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PORTAGING OUR STUDENTS TO SUCCESS

At Portage College, we guide and support students on their unique journey in a caring environment. We believe that every person deserves the opportunity to grow through their education.

Since 1968, we have played an important role across rural Alberta in helping create community leaders. From our origins as Alberta NewStart in Lac La Biche to the multi-campus college we are today, we offer a variety of programs and courses that represent our history.

Portage College takes great pride in empowering small communities and making students our first priority. Our staff and faculty are focused on providing our students with exceptional learning experiences.

Voyage with us to take your education in the direction you choose and become a Voyageur for life.





OUR ECONOMIC IMPACT

Portage College promotes economic growth in our service region. We support jobs, are a large-scale consumer of goods and services, and our students benefit local businesses with their living expenses. We are also the primary source of post-secondary education in the region, graduating a steady stream of skilled workers.

**\$110
MILLION**

total impact on our region

**\$1 SPENT
CREATES \$4.60**

in lifetime earnings for students



be yourself and express
your identity

our supporting services ensure
that you are valued

welcoming and inclusive
college community

one-on-one interaction
with instructors



87%

of students would recommend Portage College to others



we recognize that students are unique



approximately 375 students relocated to attend school at Portage College



we welcome students regardless of their education, income or occupation

70%

of our graduates are employed in the region



100%

of employers surveyed say they would hire another Portage College graduate







We've had a very good success rate with Portage College. We've had some very good students come through there. We highly recommend people go to Portage College because they will have a higher success rate in landing a full-time job once they complete a program. Certification from Portage College is very well recognized in the industry in Northern Alberta.

Employer Survey, Power Engineering

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CURRENTLY ENROLLED HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Northeastern Alberta high schools and Portage College offer camps, free college credit courses and dual-credit trades programs, allowing younger students to get a preview of possible career options and post-secondary programs. High school students can choose the program that best matches their interest levels and schedules.

1. Camps provide a one or two-day hands-on lab experience with college or university instructors from programs such as Natural Resources Technology and University Transfer. These labs range from field experience to DNA fingerprinting analyses.

2. Students can also take one free university course per semester, as long as they meet certain course prerequisites or co-requisites. Students earn university credits and gain confidence and experience with post-secondary learning while still attending high school.

3. Dual-credit trades programs allow students to earn high school credits and college credits at the same time, while also getting a head start in the trade.

OPEN STUDIES

Not sure which program is the best for you? Portage College gives students the opportunity to experience more than one program at a time with Open Studies. This option is a unique way for students to explore potential career paths in various fields.

Students who have a general interest in a program or who don't meet the entrance requirements may enrol in individual courses rather than the complete program.

Admission requirements vary, so students interested in this option must meet with a Student Advisor prior to enrolling.



CONTINUING EDUCATION

If you are looking to improve work skills, renew a certification or take a general interest course, our instructors are ready to meet you. We are committed to providing a wide selection of quality short courses and programs to individuals and groups through Continuing Education. Continuous learning provides employees with the skills and job satisfaction they need to excel, improving productivity and the bottom line. We can work with your company and/or community to provide the necessary training that suits your needs.

Our vision for Continuing Education is to be relevant, timely and responsive to the needs of our communities. We strive to provide a variety of training products at a reasonable cost and to deliver training to assist communities in growth and prosperity.

Continuing Education Contact Information

Toll-free: 1-888-745-0719
training@portagecollege.ca

While we have a variety of courses available, we also develop courses from scratch. For example:

- » Allied Health and Emergency Medical Services Training
- » Career Planning and Directions
- » Cultural Awareness
- » Diversity Awareness
- » Drug and Alcohol Awareness
- » Healthy Futures for Women
- » Hospitality
- » Indigenous Art Master Teaching Workshop
- » Job Skills and Computer Orientation
- » Life Management Skills
- » National Food Safety Certification
- » Personal Identity, Growth and Management
- » Various Safety and Driver Training

Our staff are dedicated to providing innovative solutions for your professional development needs. Discover what Portage College Continuing Education has to offer you.



ATHLETICS AND RECREATION

Athletics

Voyageur athletes are known for being dedicated and hard-working. Our athletic department provides students with the opportunity to participate in competitive sports within the Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference (ACAC). In addition, as a student athlete at Portage College, you could be eligible for athletic scholarships.

Portage College has teams in five different ACAC sports:

- » Men's Hockey
- » Men's, Women's and Mixed Curling
- » Men's and Women's Futsal
- » Men's and Women's Golf
- » Men's and Women's Soccer

Our exceptional facilities allow for exclusive training and skill development. The Bold Center is home to our hockey, curling, futsal and soccer teams, and the Lac La Biche Golf and Country Club is one of the most scenic golf courses in Alberta.

Recreation

Portage students have access to several athletic facilities. At the Lac La Biche campus, we offer free access to the gymnasium, cardio room, weight room, racquetball court, climbing wall and the Portage Pool.

At our Boyle, Cold Lake and St. Paul campuses, students have access to workout facilities within the community.

Be Fit for Life

As a college student, your schedule will be packed. Making time to exercise can be a challenge, which is why Be Fit for Life offers free group exercise classes for Portage College students. The centre also offers a full range of fitness services including personal and small group fitness training, fitness assessments, lifestyle habits and nutrition coaching, post-physio, corrective and customized exercise programs, as well as educational presentations and seminars.

The Be Fit for Life Network is a provincial initiative comprised of nine regional centres, working in coordination to support a more physically active Alberta. The network is supported by operational funding from the Recreation and Physical Activity Division of Alberta Culture and Tourism.

If you are interested in participating or would like more information, our Athletics and Recreation staff are here to help.

Athletics and Recreation Contact Information

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Athletic teams and recreation services vary depending on campus.

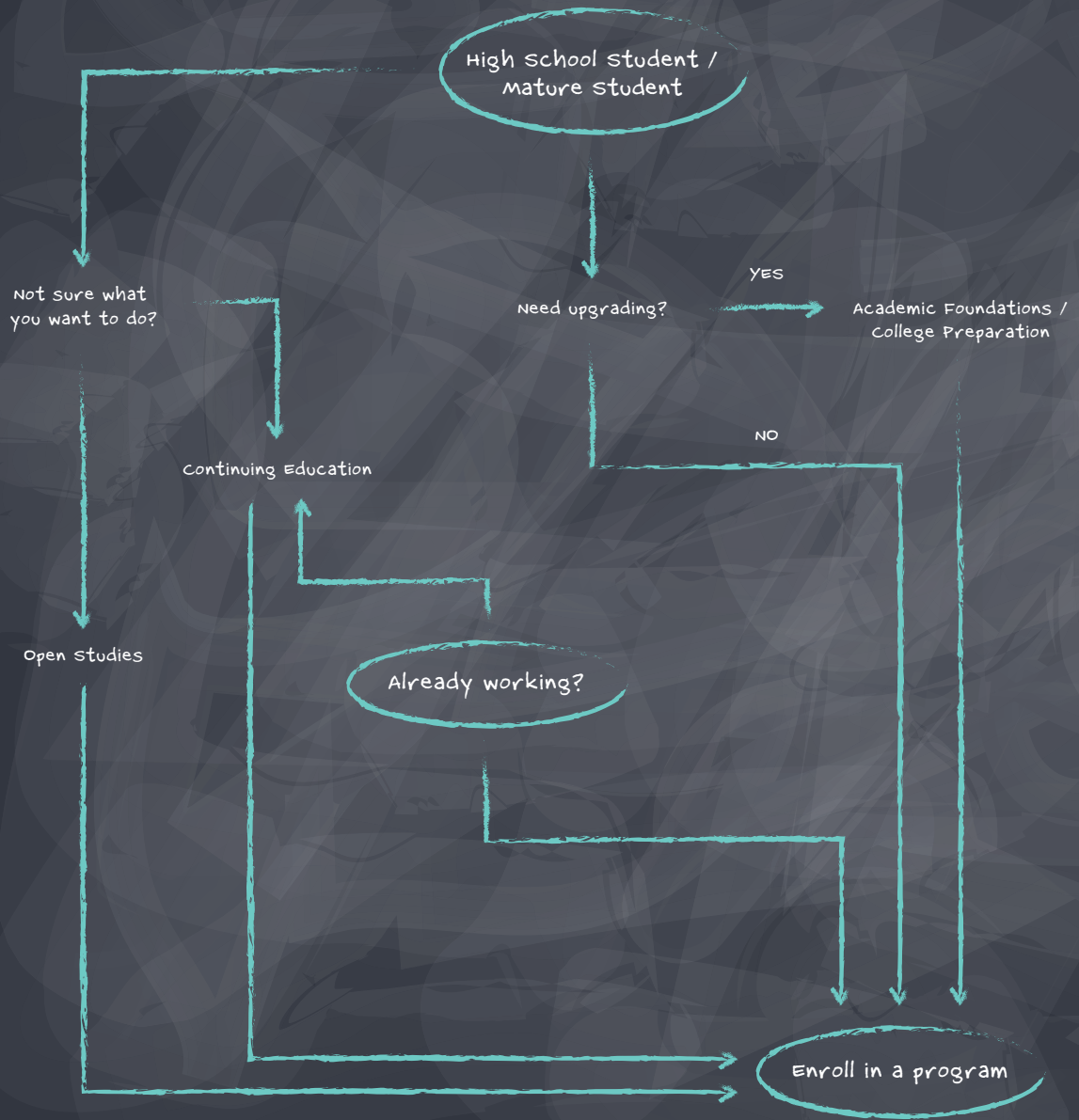


PROGRAM GUIDE-AT-A-GLANCE

PROGRAM	LENGTH									
		BOYLE	COLD LAKE	FROG LAKE	LAC LA BICHE	SADDLE LAKE	ST. PAUL	FACE-TO-FACE	ONLINE	BLENDED
Aboriginal Art Certificate	1 year				x			x		
Academic Foundations	32 weeks			x	x			x	x	x
Aboriginal Teacher Education Program (U of A)	<i>For more information about the program, visit atep.ualberta.ca, email atepuofa@ualberta.ca or call 780-492-2467.</i>									
Accounting Technician Certificate	35 weeks		x					x		
Advanced Care Paramedic, Year 1	40 weeks				x					x
Advanced Care Paramedic, Year 2	65 weeks				x					x
Apprenticeship Electrician Certificate										
Period 1	8 weeks		x					x		
Period 2	8 weeks		x					x		
Period 3	8 weeks		x					x		
Period 4	12 weeks		x					x		
Apprenticeship Welder Certificate										
Period 1	8 weeks				x			x		
Period 2	8 weeks				x			x		
Period 3	8 weeks				x			x		
Artisan Entrepreneurship Diploma	1 year				x			x		
Baking Certificate	32 weeks						x	x		
Bachelor of Business Administration (NAIT)	<i>For more information about the program, visit nait.ca/bba, email businfo@nait.ca or call 780-471-6248.</i>									
Business Administration Certificate	32 weeks		x		x			x		x
Business Administration Diploma										
Accounting	32 weeks		x		x			x		x
Management	32 weeks		x		x			x		x
College Preparation	32 weeks		x	x	x		x	x	x	x
Community Social Work Diploma	2 years		x		x			x		
Culinary Arts Diploma	2 years						x	x		

PROGRAM	LENGTH	BOYLE	COLD LAKE	FROG LAKE	LAC LA BICHE	SADDLE LAKE	ST. PAUL	FACE-TO-FACE	ONLINE	BLENDED
Early Learning and Child Care Certificate	1 year								x	
Early Learning and Child Care Diploma	1 year								x	
Educational Assistant Certificate	1 year								x	
Educational Assistant Diploma	1 year								x	
Emergency Medical Responder	20 weeks				x					x
Fine Arts Certificate	1 year				x			x		
Hairstyling Certificate	42 weeks				x			x		
Heavy Equipment Operator Certificate	16 weeks	x						x		
Institutional Cook Certificate	1 year						x	x		
Natural Resources Technology Diploma	2 years				x			x		
Office Administration Certificate	35 weeks		x		x			x		
Open Studies	1 year		x		x		x	x		
Power Engineering, 4th Class	25 weeks				x			x		
Power Engineering, 3rd Class	52 weeks				x			x		x
Practical Nurse Diploma, Year 1	34 weeks		x					x		
Practical Nurse Diploma, Year 2	36 weeks		x		x		x	x		
Pre-Employment Cooking Certificate	16 weeks						x	x		
Pre-Employment Heavy Equipment Technician Certificate										
Theory	12 weeks								x	
Shop Lab	4 weeks				x			x		
Pre-Employment Welding Certificate	16 weeks				x			x		
Primary Care Paramedic	40 weeks				x					x
University Transfer	40 weeks		x		x		x	x	x	x

PATHWAYS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND MATURE LEARNERS



Graduate — hooray!

Start work with a certificate or diploma

Aboriginal Art	Fine Arts
Accounting Technician	Hairstyling
Advanced Care Paramedic	Heavy Equipment Operator
Apprenticeship Electrician	Institutional Cook
Apprenticeship Welder	Natural Resources Technology
Artisan Entrepreneurship	Office Administration
Baking	Practical Nurse
Bachelor of Business Administration	Power Engineering
Business Administration	Pre-Employment Cooking
Community Social Work	Pre-Employment Heavy Equipment Technician
Culinary Arts	Pre-Employment Welding
Early Learning and Child Care	Primary Care Paramedic
Educational Assistant	University Transfer
Emergency Medical Responder	

Continue studying with our institutional partners

We partner with all Alberta public post-secondary institutions as well as other specialized institutions across Canada. Many of our programs offer transferability options, such as block transfers of certificates and diplomas or individual courses that can be credited toward a degree or diploma at another institution. Be sure to check out "Transferability" within your program of interest.

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

The Portage College Awards Program has many awards, scholarships and bursaries available for enrolled students or those who have graduated from a program. The Awards Program not only recognizes student achievement, but also assists students in financial need. The program has continued to grow year after year. In the 2017-2018 academic year, almost \$300,000 was awarded to 320 Portage College students.

Awards Available to Portage College Students

Academics for Careers and Education Completion Bonus	Myrna G. Fox Human Services Scholarship
Adult High School Equivalency Scholarship	Natural Resources Technology Entrance Scholarship
Alberta-NWT Command of the Royal Canadian Legion Scholarship	Natural Resources Technology Fellowship Entrance Award
Al-Pac Scholarship	Norm LaRose Memorial Award (Dean's Scholarship and Academic Achievement Award)
Apprenticeship Relocation Bursary	Northlands Park Achievement Award
Board of Governors' Entrance Scholarship	Opening Door Entrance Bursary
Career and Technology Strand Entrance Bursary	Out-of-Province Student Bursary
Cenovus Energy Entrance Scholarship	Part-Time Bursary
Dean's Scholarship and Academic Achievement Award	Portage College Board of Governors' Bursary
Elsie Quintal Scholarship	Portage College Entrance Scholarship
Emergent Need Bursary	Portage College Founder's Legacy Award
Flight Sergeant Erlyn E. Kirby Memorial Bursary	Portage College Role Model and Ambassador Award
Gerald White Humanitarian Award	Pow Wow Association Award
Going Forward Scholarship	Practicum Bursary
Governor General's Collegiate Bronze Medal	President's Entrance Scholarship
Health and Wellness First Year Bursary	Project Hero
Health and Wellness Diploma Bursary	Quality of Life Award
Helping Hand Bursary	Ray Chambers' Cultural Arts Scholarship
Heritage Visual Arts Award	Ray Johnson Memorial Scholarship for Culinary Arts Students
Indigenous Careers Award	RCMP Constable Leo Johnston Memorial Bursary and Scholarship
Invest in Your Future Scholarship Early Admission Award	Second Year Career Bursary
Jason Lang Scholarship	Skills Re-Training Entrance Bursary
Ken Dryden Student Dedication Bursary	Spirit of Portage Award
Lac La Biche Bicentennial Bursary	Student Learning Services Bursary
Laurence Decore Award for Student Leadership	Student Learning Services Student of the Year Award
Len Calliou Memorial Award	Student of the Year Award
Leon and Louise Rudiger and Family Bursary	Tuition Fee Bursary for Portage College Employees' Families
Library Reading Participation Award	University Transfer Entrance Scholarship
Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Historian Award	Voyageurs Female/Male Athlete of the Year Award
Louise McKinney Scholarship	Wolf Midstream (formerly Access Pipelines Inc.)
Mae Ann Kubasek Memorial Award	Xerox Award
Métis Education Foundation — Métis Scholar Awards	

In addition to the above Portage College awards, there are many external awards and scholarships available to students. Please note: the awards listed on this page are subject to change without notice.

FUNDING OPTIONS

Alberta Supports (formerly Alberta Works)

Academic Upgrading students can apply for funding through Alberta Supports. Tuition, fees, books and living allowance may be available to those who qualify. Funding can take six to eight weeks to process.

Academic Upgrading students who are treaty status and living on reserve may qualify for tuition, fees and books with a living allowance provided by their band.

Apprenticeship and Industry Training

Grant funding for specific career program entrance courses is available for Academic Upgrading students.

Band Funding

Individuals who are treaty status may qualify for funding through their band. Programs funded vary with each band, as does the application deadline. We recommend students contact their band education counsellor or social development department for further information.

Canada-Alberta Job Grant

Working students may be eligible to receive up to 100% of training costs to a maximum of \$15,000.

Government of Canada Student Financial Assistance

The Canada Student Loans program provides financial assistance in the form of loans and grants to post-secondary students who demonstrate financial need.

Métis Settlement General Council

Registered members of Métis settlements may be eligible for sponsorship through the Strategic Training Incentive Fund. Funding is available for most programs offered at Portage College. Please contact your settlement office for more information.

Rupertsland Institute/Métis Nation of Alberta Funding

Individuals who are non-land based Métis members should contact their nearest zone office (Zone 1 for Lac La Biche; Zone 2 for Cold Lake and St. Paul) or the Rupertsland Institute coordinator to discuss funding for training to employment programs. This includes degree programs, diploma or technology programs, certificates, trades and upgrading.

Student Aid Alberta

Applicants must demonstrate financial need and be enrolled in an approved program of study in order to qualify for funding. Applications are assessed for Canada student loans and Alberta student loans. Both the federal and provincial governments offer a variety of grant funding that is non-repayable and intended for students with higher financial need.

Please note: students enrolled in Academic Upgrading do not qualify for Student Aid Alberta.

These loan applications are available online.

studentaidalberta.ca

Veterans' Education and Training Benefit

This benefit provides funding to help support college, university and technical education to Canadian Armed Forces regular force and reserve force veterans who have at least six years of military service.



STUDENT ACCOMMODATIONS

Living on campus is more than just a convenient place to stay. Whether it's your first time away from home or you're a returning student, you will find that living on campus provides a safe environment that promotes academic success and provides plenty of social, recreational and educational learning opportunities. Our residence team coordinates student housing and works to ensure that your college experience is safe, supportive and fun.

You must be formally accepted into a Portage College program before your housing application will be processed. You may begin the application process before you are formally accepted. Once you are accepted, you will receive a letter of confirmation from Student Housing.

Here are just a few benefits of living on campus:

- » Easy access to campus facilities and resources
- » Walking distance from the College
- » Neighbours with similar interests and hobbies

Housing Office Hours of Operation

8:15 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
Monday to Friday

Contact Information

780-623-5573
Toll-free: 1-866-623-5551 ext. 5573
housing-staff@portagecollege.ca

At this time, campus residence is not available at our Cold Lake, Frog Lake, Saddle Lake or Goodfish Lake campuses.

Boyle

With 40 single-person rooms, our Boyle facility is maintained to the highest possible standard to accommodate students in a camp-style living environment. All rooms are equipped with satellite television and a small fridge.

Lac La Biche

We offer housing for students and families at our Lac La Biche campus. Our on-campus Residence Hall, attached to the main campus building, offers students self-contained rooms designed for two students to share.

Each room includes two beds and two desks, a kitchenette with a two-burner stove top and fridge, table and chairs, and a full bathroom. Common areas in residence include microwaves and laundry.

Townhouses are also available and a short walk to the main building. The fully furnished units are shared by four students, each with their own bedroom. There are two bathrooms, a living room, a dining room and a full kitchen. Each town house is equipped with a washer and dryer.

A total of 66 units of two, three and four bedroom townhouse accommodations are available.

St. Paul

Our modern, two-bedroom dorms at the St. Paul campus can house single students or small families and include a full-size kitchen and bathroom. Laundry is available on site.

STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF PORTAGE COLLEGE

Supporting student development through awareness, leadership, advocacy and organization.

The Students' Association of Portage College (SAPC) provides an inclusive environment which empowers students to achieve their educational goals. The SAPC advocates for students who attend Portage College while assisting and encouraging them to advocate for themselves. It also develops and maintains student representation on decision-making boards and committees of Portage College. The SAPC organizes social activities, participates in community awareness events and supports clubs offered at Portage College.

The SAPC is a non-profit organization governed by a Students' Council and Executive Committee. Students' associations exist by legislative mandate of the Post-Secondary Learning Act.

Our Student Council is elected annually by the students and is responsible for the affairs of the Association, much like a Board of Directors.

While the focus of the organization tends to be local, the SAPC is a member of the Alberta Students' Executive Council, a provincial advocacy group that communicates and supports student rights in all levels of government.

It is the goal of your Students' Association to offer fair and equal opportunity for each of our members.





CREDIT PROGRAM LISTING

Aboriginal Art
Aboriginal Teacher Education Program (U of A)
Academic Foundations
Accounting Technician
Advanced Care Paramedic
Apprenticeship Electrician
Apprenticeship Welder
Artisan Entrepreneurship
Baking
Bachelor of Business Administration (NAIT)
Business Administration – Accounting
Business Administration – Management
College Preparation
Community Social Work
Culinary Arts
Early Learning and Child Care
Educational Assistant
Emergency Medical Responder
Fine Arts
Hairstyling
Heavy Equipment Operator
Institutional Cook
Natural Resources Technology
Office Administration
Open Studies
Practical Nurse
Power Engineering, 4th Class
Power Engineering, 3rd Class
Pre-Employment Cooking
Pre-Employment Heavy Equipment Technician
Pre-Employment Welding
Primary Care Paramedic
University Transfer

STUDENT SERVICES

Portage College offers a wide range of services available to students, faculty, staff and the public.

- » Athletics (curling, futsal, golf, hockey and soccer)
- » Campus Security
- » Career and counseling services
- » Fitness and recreation
- » Funding options
- » Housing
- » Library and learning resources
- » Students' Association of Portage College (SAPC)
- » Student Learning Services (SLS)

Services vary depending on campus.

CAMPUS LOCATIONS

Portage College works to maximize local learning opportunities that support economic growth and human development. We influence student success and bring opportunities to our region that would not otherwise exist in rural Alberta. We provide community-based outreach programs to many other communities in our region.

Portage College has seven campus locations spread across northeast Alberta: Lac La Biche, Cold Lake, St. Paul, Boyle, Frog Lake First Nation, Saddle Lake Cree Nation and Whitefish Lake First Nation #128.



CONNECT WITH US

Visit our website for further details regarding upcoming College events, online courses, recreation and athletics, program offerings and accommodations.

1-866-623-5551
portagecollege.ca

Don't miss out! The Portage College App includes important information about orientation and other College events, services, courses and maps. It is also a great way to meet other students.

portagec.campusapp.com



CUSTOM TOURS AND OPEN HOUSES

We often hear that when people come to our campus, they feel welcomed. Book a campus tour and see our facilities, meet our instructors and staff, and chat with some of our current students. Interacting with the people that live, work and learn at Portage will give you a sense of the community we offer.

To book a custom group or individual tour, call 1-780-623-5654.

Find out when our next open house is by visiting our website. Bring your transcript for a quicker application process!





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