

Career News

News and General Information

Info that is new this month is indicated by a white background the new label. Titles are in **red font**.



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



Read the sections just for you:

FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS new info has blue shading, blue font, blue border, and new sticker and old info has grey shading and an old stuff sticker.



FOR TEACHERS new info has red shading, red font, red border, new sticker. And old info has grey shading, and an old stuff sticker.



FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS—SIGN UP FOR THE GOOGLE CLASSROOM:

- 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. This is the [direct link](#) to the Google Classroom. Classroom Code: jydb6w

**PSSD POSTSECONDARY AND CAREER
GOOGLE CLASSROOM 2026/2027**

Your one stop shop that includes:

- Post-Secondary Education Information and Events
- Career Information and Events
- Scholarship Opportunities
- Credit Opportunities
- and more

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FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS --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.

Here are a few reminders for those students who still need to send their **OFFICIAL Saskatchewan transcripts** to the post-secondary institutions of their choice through MyCreds:

1. If haven't set up your account yet, please use the awesome step-by-step guide that the University of Regina has created. You don't need to be going to the U of R to use this guide. It can be used for all post-secondary schools. It just helps you with the process of how to do it all.
2. If you do not see your post-secondary school in the drop-down menu when you go to select your post-secondary school, you will need to contact that school to find out how they want your official

transcripts sent. **If you used an educational portal to apply**, for example like ApplyAlberta or EducationPlannerBC, you need to select those portals from the drop-down list to share your transcript.

3. When you are ordering your transcripts through MyCreds, **leave the expiry date blank to ensure that the post-secondary school has access to the transcript throughout the admissions process**, including after the end of the school year to confirm Grade 12 standing.

4. Your marks will update once the ministry receives them from the school division. **This will not be an immediate thing.** Once the ministry receives your marks and verifies them, they send them through MyCreds, and MyCreds will push them to the post-secondary schools that you have shared them with. This may take a few days into semester two to happen as well as in June, once final marks are submitted.

- 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](#)

FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS: NEW STUFF

- Remember that most of Sask. Polytechnic's programs are [First Qualified, First Admitted \(FQFA\)](#) 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, 2026. If you wait, the course may be full. Here is an [application guide](#) 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. 
- [Bridge to Campus](#) is a student-led, non-profit organization that helps high school students across Canada build connections with university students, as they prepare for the transition to post-secondary education. There will be another signup deadline (end of Sept.) for students in grade 12 next year. If you sign up and don't like it, you can quit, but you can't join after the deadline. Mentees from Alberta, British Columbia, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Saskatchewan have been paired with mentors who share personalized advice on applications, scholarships, campus life, and career pathways. Free services include:
 - **1-on-1 Mentorship:** Students are paired with a university mentor who provides tailored guidance and support on university applications, admission essays and ask any questions that they may have. This year, our mentors will be from McGill University, University of Toronto, University of Waterloo, and Queen's University. This service is completely online, and meetings are conducted through platforms such as Zoom.
 - **Themed Webinars:** Interactive panels with current university students covering topics such as university applications, choosing the right program, financial aid, dorm selection and more.
 - **Essay Review Service:** Students can submit scholarship essays to be peer-reviewed by our trained university students.

This year, we are working to expand our reach to more high school students. If you are interested, have any questions, or want to learn more about the organization, go to [Bridge to Campus](#).

FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS: FOR STUDENTS 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 [Saskpolytech Accessibility Services](#) or [U of R Accommodations](#) or [U of S Access and Equity Services](#). 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 [Saskpolytech Accessibility Services](#) for the 6-8 weeks of training. When you get to writing your final journey person exams, contact [Sask Apprenticeship](#).

FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS: OLD STUFF FROM PREVIOUS ISSUES

- 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 [Sask. Youth Apprenticeship Challenges](#). Doing SYA allows you to acquire 300 hours of trade time, free level 1 technical training (potentially saving nearly \$1000), free registration (\$250 savings), and a shot at one of the 100 scholarships worth \$1000 across the province.
- 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. [DegreeHub](#) is a career myth buster designed to help students who are exploring a variety of career paths.
- RDIEC [Parents as Career Coaches 2025: Funding Your Student's Education](#) 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 [RDIEC YouTube Channel](#) under the heading [Parents as Career Coaches](#).
- You may already be aware that the SaskPower plants in Coronach (Poplar River) and Estevan (Shand and Boundary) will remain operational until 2050. SaskPower continues to have a strong need for Power Engineers at these facilities and continues to promote the Sask. DLC 5th Class and 4th Class Power Engineering programs. While students have many pathways to choose from, one particularly popular option is as follows:
 - Grade 11 students take 5th Class Power Engineering — PE 20L in Semester I and PE 30L in Semester II. This provides two credits toward graduation and their 5th Class Power Engineering certification.
 - If students enjoy Power Engineering, they can continue in Grade 12 by taking one course each semester to complete their 4th Class. With a 4th Class Certification, graduates are employable immediately at the Coronach and Estevan plants, where there is an ongoing demand for 4th Class Power Engineers.
 - Following high school, students also have the option to attend a post-secondary college for one year to complete their 3rd Class and half of their 2nd Class. Second Class Power Engineers are in high demand. For more information, contact Saskatchewan DLC at helpdesk@saskDLC.ca or 306-252-1000.
- [RDIEC's Job Readiness webpage](#) 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 [tips to prepare for post-secondary representatives](#).
- Students 16-18 who are interested in volunteering in the health care field, consider the Volunteer 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 [Scholarship Library from mycampusgps.ca](#). It's a paid service, but you can acquire information to be well-prepared in grade 11 to apply for scholarships in grade 12.
- 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 [Career Assessment](#) or [Career Clarity Guide](#) from Ken Coleman. They provide 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 [RDIEC](#) event: Parents as Career Coaches: Funding your Child's Education.
- Keep up to date on the [RDIEC YouTube Channel](#) 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 [Health Science Fact Sheet](#) for more information on health programs in and outside the province.
- Unsure of what you wish to do after grade 12? Consider [Discover Year](#), 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. [Apply here](#).
- [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 International Experience Canada (IEC) Program. Other countries also offer the option of a working holiday. See the full list [here](#).
- Or check out [The Canadian Gap Year Association](#) for different options for a gap year after grade 12. Instead of an in-person year of activities, this organization has [several specific programs](#).
- [Skills Canada Saskatchewan](#) is out with their [Newsletter](#). Skills Canada Saskatchewan is a not-for-profit Provincial Organization that promotes skilled trades and technologies to young people in Saskatchewan.

FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS: RCMP INFO--OLD STUFF

- Interested in the RCMP? [Click here](#) for more information on how to become a civilian employee or a police officer. Learn about the [nine steps](#) required to become a police officer. Attending a [recruiting event](#) 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.



FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS MYBLUEPRINT INFO: NEW STUFF

Monthly info and updates:

- [Family Webinar Series \(New\)](#)
 - Help your families support their teens' post-secondary journeys in the final session of our spring series featuring expert Tasneem Damji.
- Please contact me with any questions or ideas regarding resources or implementation. For technical support, please contact support@myblueprint.ca for a speedy response.
- Webinar [Preparing for Course Selection](#) 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](#).
- Please contact me with any questions or ideas regarding resources or implementation! For technical support, please contact support@myblueprint.ca for a speedy response.
- Watch on Your Own Schedule: We know your evenings are busy. To further support you, myBlueprint has recorded two specialized webinars that you can watch whenever they fit your family's schedule:
 - For Families of Middle School Students: [Session Recording](#)
 - For Families of High School Students: [Session Recording](#)



FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS MYBLUEPRINT INFO: OLD STUFF

- Students and parents new to myBlueprint can try out the [myBlueprint Family Toolkit](#) 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 [Jeff Feeley](#) 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.
[Vision Board Lesson Plan & Slideshow](#) to help students visualize their goals and dreams.
[A Forwards & Backwards Planning Slideshow](#) to guide students in preparing for their future.



- Here are some great resources to start the year.
 - [Getting Started Guide for Students](#)
 - [Creating Class Activities Package](#)
 - [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 [Industry Immersion Series](#) 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 support@myblueprint.ca for a speedy response.

FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS: SAFETY INFO--OLD STUFF

- [Free WHMIS Training](#) is available through the Sask. Safety Council. Login to our [Learning Management System](#) and check out the other free programs listed below.
- [Fall Protection](#), [Ground Disturbance](#), [Hearing Protection](#), [Mental Health Wellness Resiliency](#), [New Worker Readiness](#), [Respiratory Protection](#), [Retail Safety Training](#), [Safe Gravel Travel](#), [Safe Trailing](#). Check the [Events Calendar](#) of the Safety Council for future 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 [Grade 9 Safety Fair Videos](#). 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
Motor Safety Association
Service Hospitality
Energy Safety Canada

Sask. Safety Association
SGI – Young Drivers
Sask. Construction Safety Association

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



- The 4th Annual Business Diploma Case Competition will be Nov. 12 in Moose Jaw. In partnership with ***The Royal Bank of Canada***, we are thrilled to invite grade 9 to 12 students from Saskatchewan to generate ideas for a case scenario related to the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) and financial services industry, then present their ideas to expert judges including RBC personnel. This event is for students and teachers interested in applied learning opportunities related to business, financial literacy, entrepreneurship, communications, and more. Don't miss your chance to have fun, win scholarships and prizes, learn about the Business diploma program and financial services industry, and experience the polytechnic advantage.

Last year, 230 students from 25 high schools participated and over \$35,000 in scholarships and prizes were awarded! To learn more, here is a media release about last year's event: [High school students face off in Sask Polytech and Saskatchewan Rush business case showdown](#). To register your students, complete this 2-minute form: [2026 Sask Polytech Business Diploma Case Competition](#). Space is limited, so register your teams early. Contact [Stephen Kirzinger](#) for more information or if you have any questions about the event and we look forward to welcoming you and your students to campus in the fall.

- 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. Keep an eye out for topics in the fall.

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

How to Get Started:



- **Changes to Career Safety Education:** The Sask. Safety Council does not require participating 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.

FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS: APPRENTICESHIP & TRADES INFO--NEW STUFF

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FOR TEACHERS: APPRENTICESHIP AND TRADES INFO: NEW STUFF

- The [SYA Newsletter](#) is out. Check it out for the latest on all things Apprenticeship.
- The new contact for the south of Saskatchewan is [Rina Hanowski](#) (SYA Program Consultant, Regina office) 306-527-1730. She can conduct SYA presentation requests in the southern half of the province, VR presentation requests, and provide MyATC assistance.
- 60 Day SYA Application Rejection Policy: To better serve our clients, the SATCC has implemented a more streamlined process to reduce the number of incomplete SYA applications pending in MyATC. Once an SYA application is submitted by the student, the SYA Champion receives a notification to approve it. SYA applications that are sitting unapproved by SYA Champions will be rejected by the SYA Coordinator after 60 calendar days if the SYA Champion or student does not respond to repeated attempts at follow-up. Students can still reapply for SYA if their initial application was rejected. The full policy can be found in the [MyATC Knowledge Centre](#). If you have any questions, please contact the Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator at youthapprenticeship@gov.sk.ca or 306-787-2368.
- Sask. Apprenticeship has a [MyATC Guide](#) 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.
- Contact Sask. Apprenticeship's SYA Program Development Specialist (306-227-7801) for information on career fairs and SUTIL inquiries. They are currently short of staff, so contact the main office for assistance.



- 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](#).
- 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.
- [Entrance Requirements-for-Apprenticeship Training](#) explains the high school grades and classes required to apprentice in each specific trade.
- [Journey through Apprenticeship](#) 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 youthapprenticeship@gov.sk.ca. You can find MyATC [here](#).

FOR TEACHERS: APPRENTICESHIP AND TRADES INFO: OLD STUFF

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FOR TEACHERS: MYBLUEPRINT INFO: NEW STUFF

- New to myBlueprint or need a refresher? These [live training sessions](#) offer practical guidance you can use right away. Plus, every session includes a live Q&A and downloadable resources.
- The beginning of the year is a great opportunity to get to know your students and help them learn more about themselves. With this [ready-to-use activity and accompanying slideshow](#), your students will reflect on their favourite subject areas, complete the Who Am I knowledge survey, and answer reflection questions about their results.
- Give students a window into real careers, experiences, and next steps with myBlueprint LaunchPad: a new collection of bite-sized videos featuring real people sharing what they do and how they got there. Students can explore videos across paths including Skilled Trades, Emerging Careers, On the Job, Life Skills, Mindsets, How I Got Here, Problems, and Post-Secondary — making it easy to spark career exploration and meaningful conversations. Students can [access LaunchPad directly](#) or through their myBlueprint dashboard.
- September is your reset button - the best window to get your digital classroom organized before the pace of the term picks up. Taking just a few minutes now on class setup ensures seamless student tracking, fewer login bumps, and a strong, confident start to career and pathway planning for every student.

September myBlueprint Bulletin: Year Launch & Setup

Reminders & Updates

- **New SK Financial Literacy Resource:** Designed to equip students with the skills they need to take charge of their financial futures. These ready-to-use materials align with Saskatchewan's Financial Literacy 10 course and focus on key areas such as budgeting, goal setting, and developing a healthy financial mindset. [Check out the updated guide now.](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact [Natalie McMerty](#) with any questions regarding resources or implementation. For technical support, please contact support@myblueprint.ca for a speedy response.

- As we head into the new school year, below are tailored, ready-to-use myBlueprint email templates to help reconnect existing staff with the platform and support new staff as they get started. These are a form letter that could be sent to all staff using myBlueprint, but I'm not doing that. Check out the one most appropriate to you. They contain links to a variety of different resources on myBlueprint.
 - [Secondary Guidance Counsellor](#)
 - [Elementary Guidance / Jr. High Teachers \(general\)](#)
 - [School Administrators / Principals](#)
 - [Financial Literacy 10 educators](#)

FOR TEACHERS CHATTERHIGH INFO: NEW STUFF



- ChatterHigh is a Canadian education platform that helps K–12 students explore real post-secondary, trades, and technology pathways at no cost. For Saskatchewan, one example is the “Agriculture Career Pathways for Teens Saskatchewan” course, which has students explore career options in the province’s agriculture industry by touring relevant industry websites. Nationally, ChatterHigh also hosts the Canada Revenue Agency’s “Learn About Your Taxes” courses, a gamified tax literacy program where students complete seven short modules and can earn a certificate of achievement, and “Keep Canada Safe! Discover Careers in Cyber Security,” developed with CSE and the Canadian Centre for Cyber Security, among many others. All are available in both English and French:
 - [Saskatchewan Agriculture pathway](#)
 - [CRA “Learn About Your Taxes” tax literacy courses](#)
 - [Cyber careers with CSE and the Canadian Centre for Cyber Security](#)
 - [Quantum Careers program](#)
 - [Careers of the Future](#)
- **We’re excited to share what’s new for 2026–27!**
 - **Privacy in Gaming: Navigating Dark Patterns, Data Sharing, and Digital Rights** by Digital Moment and The Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada
 - [New Tax Case Scenarios](#) by the Canada Revenue Agency
 - **Foundations of Science - Grade 8** by Let's Talk Science
 - **Foundations of Science - Grade 9** by Let's Talk Science
 - Pathways Planner Tool
 - Curriculum mapping charts in [French](#) and [English](#)
- **Ready-to-use Activities with Built-in Assessment**
- **AI & Digital Literacy**
 - [Adventure into Artificial Intelligence](#) by Digital Moment
 - [Media Literacy & AI: Navigating Truth in the Digital World](#) (New) by Digital Moment
 - **Privacy in Gaming: Navigating Dark Patterns, Data Sharing, and Digital Rights** (New) by Digital Moment & The Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada
 - **For Teachers: [AI for Educators](#)** (Newly updated) by Digital Moment
- **Humanities**
 - [Connect to Citizenship: Explore Canada's Culture, Heritage and Diversity](#) (New) with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada
- **Science & Environment**
 - **Foundations of Science - Grade 8** (New) by Let's Talk Science
 - **Foundations of Science - Grade 9** (New) by Let's Talk Science
- **Financial Literacy**
 - [Insurance Literacy and Me](#) by Insurance Career Connections
 - [Money Management Foundations](#) by the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada
 - [Money Management After High School](#) by the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada
 - [Saving For the Future](#) by the Canada Revenue Agency
 - [Learn About Your Taxes Courses](#) (New case studies added) by the Canada Revenue Agency

- **Career and Pathways Exploration**

- **Daily Quiz** Bellringer activity for careers and pathways exploration
- **Pathways Planner** (New) In-depth report-building tool for researching post secondary and career pathways!
- [Connect to Actuaries and the Canadian Institute of Actuaries](#) by the Canadian Institute of Actuaries
- [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
- [Connect to Careers in AI](#) by Digital Moment

- **Health, Wellness & Safety**

- [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion](#)
- [Mental Health and Wellness](#)
- [Mental Health Disorders and Substance Use](#)

- **Announcing Partnership!**

- [The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Canada](#) - This new module allows students to learn about the Award. In addition, all ChatterHigh activities completed can help fulfill their Award requirements!

- **Stay up to date with our course library [here](#).**

- **Competitions for 2026-2027 School Year:**

- [Learn About Your Taxes](#) \$5,000 prize pot (with the Canada Revenue Agency)
- FALL: Sept. 1 - Oct. 16, 2026 and SPRING: Feb. 1 - Mar. 19, 2027
- [Money Management](#) \$7,000 prize pot (with the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada)
- FALL: Sept. 1 - Oct. 16, 2026 and SPRING: Feb. 1 - Mar. 19, 2027
- [Let's Talk Careers](#) \$50,000 prize pot (with Let's Talk Science, NGen, and NAV Canada)
- FALL: Oct. 26 - Dec. 4, 2026 and SPRING: Apr. 12 - May 21, 2027

- **If you have questions about anything regarding ChatterHigh, contact:**

Kelly Dewhurst (she/her/elle) Available Monday - Friday

www.ChatterHigh.com | 250.590.0566 | [Book a Meeting](#)

FOR TEACHERS CHATTERHIGH INFO: OLD STUFF

Why Educators Use ChatterHigh

- **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, AI Literacy, Environment and more. Students can earn certificates from the content authority that can be used in their portfolio, or for resumes. Our [Curriculum Connection Chart](#) makes it simple to see which resources align with your courses.
- Self-marking platform to save teachers time



- Builds essential life skills in career exploration, financial literacy, mental health, and now AI literacy
- 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](#).

- New AI Resources & Teacher PD (with [Digital Moment](#))
 - Teacher PD: [AI for Educators](#): A new 1-hour upskilling course designed specifically for teachers.
 - New Media Literacy: Keep an eye out for our soon-to-launch module to help students navigate the digital world safely and with confidence.
 - Available in French and English
- In addition to the activities mentioned above, other included topics: Mental Health, Careers and Pathways, Science and Environment, and more!
 - [View All Available ChatterHigh Modules](#)
- [Digital Moment](#), 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: [AI for Educators: Foundations, Applications and Classroom Activities](#).
- Modules (Total completion time: 1 hour)
 - Understanding AI: Fact vs Fiction
 - Teaching AI Literacy: Guide to Delivering Lessons with Experience AI
 - AI Ethics and Digital Citizenship
 - Teaching AI Safety: Guide to Delivering Lessons with Experience AI
 - Teaching and AI: Technologies to Support and Streamline Your Day
- As always, we are here to support 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.
- To explore our offerings further, view our SK Curriculum Charts in [ENGLISH](#) and [FRENCH](#). At no cost, these modules give educators a solid understanding of AI concepts and provide practical activities to use directly in the classroom.
- Stay up to date with our course library [here](#).

FOR TEACHERS: CAREER AND WORK EXPLORATION (CWEX) INFO.--OLD STUFF

- The [Saskatchewan Federation of Labour](#) 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 [Janelle Gerard](#) (306-924-8301).
- New to CWEX or Career Education 6-9? Try these resources. Check out the [Career Planning](#) section of the Prairie South site for login instructions for both myBlueprint and ChatterHigh
 - a. [ChatterHigh](#) is a gamified content engagement platform to help students prepare for life after high school.
 - b. [myBlueprint](#) is a great resource for students and teachers to learn about all things career. [myBlueprint Support](#) is a great resource for teachers to access assignments, webinars, videos, and other resources for both teachers and students. Teachers, contact [Jeff Feeley](#) to get registered with myBlueprint and access these great resources.



- Anyone teaching Career and Work Exploration (CWEX) please contact [Jeff Feeley](#) 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 [Connect](#).

FOR TEACHERS: MISCELLANEOUS OLD STUFF

- Have a look at the great information from the [Saskatchewan Mining Association](#), including [career posters](#) 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 [Regina Work Prep Centre](#). 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 [Eric Milos](#) to book them for your school.
- Teachers and Career Counsellors, try out [Wayfinder](#), a collection of over 300 reflective practice resources to enhance career development with experiential learning.



Post- Secondary Information

SASKATCHEWAN POLYTECHNIC: NEW STUFF

- HURRY. Almost all programs use the [First Qualified/First Admitted process](#), which opened September 1, 2026 for fall 2027. It is best that students apply sooner, rather than later, especially for highly popular programs that are quick to fill.
 - [Registration is open](#) for Open Houses. Sign up or email us if you'd like to register a group booking. (Saskatoon Oct. 21, Prince Albert, Oct. 22. FREE applications on-the-spot at each event for first qualified, first admitted programs for fall 2027.
 - **Electrical Engineering Spend a Day**--Students interested in our [Electrical Engineering Technology](#) program can come spend the day with us and learn more about the program on Monday, Oct. 26, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Moose Jaw campus. Students will get first-hand experience with:
 - introduction to electrical and electronic systems
 - hardware and software programming using electromechanical relays and programmable logic controllers (PLCs)
 - AC and motor circuits
 - You will also learn more about the program, admission requirements, and the [Co-op program](#).
- [Students can register online](#). For more information, please contact scott.hellings@saskpolytech.ca



- Saskatchewan Polytechnic is changing the Primary Care Paramedic program from a certificate to a diploma beginning with the September 2027 intake. This change aligns with new accreditation requirements for paramedic education programs outlined by the Canadian Organization of Paramedic Regulators. It has also been consistently full for several years, so it is moving to Competitive Admission, meaning eligible applications are reviewed and ranked. For the Primary Care Paramedic diploma program, applicants should expect that higher averages and any additional published selection criteria may affect how applications are ranked. Final admission requirements and selection details will be available on the diploma program page before applications open. Applications will be accepted between Oct 1 - Feb 15 for the fall cohort. New admission requirements are as such:
 - Grade 12 with a minimum of 65%, or equivalent, in each of the following courses: one 30-level English Language Arts, Biology 30, one of Workplace and Apprenticeship Mathematics 30 or Foundations of Mathematics 30 or Pre-Calculus 30, and one additional 30-level Natural Science or Social Science or Humanities.
 - Applicants must be 18 years old by the start of the program.
- The 4th Annual Business Diploma Case Competition will be Nov. 12 in Moose Jaw. In partnership with **The Royal Bank of Canada**, we are thrilled to invite grade 9 to 12 students from Saskatchewan to generate ideas for a case scenario related to the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) and financial services industry, then present their ideas to expert judges including RBC personnel. This event is for students and teachers interested in applied learning opportunities related to business, financial literacy, entrepreneurship, communications, and more. Don't miss your chance to have fun, win scholarships and prizes, learn about the Business diploma program and financial services industry, and experience the polytechnic advantage.

Last year, 230 students from 25 high schools participated and over \$35,000 in scholarships and prizes were awarded! To learn more, here is a media release about last year's event: [High school students face off in Sask Polytech and Saskatchewan Rush business case showdown](#). To register your students, complete this 2-minute form: [2026 Sask Polytech Business Diploma Case Competition](#). Space is limited, so register your teams early. Contact [Stephen Kirzinger](#) for more information or if you have any questions about the event and we look forward to welcoming you and your students to campus in the fall.

- **Competitive application process changes:** Students applying to one of our Competitive Entry programs will be automatically assigned to one of two pools by our Admissions team. Self-selection is not permitted.
 - Category A: High school applicants (current high school students and applicants with less than 15 credit units from a recognized post-secondary institution) are evaluated and ranked by application score, calculated as the average of required courses.
 - Category B: Post-secondary applicants (students with a minimum of 15 credit units from a recognized post-secondary institution).
 - [You can find more information on our webpage](#). Contact our Recruitment team with questions.
 - Applications for Competitive Entry programs will open on **October 1**.
- **Dual Credit courses:** Students who are interested in the Business Diploma program, they can get started, study once, and count it twice.
Date: February 2 – June 5, 2026: Business diploma courses offered:

- ACCT 122 – Intro Financial Accounting 1 (Accounting 10)
- BUS 104 – Introduction to Business (Entrepreneurship 20)
- FIN 100 – Personal Finance (Financial Literacy 20)
- MGMT 108 – Introduction to Sport Management (Introduction to Sport Management 30)
- **Delivery format:** Online self-paced, with instructor available for support
- **Fee:** \$400, approximately. Contact Moose Jaw Enrolment Services at 306-691-8383 to register. For more information, visit the [Sask Polytech Dual Credit website](#) or contact mj.bsa@saskpolytech.ca
- There are many 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.
- [Request a 1-on-1 advising session](#) on campus or via Zoom.

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- Access the [Career and Employment Toolkit](#). Free resources to help you build self-awareness and plan your next career step at your own pace.
- If 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.
- First Qualified/First Admitted programs may close to new applications once they are filled to capacity and have 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.
- 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:
 - 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.
 - 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 to each program for which they want to be simultaneously considered.
- [Book a Campus Tour](#) 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.
- Undecided about what to do at Sask. Poly? Check out the [Program Explorer](#). 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 programs which may be a good fit and lets you print, share, or get in touch with advisors for further assistance.



- [Supports for Success](#) 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](#).

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- The university's annual events for future students to explore all USask has to offer return this fall:
 - **Thursday, October 22 - [Prince Albert Campus Open House](#)**
 - **Counsellors and teachers:** Save the date for the [counsellor information sessions](#) remaining in October:
 - **Oct. 21** is an online counsellor info session for those who can't attend in person.
- Do you know students in Grades 10, 11 and 12 in Saskatoon and area who love science and are curious about a future in medicine or the health sciences? Join us for [Discovery Days](#) hosted at the main USask campus in Saskatoon in partnership with the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame on Thursday, November 12, 2026. This full-day experience features a dynamic keynote speaker, two hands-on interactive workshops, and a career panel Q&A with researchers, clinicians, and educators. Students can explore real pathways, ask questions, and see what a career in health could look like. Teachers and guidance counsellors can register their school to express interest to participate between now and the deadline on Wednesday, October 14. Student registration for eligible schools opens Friday, October 16.
- **Viewbook Corrections:** We hope you've received USask viewbooks mailed out this month and are finding the content inspiring and useful in engaging students interested in university. Please note the following corrections:
 - On page 23, the number of years required to complete the Bachelor of Science in Nursing is 4 years, and mathematics is recommended for this program.
 - On page 33, the expected target average based on 2026-27 admissions for the Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology/Bachelor of Education Combined program is 85.2%.
- The university's website is always the most complete and accurate source of information about the university's programs and requirements. Requirements and deadlines for 2027-28 admissions will be up to date when applications open on September 25.
- Students are encouraged to explore [flexible learning opportunities](#) at USask. New students planning to enroll this year can [search for classes](#) with a flexible component.
- The College of Arts and Science has launched [ArtSci Ready](#), a centralized resource designed to guide incoming students as they transition to their first year in Arts and Science. [ArtSci Ready](#) helps answer key questions such as:



- What classes should I take?
- How do I register for classes?
- What supports are available on campus?
- Where do I go for help?

[ArtSci Ready](#) is available in a variety of formats to fit individual student needs, including an interactive PDF guide, online Canvas space, and live sessions facilitated by academic advisors.

- If you want to receive the most up-to-date information, please sign up for our [counsellor newsletter](#).

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- Learn how your students can find their way to becoming a registered nurse at USask! Join us on the third Wednesday of every month at 3 pm CST-Saskatchewan for an [online information session](#).



Counsellors are also welcome to arrange an in-person information session or to set up another Zoom presentation for their class. Email us at undergradnursing.advising@usask.ca to inquire.

- If your students are interested in careers in [Occupational Therapy](#), [Physical Therapy](#), or [Speech-Language Pathology](#), it's not too early to explore the programs offered through USask's [School of Rehabilitation Science](#).

Program features include:

- Small class sizes with friendly, accessible and supportive faculty and staff
- 27-month programs, including 30 weeks of supervised clinical practice in various health settings and experience areas
- Opportunities for interprofessional learning with students from other health professions
- Applications for these three graduate programs open in the fall term. Students with any undergraduate degree who have completed the required pre-requisites are encouraged to apply.

Find more information on the [School of Rehabilitation Science website](#).

- Did you know students can take classes at USask while they're still in high school, and in Saskatchewan, can be eligible to receive both high school AND university credit for them? Saskatchewan students can find a list of courses approved for dual credit on the [Government of Saskatchewan's website](#), including [COMM 101: Introduction to Business](#). Application deadlines for students in high school to take a class as an early learner in the fall term are in June or July. [Learn more about early learner pathways](#).
- [USask Nursing's parent page](#) is where parents/guardians can find all the information they need about the USask Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program. There is information on tuition, careers as registered nurses, required courses, campus locations, and much more! We encourage you to share this link with your students and their parents/guardians.
- The [Nursing Prep](#) year makes things more clearly defined 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 pre-professional 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 [Nursing Prep](#) 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 of S Nursing Parent Page](#) provides parents and guardians a lot of info to help assist potential nursing students.
- Teachers and counsellors who wish to book a tour for your class, may do so by contacting [Admissions](#).
- [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.
- 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](#).
- Interested in business? Consider [studying abroad](#) to give you an international experience in university.
- [The After \(Business\) School Special](#) 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.
- 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.
 - The application deadline for Music and Music Education programs is now Feb. 15.
 - The [College of Agriculture and Bioresources](#) is excited to announce a new admission pathway for the [Indigenous Lands Governance](#) and [Indigenous Resource Management](#) diplomas.
- [Chat with USask](#) 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.
- [Campus tours](#) are on. [Click here](#) 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.
- 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? [Click here for more.](#)
- Interested in the [Edwards School of Business](#)?
- 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 [Brayden Glynn](#) for a classroom presentation to learn of the opportunities available at Edwards.
- [Counsellors and Agents' Hub](#) 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.
- [Drop-in Q and A Wednesdays](#) 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 [Calendar of upcoming events](#) includes all the events in which the university will be participating in the upcoming months.

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- October is our [Free Application Month for Indigenous Students](#). During this time, applicants can apply free of charge by entering the promotional code **INDIGOCT2026** when submitting their application. The U of R is calling all prospective students to **Spend a Day with our Music Department**.



- Get your students to swap their regular day for a day in the life of a music student! They will be paired with a current U of R music student to get a taste of life in the department. Your students can explore first-year classes, tour our beautiful department, get a free lunch, and have an opportunity to ask questions on Oct 19, 21 & 26, 8:30-- 2:30. [Register here.](#)
- Mark your calendars for the [Fall Open House](#) at the University of Regina - our biggest in-person event of the year for prospective students. We have planned numerous activities, tours, and events for students as well as sessions for parents and supporters. This will be Friday, October 16, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Centre for Kinesiology, Health, and Sport (CKHS) at U of R. Here is the event schedule:
 - **9:00 a.m.** - Check-in, Campus Booth Expo & Admission On The Spot
 - **10:00 a.m.** - President's Welcome
 - **10:15 a.m.** – Faculty Sessions
 - **11:15 a.m.** – Faculty Sessions
 - **12:15 p.m.** – Campus Expo, Supports for Success & MAP Studio Tour
 - **1:15 a.m.** – Pre-Professional Session & **Parents/Supporters Session**
 - **2:15 p.m.** – Undecided Student Session & MAP Studio Tour
 - **4:30 p.m.** – Event Ends
 - Campus and housing tours will be offered every hour, on the hour, starting at 10:15 a.m. Admission-on-the-Spot will run throughout the day.

Register here for [Fall Open House](#) **Quick Tip:** It is recommended that students who will be bussed to the event by their school, apply at AOTS in the morning to receive their admission decision before their bus departure.

- **Special Announcement For Students Applying to our Nursing Programs:** Applicants to Nursing with an early conditional admission average of 90% and above can be admitted on the spot if applying at Fall Open House. Guidance Counsellors, please share this with your students and encourage them to take advantage of this special opportunity.

**Indigenous Education and Nursing applications with less than 90% admissions average require additional admission steps. Students interested in those programs can still apply for a second-choice program and take advantage of the discounted fee.*

- There are many upcoming events at the U of R. Check out [UR Future Student Events](#) for more information.
- The University of Regina has a new upcoming event on October 27 called Taste of Research: Student Showcase for Grade 10 and 11 students. It's a TEDx-style event where high school students learn the exciting research that our students have conducted. The cost of bussing will be covered by the U of R. It will be held Tuesday, Oct. 27, at Darke Hall from 1:00—2:30 pm. Each presenter is given 7-minutes to present followed by a Q&A. Presenters include:
 - Kamogelo (Amanda) Matebekwane - 3MT Winner--*Present Yet Invisible: The Realities of African Children in Canadian Classrooms*
 - Jaclyn Roach - SSHRC Winner--*What teachers teach (First UR Grad to win national SSHRC Storytellers Challenge)*
 - Rafael Grajales - 3MT 3rd/People's Choice--*Root rot complex, the silent enemy of pulses in Canadian prairies*
 - Angele Poirier - 180MT Winner--*Don't put all your eggplants in one basket (First UR PhD to win Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation scholarship)*

- What is Engineering Day: High school students, parents, guidance counsellors, and teachers all across Saskatchewan are invited to What is Engineering Day. Students can perform real engineering tasks in labs, hear from passionate professors, university students and special guests, demystify engineering myths, meet future classmates, win prizes, and more on Nov. 5, 9:00-4:00. Learn more and [click here](#) to register.
- Career and Guidance Counsellors, On Oct. 1, our Guidance Counsellor Portal will get updated for the 2026-27 academic year. This means that until Oct 1, all applicant data in the portal will reflect the status of students who graduated from your high school last June. Using the portal, you can:
 - View lists of applicants from your school
 - Check the status of each student's application
 - Use application status information to follow up with students about completing their applications
 - Upload materials to student applications, such as unofficial transcripts
 How to log in:
 - It is very simple, and it uses your email address as your username. If you have used the portal before, your login credentials will be the same. If you have never used the portal, then follow these instructions:
 - Click the button below to access the login screen.
 - Click "Forgot Your Password?"
 - Enter your email address and select Reset Password. You'll receive an email with instructions to set up your password.
 - If you have any trouble accessing the portal, please reach out to us at admissions@uregina.ca.
- Check out all the upcoming events at the U of R:
 - Oct 16 - Fall Open House
 - Oct 19, 21 & 26 - Music Spend-a-Day
 - Oct 20 - UR Information Session: Undergraduate Nursing Students
 - Oct 22 - UR Information Session: Graduate Nursing Students
 - Oct 22 - National Pasta Day Engineering Challenge
 - Oct 27 - A Taste of Research
 - Oct 28 - UR Journey: High School Accelerated
 - Nov 5 - What is Engineering? Day
 - Nov 12 - UR Next Chapter: Bachelor of Social Work After Degree
 - Nov 18 - UR Ready: Housing Application Workshop
- **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 will also qualify for the [Tuition Reimbursement Award](#), covering the full cost of their HSXL tuition and fees (**\$1100-1300 per class**). Here is how it works.
 - Application Deadline: TBA for fall classes
 - Course List: Available on the [website](#).
 - 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).
- **HSXL Fall & Winter Course Offerings**
 - **Winter 2027 (February 1 – May 7)**
 - English 100 — Remote, Tuesday, 6:00 PM – 8:45 PM
 - English 100 — Online Asynchronous
 - Chemistry 100 — Remote, Wednesday, 6:00 PM – 8:45 PM
- [Click here](#) for more information on HSXL courses.
- The [OMA Program](#) is designed to provide first-year Indigenous students with a supportive learning environment. Applications are now open. First-year Indigenous students entering the Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Business Administration, or the Faculty of Media, Arts, and Performance are eligible to apply. Contact the [ta-tawâw Student Centre](#) for more information.

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- If you wish to pursue a professional program at another university, consider taking pre-professional 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.
- Ever heard of a Federated College? Situated on the main U of R campus, [Luther College](#), [First Nations University of Canada](#), and [Campion College](#) 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 [Centre for Experiential and Service Learning](#). It allows you the opportunity for hands-on 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 [Jocelyne Paulhus](#). Contact her to book. 306-585-5274.
- The [OMA Program](#) 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, [Energy Systems Engineering](#). It is closely related to Petroleum, Sustainable Energy, and Energy Transportation and Storage Engineering.
- Prospective students can use this [Application Guide](#) 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 [Flexible Learning Division fall courses](#).



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).



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. [Click here](#) for a link to the programs.



GREAT PLAINS COLLEGE: NEW STUFF

- Applications are now open for our 2026/27 programs. There are several exciting additions and updates this year, including:
 - Continuing Care Assistant – Warman: A new full-time offering with a January 2027 start date.
 - Practical Nursing – Warman: A new full-time Practical Nursing program with an October 2027 start date.
 - Heavy Equipment Operator: Now offered at our Kindersley Campus.
 - Student Residence: Our student residence is now fully up and running at the Swift Current Campus, providing students with an on-campus housing option.
- **Upcoming Open Houses – Application Fee Waived.** These events are a great opportunity for students to explore programs, tour campus, ask questions, and learn more about student life at GPC. These are come and go, so no registration form is required. They are 5:30-7:30
 - Swift Current Campus: Thursday, October 15
 - Warman Campus: Thursday, October 22
 - Kindersley Campus: Thursday, October 29
- Great Plains College is excited to share that a new full-time Primary Care Paramedic (PCP) program will be launching at our Warman Campus beginning in December 2026. The one-year certificate program combines classroom learning, hands-on training, and hospital and ambulance practicums in the Saskatoon region to prepare students for careers in emergency medical services. Graduates will be eligible to write the provincial licensing exam for registration with the Saskatchewan College of Paramedics. Applications are now open, and students who apply by October 31, 2026, will automatically be considered for Entrance Scholarships ranging from \$500-\$3,000.



GREAT PLAINS COLLEGE: OLD STUFF



- Are you somewhat unsure about what you want to do after grade 12? Are you thinking you are not ready to move to a large university, but you don't really want to stay home and look for a job? Do you have an interest in agriculture but you're not sure what? Are you not ready to go to school to get a four-year degree because you aren't sure that's what you want to do? Or do you want to stay home and farm, but you'd like to be more knowledgeable? The Agricultural Science Certificate might just be for you.
This one-year program will give you hands-on knowledge and skills in the areas of marketing, cutting edge farming techniques, soil and crop science, marketing, recordkeeping and more. It is great for students who want to get a job with a grain, chemical, fertilizer, or other ag input companies, as well as for those who want to be better farmers. Tuition is reasonable, entrance scholarships are great, and it may not be too far from home. As a student entering an agricultural program, you are eligible for a significant number of great ag scholarships. And if you love it and want to take a second year, you can do that in Lakeland College.
- Our 3rd Class Power Engineering program will now start in May 2026, allowing 4th Class students to finish in April and transition directly into the next level.
- 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.
- 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.
- [Take a Virtual Tour or Webinar](#) to learn more about the campus or specific programs at GPC. There are numerous archived webinars on a wide variety of topics.

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](#).

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA: NEW STUFF



- Our biggest event of the year is back on Oct. 17. With the Butterdome under construction, we've traded the traditional booth fair for a campus takeover. Open House will feature special events, presentations and tours that give your students an authentic feel for the spaces they'll one day call home. [Register here](#).
- Visit the U of A campus in Camrose on Oct. 24 for Preview Day and discover everything Augustana Campus has to offer. Students can chat with future professors at the faculty fair, tour the campus and residence, meet current students and get help with their applications. [Registration opens](#) Sept. 15.

- Can't attend Augustana Preview Day? Students can still experience a day in the life as an Augustana student through our monthly student visits from September to March. Our next available date is October 13. [Register today](#).
- **[NEW – Bachelor of Health Sciences Program](#)** This new program prepares students to examine health and well-being factors while equipping them to create meaningful change for people, communities and health systems. Applications for the new four-year Bachelor of Health Sciences degree are now open.
- **[NEW – Nursing Round-Based Admissions Process](#)** The Faculty of Nursing is moving to a round-based admissions process as of Oct. 1 for high school applicants to the BScN Collaborative and BScN Bilingual programs. Applications will be evaluated and offers made in scheduled rounds. Once a student receives an offer they have 30 days to accept and pay the deposit (unless otherwise stated). If they do not accept within the 30-day window, their offer will be cancelled. Questions can be directed to nursing.recruiting@ualberta.ca.
- **[Drop-In Faculty Chats](#)** Are you interested in a program or ready to apply? Have you applied but have questions? Join a virtual group advising session where you will connect with a faculty advisor and learn about program options and application steps, all in one place.
- Keep up with things happening at the U of A on the [events page](#).
- **[CSJ Application Workshops](#)** Attention for your French-language students. Campus Saint-Jean is hosting workshops from Sept. 29 through December to help students navigate the application process. Registration opens Sept. 15. (Offered in French)
- **[Indigenous Student Experience Booth](#)** Come visit the Indigenous Recruitment Team at the Indigenous Student Experience Booth during [Open House](#) on Oct. 17. Located in University Commons, this booth is a great opportunity to connect with the team and other Indigenous programs and services.
- **[First Peoples' House Now Open](#)** We are excited to share news about the grand opening of the expanded First Peoples' House, the student service centre for First Nations, Métis and Inuit students at the U of A.
- **[Connect with the Indigenous Recruitment Team](#)**: To book a presentation or campus visit for your Indigenous students, please reach out to the team at indigenous@ualberta.ca.
- **[Faculty of Nursing – Casper Requirement Change](#)**--The U of A's Nursing programs no longer require students to take a Casper test as part of the [application submission process](#).
- **[Updates to English Language Proficiency](#)**--The Office of the Registrar is implementing a one-year suspension of the TOEFL iBT Home-based to meet English language proficiency requirements for undergraduate admission, effective immediately, for the fall 2027 intake. Prospective applicants will continue to have access to several other approved ELP assessments, such as IELTS and Duolingo exams, as well as all other approved ELP [methods outlined here](#).

- **International Student Support** Does your school have a growing population of international students? Visit our [U of A Passport](#) for all FAQs, upcoming virtual events and new programs — like our new International Student Payment Plan. Contact our [international student advisor](#) with questions.
- [Counsellor Update Registrations Still Open](#)
We're visiting counsellors across Canada, and we would love to connect! Join a Counsellor Update near you or virtually to learn all about the U of A and fall 2027 applications. **October:** Regina | Saskatoon | Vancouver | Victoria | Halifax | Virtual Option **November:** Lethbridge | Last Chance Virtual Option
- [Fem+ Faculty of Engineering's Mentorship Program](#) is a hybrid, seven-month program for women, non-binary and 2SLGBTQ+ high school students interested in exploring engineering. Students receive one-on-one mentorship from a U of A engineering student, experience university life and connect with peers.
- We offer one-on-one financial advising for incoming Indigenous students. Whether students are receiving band funding, seeking loans and grants or exploring external funding, our Indigenous student financial support coordinator can help. Email indigenous@ualberta.ca to get in touch.
- If you have questions about programs, admission requirements or support for Indigenous students, contact the [the Indigenous recruitment team](#) at indigenous@ualberta.ca. We can also arrange virtual or in-person advising sessions upon request.
- Encourage parents and supporters to subscribe to our Parent and Supporter E-News at uab.ca/parents for key dates, deadlines and helpful tips. Resource packages featuring our Undergraduate Viewbook and Parents and Supporters Handbook are also available for parent councils and groups. Email parents@ualberta.ca to request a package.
- Counsellors, do you have questions that you would like us to address in our E-News? Fill out [this form](#) and your topic might be selected for next month's theme.

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA: OLD STUFF

- Here are the ways counsellors and students can continue to connect with the University of Alberta:
 - [Counsellors' E-News](#)
 - [Counsellor Webpage](#)
 - [Program Tool](#)
 - [U of A Application](#)
 - [Virtual Advising](#)
 - [Recruitment Events \(In-Person & Virtual\)](#)
 - [Student Inquiries](#)
 - [Explore our digital viewbook](#)
 - [Take a campus tour](#)
 - [Book 1:1 advising](#)
 - [Contact our Student Service Centre](#)
- If you need some help from an academic advisor, make an appointment for some [Prospective Student Advising](#).
- Unsure about what to take at the U of A? Learn more about their [Undergraduate Programs](#)



- 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 [right here](#).**
- **[Faculty of Engineering's Fem+ Mentorship Program](#)** 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.
- **[Parents and Supporters E-News and Resources](#)** Parents are you looking to get their own set of helpful tips, reminders on important dates and deadlines and more? Subscribe to our [Parent & Supporters E-News](#) or to view our [Undergraduate Viewbook](#) and [Parents & Supporters Handbook](#).
- Click on the link to register for a [Prospective Student Advising](#) session to have questions answered.

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY: NEW STUFF

- IAs outlined in our session, we want to highlight a number of additional resources to support you and your students this year--2026 Counsellor Resource Guides:

[Counsellor Resource Page](#)

[UCalgary Counsellor Corner](#) (WhatsApp)

[UCalgary Recruitment and Admissions Counsellor Corner](#) (LinkedIn)



Webpages:

[Choosing a major and customize your degree](#)

[Course registration student resources](#)

Counsellors, if you missed a session at the counsellor update, view the recordings here:

[Canadian Refresher Session](#)

[International Refresher Session](#)

[Access Pathways Session](#)

[Counsellor Update Main Session](#)

[Student Financial Support Overview](#)

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- 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](#).
- There are two new majors: Bachelor of Science in [Data Science](#) and a Bachelor of Science in [Engineering Physics](#).
- [Discover UCalgary](#) 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 [click here](#) to sign up and get more information for students.

SOUTHERN ALBERTA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (SAIT): OLD STUFF

- For information about the programs available to students, attend the numerous [Information Sessions \(sait.ca\)](#) being held in the upcoming weeks and months. Also have a look at the many [On Demand](#) 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

- Fall 2027 applications opened on Sept. 15 and come with a big perk: **a guaranteed spot in on-campus housing**. All new high school and transfer students will qualify if they 1) apply to ULethbridge, 2) apply for Housing, and 3) accept their offer by Dec. 15, 2026. Students can [apply here](#).
- You're invited to [Open House](#) on Saturday, Oct. 24 at 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. This is a great chance for curious minds to explore campus, ask questions and get a feel for what being a student at ULethbridge is really like. [Open House Poster](#) (PDF)
- Our new [Engineering \(Integrated Engineering\)](#) program gives students the foundational knowledge and hands-on skills to work across a range of industries and communities. The program includes business-focused courses and a semester at Lethbridge Polytechnic, providing opportunities for experiential learning and entrepreneurship.
- As a result of new funding support, our [Early Years Education](#) program has [increased its cohort size](#) from 40 to 80 seats starting in Fall 2026. This four-year program prepares students to teach K–3 and helps meet the growing demand for teachers.



- When is the best time to apply to the U of L? Apply as early as possible, relative to the [application window](#). Applying early has its advantages, such as consideration for additional scholarships and, in some cases, an earlier offer of admission. Students who apply early also have ample time to get official documents in and catch anything they might have missed.
- Right now, **applying early comes with a huge perk**. If students apply for Fall 2027, apply for Housing and accept their offer by Dec. 15, 2026, they're guaranteed a spot in campus residence.
- Career counsellors and teachers, get ahead of the fall chaos and [book your recruiter visit](#) early. These visits help empower students so they can make informed decisions about their future.
 - **Presentations** – we'll deliver an engaging presentation, virtually or in person
 - **Lunch booths** – we'll set up a booth during lunch, so students can ask us questions
 - **Campus tours** – bring your class to our campus for a fun, personalized tour

UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE: OLD STUFF

- Our recruiters are ready to engage students virtually. We'll share what makes ULethbridge unique and answer questions you didn't even know you had. Email inquiries@uleth.ca.
Indigenous Identity Verification Form: Eligible students are encouraged to complete the **Attestation of Indigenous Identity Form** to access extra program seats, scholarships, and work-integrated learning opportunities devoted to Indigenous students.
- We're waiving the application fee for all self-identifying Indigenous students, as part of our commitment to reconciliation and removing barriers. Students can apply through the **Indigenous Student Application for Admission**.
- 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.
- Our [Indigenous Student Success Certificate](#) 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 [Bachelor of Education in Early Years](#) 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 [Bachelor of Nursing program](#).
- New Programs
 - Our [NEW Philosophy, Politics and Law \(PPL\)](#) 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 [NEW Southern Alberta Medical Program \(SAMP\)](#) 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.
- [ULethbridge Counsellor Resource Guide](#) is updated and available online.
- Take a [University of Lethbridge Virtual Tour](#) to learn more about the main campus, Calgary campus, and on-campus housing.

MEDICINE HAT COLLEGE: NEW STUFF

- [Online Appointment Bookings](#) for academic advisors and student support people are available.
- Open House will be Nov. 18 in Brooks and Oct. 27 in Medicine Hat. More information about the event can be found on our [Open House page](#).
- Counsellor Update for Saskatchewan will be Sept. 28 in Moose Jaw, along with Olds College.



MEDICINE HAT COLLEGE: OLD STUFF

- 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.
- 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

- Please view our website for all of RDP's [important dates](#) and [events](#). Here are some of the key dates for October and November.



October

- 1 [Applications for Fall 2027 Open](#)
- 1 | [Residence Applications for Fall 2027 Open](#)
- 1 | [Building on Excellence Awards Open](#)
- 8 | [Parent Information Night](#)
- 8 | [Palate: A Taste of Local](#)
- 15 | [Presentation Spotlight - RDP Business Programs](#)
- 17 | [Fall Open House](#)

November

- 1 | Residence Applications for Winter 2027 Open
- 27 | Student for a Day

- The Building on Excellence Award--If you are a current high school student planning to attend a credit program at Red Deer Polytechnic next fall, with 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. It's easy to apply. Fall 2027

Applicants: Beginning October 1, 2026, email your transcript or Detailed Academic Report to the [Student Enrolment Centre](#) and be sure to provide an up-to-date email address and phone number. There are limited scholarships to be awarded. Be sure to apply early.

- **Bachelor of Science Nursing**--The CASPer test requirement will be waived starting for the Fall 2027 intake. In the last 10 years the GPA has ranged from 3.3 to 3.7. In the last couple of years, it has been around 3.3 but can vary. Historically the GPA for winter intake has been lower than the fall intake. The seats for the winter intake have also increased to 96.
- **Diagnostic Medical Sonography**
Diagnostic Medical Sonography applicants will be offered admission on a competitive basis, with applicants ranked based on their Grade Point Average (GPA). The GPA calculation for admission will be calculated according to one of the following:
 - High School (20 credits): GPA will be calculated using the four high school courses required for admission to the program. If any of the required courses are in progress at the transcript submission deadline, the corresponding 20-level course in the subject/grade will be used.
 - Post-Secondary (18 or more credits): GPA will be calculated using 18 post-secondary credits, including all credits from the most recently completed term and the highest grades from the next most recent term.
 - Combined (fewer than 18 post-secondary credits): Applicants with fewer than 18 post-secondary credits will have their GPA calculated using all post-secondary credits, combined with high school coursework from the most recent semester. High school grades will be selected from the required courses for admission to the program to reach a total of 18 credits.
- Keep an eye on the [Upcoming Events](#) page for what's happening.

RED DEER POLYTECHNIC: OLD STUFF

- Recruitment Co-ordinator [Tracy McClelland](#) is available to answer questions or talk about anything at Red Deer Polytechnic, including one-on-one advising sessions.



OLDS COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY: NEW STUFF

- If you have any questions, please email recruitment@oldscollege.ca



OLDS COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY: OLD STUFF

- Teachers, counsellors, and principals can [book classroom presentations here](#) (in-person or virtual) with experts from Olds College. There are presentations on **Programs and Student Life** (the essential guide to campus life, admissions, and student success), **Careers in Agriculture** (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.
- [Take a Virtual Campus Tour here.](#)



MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY: NEW STUFF

- **Applications opened on Oct. 1.** Many of our most popular programs will fill with early applicants – so we apply early to get the best chance of admission. The Early Admission deadline is Feb 1, 2027.
- Open House is Oct. 17. Keep an eye out for more information.
- Guidance counsellor update will be Oct. 22. Keep an eye out for more information.
- The [Digital Viewbook](#) is now online. Learn about info on programs, admission requirements, and services.
- Counsellors or students have questions? Contact Recruitment and Admissions Specialist [Daria Ursol](#) or call 403.440-6342.



MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY: OLD STUFF

- Have questions? Email our Office of Admissions and Recruitment: aro@mtroyal.ca. Students are encouraged to apply for more than one program at no extra cost. They strongly recommend adding a backup program, such as an [alternative entrance option](#).
- [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 BRITISH COLUMBIA

- UBC will not require two ELA 30 credits as their website indicated previously this year.



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

CAREER COLLEGES



- [Career Colleges](#), 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 six regional colleges main offices across the province. They offer numerous post-secondary opportunities including trades (the same program offered by Sask. Polytechnic) and university classes (from the U of S and the U of R, in addition to personal interest programs and courses. Often, these programs are not filled as quickly as Sask. Polytechnic programs. Regional colleges and head offices:
 - [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

Sept. 1	Applications open for Sask. Polytech's First Qualified, First Admitted (FQFA) programs.
Oct. 1-31	Free Application Month for Indigenous Students at the U of R
Oct. 21	Sask. Poly Open House Saskatoon Register here.
Oct. 21	U of S Virtual counsellor information session
Oct. 21, 26	U of R Music Dept spend a day. Register here.
Oct. 22	Sask. Poly Open House Prince Albert Register here.
Oct. 22	Mount Royal University Guidance Counsellor Update
Oct. 22	U of S Prince Albert Campus Open House
Oct. 22	Great Plains College Open House Warman Campus 5:30-7:30

Oct. 24	U of A campus in Camrose (Augustana) Preview Day. Registration opens Sept. 15.
Oct. 24	U of Lethbridge Open House
Oct. 26	Sask. Poly's Electrical Engineering Tech Spend a Day
Nov. 13	Medicine Hat College Open House at the Medicine Hat Campus Open House page
Oct. 29	Great Plains College Open House Kindersley Campus 5:30-7:30
Nov. 12	U of S Discovery Days health care workshop/speakers/panel discussion
Nov. 12	2026 Sask Polytech Business Diploma Case Competition.
Nov. 18	Medicine Hat College Open House at the Brooks Campus Open House page
Feb. 1	Mount Royal University early admission deadline

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 [Scholar Tree](#), [Student Awards](#), [Scholarships Canada](#), [Scholarships.com](#), [StudentScholarships.org](#) and [Atila](#). Register with the organization to access many different scholarships and receive emails about upcoming scholarships.

There are often numerous scholarships specifically for people of Indigenous or Metis heritage. If you have a Treaty Card or Metis Membership Card, you may be eligible for variety of different scholarships or band or Metis local funding.

[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.

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

The newest edition of [Relevance Magazine](#) 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 [Scholarships and Loans](#) 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 [Gabriel Dumont Institute](#) offers numerous scholarships for those who are registered with the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan or have an application in progress. **Important: You must apply for funding by January 2027, as funding has been gone early in the last few years.** To begin the process of registration for Metis Nation-Saskatchewan citizenship, [click here](#). You can also contact the [New Southern Plains Metis Local #160](#) in Moose Jaw where you can have in-person help to acquire Metis Nation Citizenship. Or you can call Darrell at 306-631-6058 or Lorna at 306-631-7438.

The [Education Planning and Student Aid](#) 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 (yearly)	Full Ride- Student Life Network	\$35, 000	→ Be a member of the Student Life Network. → Open an eligible CIBC student account.
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.
Various	ARI Essay Contest	Various \$2000- \$25, 000	→ Must be in grade 8-12. → Choose a topic about books by Ayn Rand and submit an essay of 600-1200 words.

Various	<u>Scholarships & Bursaries - Sage Hill Writing</u>	Various	→ Write a letter of intent with your program application materials.
Accepting applications all year	<u>RBC Future Launch Scholarship</u> <u>Scholarship for Indigenous Youth</u>	\$1500 x 500 \$10,000 x 20	→ For ages 16-20 → Wide variety of criteria
Feb. 1 Apr. 30	<u>Masterfeeds Scholarships</u>	\$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 May 30	<u>Distance 360 Education Scholarship</u>	\$1000	→ 1500-word essay required.
Dec. 31, Mar. 31, June 30, Sept. 30	<u>Writers & Illustrators of the Future Contest</u>	\$500, \$750, \$1000 every three months	→ Enter a short story science fiction, fantasy, light horror up to but not exceeding 17,000 words.
Dec. 31 and Jul. 31	<u>Loans Canada Scholarship</u>	\$750 x2 (Dec, 2 July)	→ Complete an online form.
Mar. 31 Jun. 15	<u>Horatio Alger Scholarships</u>	\$3000 and up Various amounts	→ Variety of awards and criteria → Check site for details.
Oct. 15	<u>Loran Scholars Foundation</u>	\$100 000 x 25	→ Extensive evidence of leadership, character, and service required
Oct. 17	<u>Canadian Western Agribition Scholarships</u>	Various (\$1500-2500)	→ Must have participated in Agribition
Oct. 31	<u>Taking Flight Grants</u>	\$5000	→ Indigenous and Metis pursuing studies related to mining (very wide criteria)
Oct. 31	<u>Tangerine Scholarship</u>	\$20 000 x 1 \$1000 x 5	→ Enter a draw, complete online form.
Nov. 15	<u>10 Words or Less Scholarship</u>	\$1000 x 2	→ Explain why you deserve a \$1000 scholarship using 10 or fewer words. Ages 14-25
Nov. 15	<u>Odenza Marketing Group Scholarship</u>	\$500	→ Write two essays of fewer than 500 words and complete an application form.
Nov. 15	<u>ERA Scholarship Competition</u>	Various \$1000- \$10,000	→ Collect laptops, tablets, computers, or other approved devices
Nov. 30	<u>ServiceScape Scholarship</u>	\$1000	→ Enter a draw, complete online form.

Dec. 15	<u>Allied Van Lines Scholarship</u>	\$1000 X 4	→ Complete an online form and an essay.
Jan. 15	<u>SARM Scholarship</u>	\$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 a choice of topics.