



## News

You can access past issues of the PSSD Student Career News at <https://www.prairiesouth.ca/students/student-career-news/>

- Prairie South has recently partnered with the Regina and District Industry and Education Council. Together, the two organizations are organizing and offering Career Spotlights. These are 30-60-minute-long presentations from people working in a specific occupation. Students will learn about the duties, qualifications, rewards and challenges of working in this field. They finish with a Q and A and are run via Zoom. [The first will focus on Horticulture](#) and will be held on **Thursday, November 5 at 12:30 pm**. It will be led by Sarah Regent, Horticulturalist for the City of Moose Jaw. The second Career Spotlight will focus on Medical Laboratory Technician work and will be led by Lab Tech Tannis Tomaszewski on **Thursday, November 12 at 12:30 pm**. Other Career Spotlights held this month include Naturopath (**November 10, 10:00 to 11:00 am**), Regina City Police (**November 19, 12:15 to 1:00 pm**), and Veterinarian (**December 4, 10:00 to 11:00 am**). Access all Career Spotlights [here](#).
- Transcript Requests:** Grade 12 students who are applying to a post-secondary institution will need to send the institution an unofficial school transcript that lists the subjects they are taking in 2019-2020. They will also need to request that a [transcript from the Ministry of Education](http://www.k12.gov.sk.ca/etranscript) (www.k12.gov.sk.ca/etranscript) be sent to that institution. There is a \$25 fee for the first five selections and \$2 per additional location in one sitting. Students should check off the following (see below) and make all requests in one sitting because it will cost \$25 each time you login and make the requests:

**Where would you like the transcript sent?**

- Saskatchewan Polytechnic (SIAST) (all four campuses)
- Apprenticeship and Trade
- University of Regina
- University of Saskatchewan
- University of Alberta
- Self (3 copies provided)

*Note: you will be contacted by email if an address change is required*

**What is your situation?**

- I want my transcript(s) sent as soon as possible
- I want my transcripts(s) sent at another time. Select one of the options below:
  - After November Session (Printed mid December)
  - After December Exams (Printed mid January)
  - After January Exams (Printed mid February)
  - After March Exams (Printed beginning of April )
  - After April Session (Printed end of May)
  - After May Exams (Printed mid June)
  - After June Exams (Printed mid July)
  - After Summer School (Printed beginning of August)
  - After August Exams (Printed beginning of September)

**You will want to check off the ones as shown on the right. Each time you make a selection in "What is Your Situation?", you must click on the "Add to Cart" button in order to make another selection.**

- Skills Canada** is a great opportunity for students to demonstrate their skills and have fun. Students can also learn about the skilled trades and technology careers through hands-on activities and demonstrations. [Saskatchewan's provincial student competition](#) is scheduled for **April 2021** (dates and location to be determined, please keep checking the site).
- See Your Future**, a large virtual career fair will take place **Nov. 3, from 9:45 – 3:00 pm**. Contact 306.260.1314.

5. [SUTIL](#) (Saskatchewan Universities and Technical Institutes Liaison) will be offering virtual career fairs this fall to allow students to check out Saskatchewan and some Alberta post-secondary institutions. Prairie South's date is **November 5**, although students can attend any of the scheduled dates. Students are encouraged to check the [schedule](#) ahead of time to choose the right time for the presentation they wish to see. Students need to have Zoom downloaded but don't need a Zoom account in order to participate. Presentations are 30 minutes long with a 15-minute question and answer session at the end.
6. **Post-Secondary Contact Information:** Looking for contact information for certain colleges and universities? [Here is a guide](#) to help you find what you are looking for with phone numbers and email addresses.
7. **SHAD Valley** is a summer enrichment program focused on the sciences, engineering, technology and entrepreneurship. This program challenges and inspires grade 10, 11 and 12 students. Participants spend the month of July living at the U of S, enjoying team-building exercises, recreational activities and exploring the local attractions. The intake deadline date is **December 7<sup>th</sup>**. The 2020 program will run from **July 5<sup>th</sup> to July 30<sup>th</sup>**. [Apply Now](#).
8. **Career Safety Education** (CSE). This is a fantastic opportunity if you are currently on your way to building your resume and wanting to look like a star candidate for your future employers. Now you can receive safety training **for FREE!** There are plenty of benefits, including a potential [scholarship](#). The program is available to all students aged 14-21. For more information, email the [Saskatchewan Safety Council](#) or call 306-757-3197 or toll free 1-855-280-7115.
9. **myBlueprint:** For those teachers who wish to have something specific for students to do on myBlueprint, use the attachment to assist you in getting started, and then choose what you want students to do in the program. If you are going to use this handout with students, it would be very helpful for you to participate in one of myBlueprint's [drop-in webinars](#) to make your life a little easier. Two highly recommended choices include *Your First Class with Education Planner* and *Discovering Future Pathway Possibilities*. These are available to you at any time.
  - **Getting Started with myBlueprint** - this includes how to create an account, change their school, and has the contact information for our Support Team
  - **Know what you want to do after high school?** - this is the document for the first group of students who already have an idea of what they want to do
  - **Not sure what you want to do after high school?** - this is the document for the second group of students
  - **How to Create a Portfolio** - this encourages all students to add their planning to a portfolio, which will make it easier for you when you meet with them
10. **Medical Diagnostics Programs Applicant Information Session** has not been officially scheduled yet, but will be occurring through Sask Polytech. Students who are interested in applying to one of the programs below should attend this event, as a career investigation is part of the phase 2 high demand [application process](#). Programs highlighted include:
  - Combined Laboratory and X-ray Technology
  - Cytotechnology
  - Medical Laboratory Assistant
  - Medical Laboratory Technology
  - Phlebotomy
  - Medical Radiologic Technology
  - Diagnostic Medical Sonographer
  - Magnetic Resonance Technologist
  - Nuclear Medicine Technologist

## Post- Secondary Information

### UNIVERSITY OF REGINA:

- [High School Accelerated and Dual Credit Courses](#) allow students to get a head start on university. With High School Accelerated, grade 11 and 12 students to take one three credit hour course per semester, and these all count towards a university degree. With dual credits, students can take a university course and get credit for both it and a high school course at the same time.
- Students and parents can check out the [Publications and Handouts](#) for things like the [Student Viewbook for information about programs](#), [Admissions at a Glance](#) for a quick reference before applying, the [Undergraduate Calendar](#), [Indigenous Student Information](#), [Advanced Placement Information](#), [International Baccalaureate Information](#), as well as information and updates from the faculties [Arts](#), [Business](#), and [Nursing](#).
- Applications for the [U of R residences](#) are now open. Students will require their nine-digit student number, and email address and a credit card to pay the \$50 application fee. Students taking classes from other post-secondary institutions such as Sask Polytechnic may apply for residence.
- Missed the U of R's Virtual Open House? No problem. If students or parents missed it, check out all the recorded sessions from the [Virtual Open House](#).
- If you are interested in nursing, check out the [Nursing Sessions for Prospective Students](#) on the first Thursday of the month for the next few months. **November 5, December 3, January 7, and February 4.** All events are at **6:00 pm**.
- Want to learn more about engineering? The U of R and U of S partner with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan to host the very informative event on the engineering profession and the various program offered. [What is Engineering?](#) will be held on **Friday, November 20, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm**. (Note: Date was incorrect in Oct. Career News.)
- There will be a [Social Work Prospective Student Q & A](#) on **November 2 at 1:30 pm**.
- Champion College will be hosting a [Scholarship Preparation Q & A](#) on **November 3 at 6:30 pm**.
- The Faculty of Business will be hosting one of its [Monthly Sessions](#) on the topic of Finance on **November 17 at 4:30**. Then Business will be hosting a [Parent Night](#) on **November 18 at 4:30 pm**.
- There will be a [Social Work Information Night](#) held on **November 19, time TBA**.

### SASKATCHEWAN 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 school are privately owned and operated but must be registered with the Ministry of Advanced Education and have approval of the programs they offer.

### UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN:

- [USASK EXPRESS](#) is a series of online workshops that offer students help with applications, information sessions and Q and A sessions. If students apply during one of these workshops and provide the required documents like a transcript, they can be given conditional acceptance within one week. These will occur on **November 10, 19 and 24**.
- The [Residence](#) application portal will open the first week of November for Fall 2021 school year.
- There is an [early admission deadline of December 1](#) for the competitive ranking-based colleges of Education, Kinesiology and Bachelor of Science in Animal Bioscience. Eligible applicants with an admission average of 90%+ will be offered conditional admission and will not need to wait for the competitive ranking to take place in February. The final application deadline for these colleges is still **February 15**. Remaining applicants will be ranked competitively, and spaces will be offered from the top down according to admission average.

- The [Best and Brightest Scholarships](#) require students to apply for admission by **December 1**. The application for Best and Brightest Entrance Scholarships is due **December 15** and consist of the following scholarships:
  - [George and Marsha Ivany President's First and Best Scholarships](#)
  - [Chancellors' Scholarships](#)
  - [U of S Entrance Scholarships](#)
  - [Edwards Undergraduate Scholarships](#)
  - [College of Agriculture and Bioresources Renewable Entrance Scholarships](#)
- Consideration for the four-year, direct-entry [Bachelor of Education](#) is now based solely on admission average. Applicants can be considered for early admission if they apply by **December 1** and have an admission average of 80% or higher. The final application deadline is **February 15** and the expected target average for competitive ranking-based admission is 70%. Special consideration is available to applicants for whom extenuating or special circumstances might have affected admissibility. Admission to the Bachelor of Education program is available at several U of S [off-campus sites](#) for students wishing to complete the first year of their program outside of Saskatoon.
- [What is Engineering?](#) will be held on **Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.**
- The U of S is offering a new degree type in [biomedical sciences](#), which was created through a partnership between the College of Arts and Science and the College of Medicine.

#### SASKATCHEWAN POLYTECHNIC:

- [The FAQ](#) section of the Sask Polytech website is a good place to answer many questions you may have about programs, admissions, academics, campuses, becoming a student, international students, student services and support, and financial support.
- The [Tuition and Fees](#) section of the Sask Polytechnic website breaks down what you will be paying for when it comes to attending their programs and campuses.
- [Dual Credit](#): High school students thinking of becoming a Polytechnic student may want to consider taking a dual credit. Dual credits allow students to earn a high school credit and Polytechnic credit at the same time.
- Grade 12 students who want to attend one of Saskatchewan Polytechnic's **First Qualified-First Admitted Programs** (most of their programs), should [apply as soon as possible](#). As long as high school students are enrolled in the grade level that will qualify them for admission, they can apply. The priority consideration date for FQFA programs is **February 15<sup>th</sup>**.
- **Undecided?** Do you think you might like to attend the Poly? Check out their [Program Selector](#). This inventory will list the programs that match your interests, values, aptitudes and skills.
- [Women in Technology Workshops](#) are held throughout the year, at Sask Polytechnic campuses. Please register for these events. For more information, contact [Michelle Lanoie](#) at 306-691-8446.
- Grade 12 students wanting to attend one of Saskatchewan Polytechnic's **First Qualified-First Admitted Programs** (most of their programs), should [apply](#) as soon as possible. As long as high school students are enrolled in the grade level that will qualify them for admission, they can apply.
- [Women in Trades and Technology Exploratory Sessions](#): Regina, Oct 3-Nov. 20. \$300 This hands-on career exploration course for women 15 years of age and up offers an introduction to a variety of basic trade skills. Each workshop is led by a female trades professional and course content includes basic skills in: Auto Body, Automotive Servicing, Building Systems (Regina only), Carpentry (2-day Saskatoon only), Electrical, Machining, Plumbing, and Welding.
- Join a [drop-in advising session](#) Mondays to Thursdays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

### GREAT PLAINS COLLEGE:

- Students can take in [webinars](#) available to anyone interested in finding out more about the college's programs and courses, application processes, scholarship opportunities and specific college locations. Presenters include recruiters, program coordinators and student advisors. Participants of the webinars will be eligible to win a \$100 or \$50 gift card from a business/shop of their choice. Contact Eric at [behere@greatplainscollege.ca](mailto:behere@greatplainscollege.ca), call or text 306-816-0009 for more.

### MEDICINE HAT COLLEGE:

- Applications for fall 2021 are now open. Use [Apply Alberta](#).
- Their virtual [Open House](#) will take place on **November 18**.
- Most MHC programs are First Qualified, First Admitted, which means students should apply as soon as possible. The competitive entrance programs include Nursing, Practical Nursing, and Paramedic. They also offer many pre-professional programs such as pre-dental hygiene, pre-dentistry, pre-medical laboratory science, pre-medicine, pre-nutrition, pre-pharmacy and pre-veterinary medicine.
- [Alison Pfeifer](#), student recruiter from MHC would love the opportunity to connect with any grade 12 students in Prairie South to provide information on MHC and support them with their next steps. She is able to provide a short virtual information session, a more informal virtual meet & greet/Q & A or make herself available to answer questions one-on-one with students. Contact her [here](#).
- Check out a new and innovative MHC program called [Agroecology Technician](#).

### OLDS COLLEGE:

- There are two new programs--[Agriculture Technology Integration Post-Diploma Certificate](#) and [Precision Agriculture-Techgronomy Diploma](#) that are now open for applications for fall 2021.
- Animal Health Technology Diploma continues to be a competitive entry program and applicants are encouraged to maintain an average above 80% to increase their chances for admission.

### SOUTHEAST COLLEGE:

- With campuses in Weyburn, Estevan, Whitewood and Moosomin, [Southeast College](#) can offer a variety of programs including Business Admin. Assistant, Electrician, Welding, Food Services Cook, Hairstylist, Health Care Cook, Heavy Equipment Truck and Transport Tech., Practical Nursing, Industrial Mechanic and Continuing Care Assistant. The benefits include small class sizes (most didn't need to shut down when COVID hit, because they were under 15 students), 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).
- For students or parents who want more information about Southeast College, sign up for a [Zoom meeting](#) with an academic advisor on any of the following dates: November 4, 18 or 25 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm or 7:00 to 8:00 pm.
- [Psychology 101](#) is available for grade 12s in semester two. It is from the U of R, but it is accepted by the U of S in place of Psychology 121 and is accepted by a number of post-secondary institutions.

### LAKELAND COLLEGE:

- There are three virtual tours that parents and students can watch on our YouTube channel. [Lloydminster Campus](#), [Vermilion Campus Farm tour](#), [Vermilion Campus ETC tour](#)

### UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA:

- Check out the U of A's [online events, workshops open houses, and more](#) to learn about their programs, admission processes, and general admission about their institution.

## Upcoming Events

Nov. 3	<a href="#">Social Work Prospective Student Q &amp; A</a>	1:30 pm	University of Regina (Virtual)
	This post-secondary fair has interactive display booths and various sessions. Students can explore over 135 exhibitors from Canada, the USA, & overseas. This year, students will be required to collect 10 passport stamps by asking exhibitors questions about possible career paths.		
Nov. 3	<a href="#">See Your Future Education and Career Fair</a>		
	This post-secondary fair has interactive display booths and various sessions. Students can explore over 135 exhibitors from Canada, the USA, & overseas. This year, students will be required to collect 10 passport stamps by asking exhibitors questions about possible career paths.		
Nov. 3	<a href="#">Scholarship Preparation Q &amp; A</a>	6:00 pm	Campion College (U of R) (Virtual)
	Learn about scholarships and how to prepare to apply for them. Note: This is not a SAMS (U of R scholarship application system) workshop.		
Nov. 5	<a href="#">SUTIL Virtual Career Fair</a>	9:00, 10:00, 1:00, 2:00	Virtual
	Meet virtually and view presentations from the members of SUTIL (Sask Apprenticeship, Saskatchewan Polytechnic, U of R, U of S) and over 30 other post-secondary institutions.) There will be concurrent 30-minute presentations with 15 minute Q & A at the end. You may attend other dates if November 5 does not work for you.		
Nov. 5	<a href="#">Nursing Sessions for Prospective Students</a>		SK Polytech, University of Regina (Virtual)
Dec. 3	This information session is for prospective students and parents.		
Nov. 17	<a href="#">What is Engineering?</a>	4:00 pm to 7:00 pm	University of Saskatchewan (Virtual)
	This is a free event for prospective engineering students to learn more about what an engineering career looks like through hands-on activities, tours of labs and facilities and discussions with current students in various engineering programs. This is also in partnership with the University of Regina, so both campuses are represented.		
Nov. 17	<a href="#">Business Info Spotlight: Finance</a>	4:30 pm	University of Regina (Virtual)
	The U of R Faculty of Business will be hosting one of its monthly sessions on the topic of Finance.		
Nov. 18	<a href="#">Business Parent Night</a>	4:30 pm	University of Regina (Virtual)
	The U of R Faculty of Business will be hosting an information night for parents		
Nov. 18	<a href="#">Medicine Hat College</a>		Medicine Hat College (Virtual)
	MHC will hold its open house with information for prospective students and their parents.		

Nov. 19	<b><a href="#">Social Work Information Night</a></b> MHC will hold its open house with information for prospective students and their parents.	Time TBA	University of Regina (Virtual)
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Nov. 20	<b><a href="#">What is Engineering?</a></b> The U of R and U of S partner with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan will provide an overview of what engineering is, what engineers do, and the exceptional educational opportunities and programs offered in Saskatchewan.	5:30-7:00 pm	University of Regina (Virtual)
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Dec. 1	<b><a href="#">Early Admission at the U of S</a></b> Deadline to apply for the competitive ranking-based colleges of Education, Kinesiology and Bachelor of Science in Animal Bioscience. The <a href="#">Best and Brightest Scholarships</a> require students to apply for admission by Dec. 1.		University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon
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Dec. 7	<b><a href="#">SHAD Valley Intake Deadline</a></b> Shad Valley is a summer program which focuses on leadership, entrepreneurship, innovation, science, and technology. It is for outstanding senior high school students.		
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## Scholarship Spotlight

**[Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship Industry \\$1000 scholarships](#)** are rewarded each year to over 120 students who complete the Youth Apprenticeship passport. Each school nominates a potential candidate and winners are announced in June. Many Prairie South students have won this scholarship. Check with your school administrator or guidance counsellor for information on how you can earn 300 hours towards an apprenticeship trade along with the chance to win a \$1000 scholarship.

**[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. Please contact [studentservices@gov.sk.ca](mailto:studentservices@gov.sk.ca) or call 1-800-597-8278 for more information.

Don't forget that the [Scholarship 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.

Due Date	Scholarship	Amount	Criteria
<b>Nov 1 - June 1</b>	<a href="#">Indspire Awards: Building Brighter Futures</a>	Various amounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ These bursaries and scholarships are for Indigenous students.</li> <li>➤ Students can apply for various financial awards depending on their area of study.</li> </ul>
<b>Nov. 4</b>	<a href="#">The National and Arbor Scholarship Program</a>	10 X \$7,500 (\$1,500 for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , & 4 <sup>th</sup> years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Successful University of Toronto students will demonstrate academic performance, creative thought, and exceptional achievement.</li> <li>➤ Must submit a reference letter and transcript.</li> </ul>

<b>Nov. 15</b>	<a href="#">TD Scholarships for Community Leadership</a>	20 X up to \$70,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Must demonstrate dedication in solving a community problem or in making it a better place.</li> <li>➤ Rewards students who have shown leadership in the areas of local employment programs, environmental cleanup, support group creation, and family services.</li> </ul>
<b>Dec. 7</b>	<a href="#">Job-Applications</a>	\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ For working parents.</li> <li>➤ Must write an essay about their experience as a parent working their way through pursuing a higher education.</li> </ul>
<b>Dec. 15</b>	<a href="#">Burger King</a>	Awards range from 1,000 to \$50,000.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Must have a min. average of 80%.</li> <li>➤ Consideration will be given to each applicant's academic record (50%) and participation in school and community activities (50%).</li> </ul>
<b>Dec. 31</b>	<a href="#">Lives That Make a Difference</a>	2 X \$3000 & 2 X \$2,000 (\$1,000 for classrooms)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Must write an essay based on someone you feel as made the biggest impact on Canadian society.</li> <li>➤ Students in grades 5- 12 can apply.</li> </ul>
<b>Feb. 1</b>	<a href="#">Hal Rogers Endowment Fund</a> (Kin Canada Bursaries)	50 X \$1000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Must be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant.</li> <li>➤ Must be a student in the process of graduating from high school or currently studying or registered at a post-secondary institution.</li> <li>➤ Must complete the current application form and submit it to the Kinsmen, Kinette or Kin Club closest to their permanent residence by February 1. Bursary winners are notified before June 30 by their sponsoring club.</li> <li>➤ Will be evaluated on their community and school involvement, knowledge of Kin Canada and financial need</li> </ul>
<b>April 30</b> <b>(submissions will be accepted during the month of April)</b>	<a href="#">Paddy O'Rourke Poetry Scholarship</a>	\$1000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Must be accepted into a post-secondary program with one class in the literary arts (eg. Creative Writing)</li> <li>➤ Letter indicating reason why you should receive the award and accomplishments in writing through high school.</li> <li>➤ Sampling of 5 to 10 pages of your poetry</li> </ul>