school or an individual class, please email behere@greatplainscollege.ca or call Keely at (306) 741-1049.
- The presentation includes information on programs, courses, application process, awards, and scholarship opportunities at GPC. There are opportunities for students to ask questions and win prizes.
- There are many new **Cybersecurity Programs**, all available online and at all levels of experience.
- Students can make an appointment for an Advising Session with a GPC student advisor.
- <u>Take a Virtual Tour or Webinar</u> to learn more about the campus or specific programs at GPC. There are numerous archived webinars on a wide variety of topics.

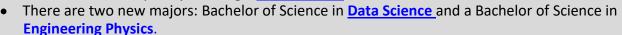
UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY: NEW STUFF

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UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY: OLD STUFF

- If you are interested in the U of C, have a look at their video for Saskatchewan students.
- Check out their **Future students tours and events** to learn more about the university.
- Check out the campus by booking a **Campus Tour**.





- <u>Discover UCalgary</u> is the new official app for prospective undergraduate students at the University of
 Calgary. Access our guide for Open House or explore the UCalgary campus with our self-guided walking
 tour. The app can be used on campus or remotely to explore from your home. Within the app, you will
 also find important resources and discounts to enhance the in-person experience for those students who
 wish to explore with us at an upcoming event or campus tour.
- Career counsellors and teachers who wish to learn more about the U of C can <u>click here</u> to sign up and get more information for students.

ST. PETER'S COLLEGE: OLD STUFF

 Did you know you can take all U of S first-year programs at St. Peter's at Muenster, near Humboldt? Instead of being in a first-year class with 300-500 students in Saskatoon, how about a class of 12? As well, you can stack your U of S scholarships on top of potentially some of the over \$100, 000 available just to St. Peter's students. Consider St. Peter's College. Counsellors, teachers, and principals can book a tour or request information.



SOUTHERN ALBERTA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (SAIT): OLD STUFF

For information about the programs available to students, attend the numerous <u>Information</u> <u>Sessions (sait.ca)</u> being held in the upcoming weeks and months. Also have a look at the many <u>On Demand</u> information sessions archived on the site to allow you to make informed decisions about the program that's right for you.



UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE: NEW STUFF

• General high school award applications will be open Jan. 7 – Mar. 15. Students will receive an email reminder in January, but with the later deadline, it could slip their minds. If students need additional support, please reach out to our Scholarships and Student Finance team.



- As part of our commitment to reconciliation and removing barriers to post-secondary education, we're
 waiving the application fee for all self-identifying Indigenous students (First Nations, Métis or Inuit).
 Students can apply using the Indigenous Student Application for Admission.
- Our new Indigenous Attestation process ensures our Indigenous students can take advantage of the supports available to them. To qualify, students admitted to ULethbridge can fill out the Attestation of Indigenous Identity Form – Students before applying for awards and bursaries. One application is all that's needed.
- <u>Iniskim Future Students Day</u>, held Feb. 24 at 9:30 a.m. 2 p.m., will introduce aspiring Indigenous students (and their families and community members) to life at ULethbridge. The event will include onthe-spot admission, campus tours, exciting games and big prizes.

- Our <u>Indigenous Student Success Certificate</u> is a first-year credit program that provides a supportive and successful first-year experience to Indigenous students who don't meet all the requirements for general admission to ULethbridge. The program runs September – April with strong foundational courses that can be credited to most programs at ULethbridge.
- We encourage applicants to our competitive programs <u>Bachelor of Education in Early Years</u> and combined Bachelor of Health Sciences (Addictions and Mental Health Counselling)/Bachelor of Arts (Psychology) to choose an alternate program while waiting for their admission decision. Selecting a second choice won't affect their standing, but it will increase their chances of getting into housing and preferred classes.
- We've added more seats to our competitive <u>Bachelor of Nursing program</u>.
- New Programs
 - Our <u>NEW Philosophy</u>, <u>Politics and Law (PPL)</u> major prepares students for a future in governance, law, advocacy and beyond through four customizable streams: environment, health, business and economics, and social justice. It's a great program for students who want to make a meaningful impact.
 - The <u>NEW Southern Alberta Medical Program (SAMP)</u> is a University of Calgary program offered at the University of Lethbridge. It gives students from smaller communities a chance to study medicine and helps train more doctors for rural areas. First cohort starts in July 2026.

UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE: OLD STUFF

- <u>ULethbridge Counsellor Resource Guide</u> is updated and available online.
- Take a <u>University of Lethbridge Virtual Tour</u> to learn more about the main campus, Calgary campus, and on-campus housing.



MEDICINE HAT COLLEGE: NEW STUFF

• Students should apply as early as possible before programs fill up and don't forget, our Paramedic program has an application deadline of April 20th, and our Education, Social Work and Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs have an application deadline of May 1st. Fall 2026 applications close September 2nd.



• Student For a Day - Any students who are curious about what to expect when they attend post-secondary? Student for a Day is an amazing opportunity for Grade 11 and 12 students to be immersed in the MHC experience. This includes checking out programs that interest the student, connecting them with instructors and MHC students, touring the campus and residence and enjoy lunch on them! Please reach out to info@mhc.ab.ca to schedule a visit!

MEDICINE HAT COLLEGE: OLD STUFF

Applications for Fall 2025 will open October 1. Go to <u>Apply Alberta</u>. If students need assistance with finding the right program, they can book an appointment with one of our recruiters by calling the advising desk at 403-529-3819 or through our <u>Online Booking Page</u>.



- Counsellors can schedule a presentation for grade 11 and/or grade 12 students. Contact
 Justine Panchuk.
- Counsellors, if you have questions related to admissions, call the admissions hotline at 403-529-3827.

RED DEER POLYTECHNIC: NEW STUFF



•Student for a day will occur Jan. 30. Learn about diplomas in science, computing, culinary, and engineering technology, and experience a day in the life of an RDP student. Scan the code to register.



- Open House is Mar. 28. Keep an eye on the Upcoming Events page.
- Recruitment Co-ordinator <u>Tracy McClelland</u> is available to answer questions or talk about anything at Red Deer Polytechnic.
- If you are a current high school student planning to attend a credit program at Red Deer Polytechnic next fall, an average of 80% or higher in five 5-credit grade 11 or grade 12 subjects, you could get \$1,000 awards towards your tuition.

SASKATCHEWAN REGIONAL AND CAREER/VOCATIONAL COLLEGES AND OTHER POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS IN SASKATCHEWAN: OLD STUFF

CAREER COLLEGES

<u>Career Colleges</u>, also known as private vocational schools, offer over 160 vocational training programs in Saskatchewan to prepare students for employment in a specific occupation such as business, health services, fashion, esthetics, hairstyling, and more. These schools are privately owned and operated but must be registered with the Ministry of Advanced Education and have approval of the programs they offer.



SASKATCHEWAN REGIONAL COLLEGES

- There are seven regional colleges across the province. They offer numerous post-secondary
 opportunities including trades (the same program offered by Sask. Polytechnic) and university classes
 (from the University of Saskatchewan and University of Regina), in addition to personal interest
 programs and courses. Often, these programs are not filled as quickly as Sask. Polytechnic programs.
 The regional colleges and head offices include:
 - Carlton Trail College--Humboldt
 - Northlands College--La Ronge/Air Ronge
 - Great Plains College--Swift Current
 - Suncrest College—(Yorkton and Melfort--merger of former Parkland and Cumberland College)
 - North West College--The Battlefords
 - Southeast College--Weyburn

Upcoming Events

Dec. 29	Deadline for 20% off <u>Stepabroad</u>			
Jan. 12	U of R High School Accelerated Info Night for parents and students			
Jan. 13	SCWEA Career Connection Conversation with CERIC 4:00 pm. Contact <u>Amanda Ross</u> to register.			
Jan. 14	Register here Olds College Program Information Webinar for Business			
Jan. 18	Deadline to apply for U of R High School Accelerated for Jan. 2026 start			
Jan. 21	Register here Olds College Program Information Webinar for Agriculture Technology			
Jan. 21	Register with <u>Scott Hellings</u> for Electrical Engineering Technology Spend a Day at Sask. Poly			
Jan. 22	Discover Year <u>Info Session</u>			
Jan. 28	Register here Olds College Program Information Webinar for Agriculture			
Jan. 30	Red Deer Polytechnic <u>Student for a Day</u>			
Jan. 31	U of S first-year students guaranteed a spot in Voyageur Place Residence if they apply by Jan. 31			
Jan. 31	Deadline to apply for <u>U of A Getaway</u> for grade 11 students			
Feb. 2	RDIEC's THINK Health,			
Feb. 2- Feb. 15	Applications open Feb. 2 and close Feb. 15 for <u>Dental Hygiene</u> and <u>Dental Therapy</u> at the U of S.			
Feb. 4	Register here Olds College Program Information Webinar for Horticulture & Environment			
Feb. 10	SCWEA Career Connection Conversation with Sask Apprenticeship 4:00 pm. Contact <u>Amanda</u> <u>Ross</u> to register.			
Feb. 11	Register here Olds College Program Information Webinar for How to Apply			
Feb. 15	Deadline for all Sask. Poly competitive programs (Combined Lab/X-Ray Tech, Dental Hygiene, Medical Lab Tech, Medical Radiologic Tech, Practical Nursing, Psychiatric Nursing, Respiratory Therapy, Registered Nursing)			
Feb. 15	U of S Music and Music Education programs application deadline			
Feb. 24	Iniskim Future Students Day, at the University of Lethbridge			
Feb. 25	Register here Olds College Program Information Webinar for Animal Health			

Mar. 4	Register here Olds College Program Information Webinar for Equine		
Mar. 6	Deadline to register for WITT workshops in Moose Jaw. Click here.		
Mar. 11	Register here Olds College Program Information Webinar for Trades & Meat Processing		
Mar. 18	Register here Olds College Program Information Webinar for Student Supports		
Apr. 10	Deadline to register for WITT workshops in Regina. Click here.		
Apr. 22	RDIEC's THINK Trucking		

Scholarships, Loans, and Financial Planning

Did you know that \$10 million in scholarships goes unclaimed each year in Canada?

Sign up with scholarship aggregators such as <u>Scholar Tree</u>, <u>Student Awards</u>, <u>Scholarships Canada</u>, <u>Scholarships.com</u>, <u>StudentScholarships.org</u> and <u>Atila</u>. <u>99 Scholarships</u> allows you to apply for scholarships based on your passions rather than on marks. Register with the organization to access many different scholarships and receive emails about upcoming scholarships.

mycampusGPS is a resource to assist students with numerous issues related to scholarships, post-secondary planning, how to be successful after grade 12, and more. Some of these resources are free and some require payment.

<u>Canada Student Grants and Loans – What student grants and loans offer</u> will provide information on applying for student loans. Saskatchewan residents will want to look at our <u>Saskatchewan section</u> when looking to apply. The <u>Government of Canada Scholarships</u> website has a lot of great information and scholarships. Please contact <u>studentservices@gov.sk.ca</u> or call 1-800-597-8278 for more information.

The newest edition of <u>Relevance Magazine</u> is available as a digital download. In the middle of the magazine, you will find many scholarships. Links to these scholarships are available for easy access.

The <u>Scholarships and Loans</u> section of the PSSD website has some documents to assist you in your scholarship search such as scholarship cover letter examples, a downloadable organizer, and financial/scholarship information including:

- Post-Secondary Finances
- Scholarship Search Engines
- Post-Secondary Institution Scholarship Links

If you are Metis, you may be able to access significant scholarship opportunities. The <u>Gabriel Dumont Institute</u> offers numerous scholarships for those who are registered with the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan or have an application in progress. To begin the process of registration for Metis Nation-Saskatchewan citizenship, <u>click here.</u> You can also contact the <u>New Southern Plains Metis Local #160</u> in Moose Jaw where you can have inperson help to acquire Metis Nation Citizenship. Or you can call Darrell at 306-631-6058 or Lorna at 306-631-7438.

The <u>Education Planning and Student Aid</u> page from the Federal Government provides useful tools for students and parents to access regarding planning for an education, saving, budget, and exploring student aid and career options.

Upcoming Scholarships

Dec. 31	Full Ride- Student	\$35,000	ightarrow Be a member of the Student Life Network.
(yearly)	<u>Life Network</u>		→ Open an eligible CIBC student account.
N/A	TC Energy Scholarships	Various	 → Enrolled in post-secondary institution for upcoming school year. → Permanent resident of Canada → Located in a community near TransCanada's projects. → Would benefit from supplementary education funding
Various times all year (Check website for specific dates.)	CWB Welding Foundation Awards	Various Amounts Apply early as funds are limited.	 → Must be accepted into a full-time welding program for post-secondary. → Online form, references, transcript → Letter of recommendation relating to welding activities. → 500-word essay
The 20 th day of each month.	LA Tutors 123 Scholarship	\$500 every month	 → Must have 80%+ average. → Must have designed an innovative project that makes a difference in others and write essay describing the goal of the project, letter of recommendation.
Nov. 1 Aug. 1 Feb. 1	Indspire Awards: Building Brighter Futures	Various amounts	 → For Indigenous students. → Students can apply for various financial awards depending on their area of study.
Feb. 1 Apr. 30	Masterfeeds Scholarships	\$200 X 2 (ages 8-11) \$500 X 2 (ages 12-17) \$1000 X 2 (ages 17-19)	 → See website for \$200 and \$500 prize criteria. → For \$1000 prize, students must be going into ag-related program. → Write essay on future plans in ag. → Display integrity, volunteerism, leadership
Oct. 30 June 30	Distance 360 Education Scholarship	\$1000	→ 1500-word essay required.
Dec. 15	Environmental Public Health Bursary	\$12,000- \$20,000	 → For those going into the field of environmental public health → Must be Indigenous
Dec. 15	Allied Van Lines Scholarship	\$1000 X 4	→ Complete an online form and an essay.

Dec. 15 (or	Burger King Scholars	\$1000	→ Min. 2.0 GPA, employee or family of employee
until 30 000 apps are	<u>Program</u>	\$60, 000 x 4200	→ Work experience, extracurricular activities, community service, financial need
received.		1200	community service, infancial fieed
Dec. 31 and	Loans Canada	\$750 x2	→ Complete an online form.
Aug. 31	<u>Scholarship</u>	(2 Dec, 2 Aug)	
Dec, 31	Strike Group	\$2000	→ For females going into trades
	<u>Scholarships</u>		
Dec. 31	Pinsky Law Office New	\$5000	ightarrow submit a business plan for a current or
	Venture Development		prospective business including a taxation and
lan E	Scholarship Dalton Comp Award	\$10 000 x 2	intellectual property strategy.
Jan. 5	Dalton Camp Award	\$10 000 X Z	→ Essay contest open to anyone
Jan. 5	Canadian Angus	\$5000	→ Must be a member of Canadian Junior Angus,
	Foundation Legacy	\$3000	in grade 12 or already enrolled in a post-
	<u>Scholarship</u>	\$2000	secondary program.
		\$500	→ Write an essay on educational program and career goals.
Jan. 17	SARM Scholarship	\$1500 x 2	→ Must be in grade 12 or have completed high school within the last two years.
			 → Must have a farming background and have
			parents who own or rent land and pay tax to a
			rural municipality.
			→ Complete an online form and write an essay on
Jan. 28	Schulich Leader	\$60,000 &	a choice of topics.
Jan. 28	Scholarship	\$80,000 &	→ For students planning to study Technology, Engineering, Entrepreneurship and Business,
	Scholarship	(over 4 years)	Applied Scientific Research (see list of eligible
		, ,	post- secondary schools).
			ightarrow U of S eligible Colleges: Engineering, Arts and
			Science, Agriculture and Bioresources.
			→ Must be nominated by school representative.
			→ Possess academic excellence, leadership, charisma, and creativity
Jan. 31	Energy Rates	\$500	charisma, and creativity → Write an essay on any topic about energy in
			the world of tomorrow—green energy, oil
			politics, nuclear power. What do you think
			people will be reading about in the news in a
		0.11.40.555	few years?
Jan. 31	Dick Martin	2 X \$3,000	→ Must be enrolled in an Occupational Health
	Scholarship Award		and Safety related course leading to an OH&S certificate/diploma/degree.
			→ 1,000-word essay required.
Jan. 31	Mensa Canada	Varies from	→ A 250-word essay about your career plan is
	Scholarships	\$2000 -	required and a description of relevant
		\$3000	experience and the difficulties you have
			overcome in pursuit of your goal.

Feb. 1 Feb. 1 Feb. 8	Hal Rogers Endowment Fund (Kin Canada Bursaries) 3M National Student Fellowship P & H Passion & Heart Scholarship Affinity Co-operative Award	\$1000 (# of winners varies, usually 30+) \$5000 x 2 \$2000	 → Graduating from high school or currently in a registered post-secondary institution. → Complete application form and submit to the Kin Club closest to permanent residence. → Leadership → Must be in year 2, 3, or 4 of an agriculture-related program → Be in gr. 11 and an Affinity Credit Union member (or your parent).
Feb. 15	U of Alberta Award	\$8000 X 30	 → Demonstrate leadership, reference letter. → Students starting out at the University of Alberta can complete an online application. → Based on financial need and barrier to attending university.
Feb. 15	Turtle Spirit Pathway Award	\$8000 X 20	 → First Nations, Metis, and Inuit students starting out at the University of Alberta complete online application. → Based on financial need and barrier to attending university.
Feb. 28	Future of Water Scholarship from SaskWater	100% tuition paid, \$1000 per month in school (2 winners)	 → Must be going into Civil Engineering Tech at Sask. Poly (Water Resources Option). → Must complete four-year return for service. → Essay explaining your interest in water. → Finalists will be interviewed.
Mar. 1	Jake Weitz Memorial Scholarship	\$1000 x 10	 → For those going into a mechanical trade → Complete online form
Mar. 1	Saskatchewan Agriculture Student Scholarship	\$6,000 x 1 \$3,000 x 3	 → Plan to take an agriculture-related program. → Submit a video or essay based on topics surrounding agriculture and sustainability. → For some inspiration, check out the Peterson Brothers' YouTube Channel, thinkAG Career Profiles, The Real Dirt on Farming, and AgriPathways.
Mar. 6	RE/MAX Quest for Excellence	\$1000 x 16 (in Western Canada)	 → Write an essay. → Attributes include volunteering, leadership, motivation, communication skills, contributing to their community.
Mar. 15	Queen's Diamond Jubilee Scholarship The Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall Scholarship	\$1000 x 6 \$500 x 20	 → For Grade 12 students who are at risk of not succeeding in their first post-secondary year due to financial burdens and vulnerable circumstances. * → For Grade 11 students living with vulnerable circumstances to assist them in completing their grade 12 education. * → *Administrators and school leadership teams nominate students who are at risk of not completing high school. Please talk to them about this scholarship.

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Mar. 27	WorkSafe Saskatchewan Youth Video Contest	\$1000 (1 st) \$750 (2 nd) \$500 (3 rd)	 → Grade 9-12 students are eligible. → Create a video on workplace safety, health, injury prevention.
Mar. 29	Retail as a Career Scholarship Program- Retail Council of Canada	\$3000 x 1 \$2000 x 1 \$1000 x 16	 → Pursuing a retail, business, fashion, marketing, or any retail-related post-secondary program. → Must be working part or full-time in the retail industry.
Apr. 8	G3 Grow Beyond Scholarships	\$5000 x 6	 → Complete application form. → Produce 2–3-minute video of your vision of agriculture and how you plan to contribute.
Apr. 15	Affinity for Community Scholarship		 → Be in gr. 12 and an Affinity Credit Union member (or parent). → Leadership, community involvement, short essay.
Apr. 15	Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes	\$10 000	 → For students between 8 and 18. → Must be currently working on an inspiring service project or have done so in past 12 months. → Must be working as an individual.
Apr. 15	Titan Livestock Sam Hofer Memorial Scholarship	\$2000 x 6	 → Must be entering or be in an agriculture program. → 300–500-word essay about yourself, involvement in agriculture, community and extracurricular activities, what inspired you to pursue ag. → Contact <u>Cassie Eaton</u> to apply
Apr. 15	Canadian Student Leader Awards	\$500 X 12 \$1000 X 1	 → Must have 70%+ average in last two years. → Demonstrate capacity for student leadership by contributing to your school and community. → Answer series of questions → Provide an endorsement from a teacher
Apr. 17	Canadian Hard of Hearing Association	Various \$1000-\$2000	 → For deaf or hard of hearing students. → Transcripts, recent audiogram, reference letters, essay
Apr. 20	Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists Scholarships	\$1000 X 6	 → Entering a post-secondary program in food, agriculture, bioresources, or environment. → Write two short essays.
Apr. 30	Canadian Agri- Business Education Foundation	\$2500	 → Students entering 1st, 2nd, or 3rd year of agrelated programs are eligible. → Answer in essay or video format: What do you consider to be the two main opportunities for the Canadian agriculture and food industry, and which one inspires you the most?

Apr. 30	The Leonard Foundation Financial Assistance Program	\$1000 to \$1500 x 100	 → Must be in a full-time undergraduate program and participate regularly in athletic or military activities. Potential for leadership required. → All applicants will be considered, preference given to children of ordained clergy, teachers, and Canadian military.
April 30	Great Plains College Scholarships	\$500-\$3000	→ Apply by April 30 if you are attending GPC in September.
Apr. 30	Cara Brown Ringette Scholarship	\$1500 x 2	→ Must play ringette at AA or higher level, academic excellence