

# VIEWBOOK

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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.





# ABOUT PORTAGE

"I have already endorsed Portage to anybody that asks what college I am going to. It is an amazing institution for learning personalized to each individual, yet still delivering the necessary content to fulfill course requirements."

— Portage Student  
Business Administration Diploma in Management



we recognize that students are unique

**87%**

of graduates surveyed say that their Portage College education provided them with the skills and knowledge needed for a particular job



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



**92%**

of graduates would recommend Portage College to others

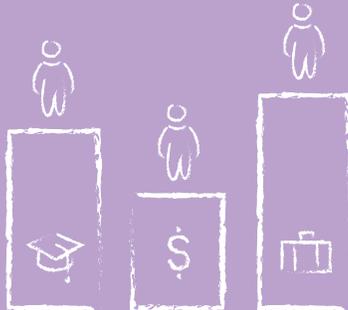


**91%**

of graduates would recommend their program of study to others



"All services I used at the College and online were excellent and were a great help."



we welcome students regardless of their education, income or occupation

**79%**

of employed graduates are working in training-related jobs



**99%**

of employers surveyed say they would hire another Portage College graduate



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR 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.

## COMMUNITY ADULT LEARNING PROGRAM

The Community Adult Learning Program (CALP) at Portage College allows adults to learn meaningful skills, using delivery methods and scheduling to meet each learner's needs. CALP is available in Bonnyville, St. Paul, Frog Lake First Nation, Cold Lake First Nation, Whitefish/Goodfish Lake First Nation #128, Kehewin Cree Nation and Elk Point. All services and supplies are free of charge and funded by the Government of Alberta Advanced Education.

CALP offers personalized training in adult literacy, numeracy, English language, basic digital skills, job search and career development, academic preparation and much more. It can also connect learners to community supports and services for career counselling/employment, childcare, transportation, government programs and services, citizenship and immigration services, assistance with forms, or help with identifying other learning needs or services.

We are proud to operate CALPs in several communities in our region, even in the face of COVID-19. During this difficult time, the CALPs have done a tremendous job of staying connected with learners by adapting the program for the comfort and safety of learners. Staff continue to reach out and provide support over the phone or via email.

### CALP Contact Information

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## 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  
portagecollege.ca/continuing-education

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.

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.**

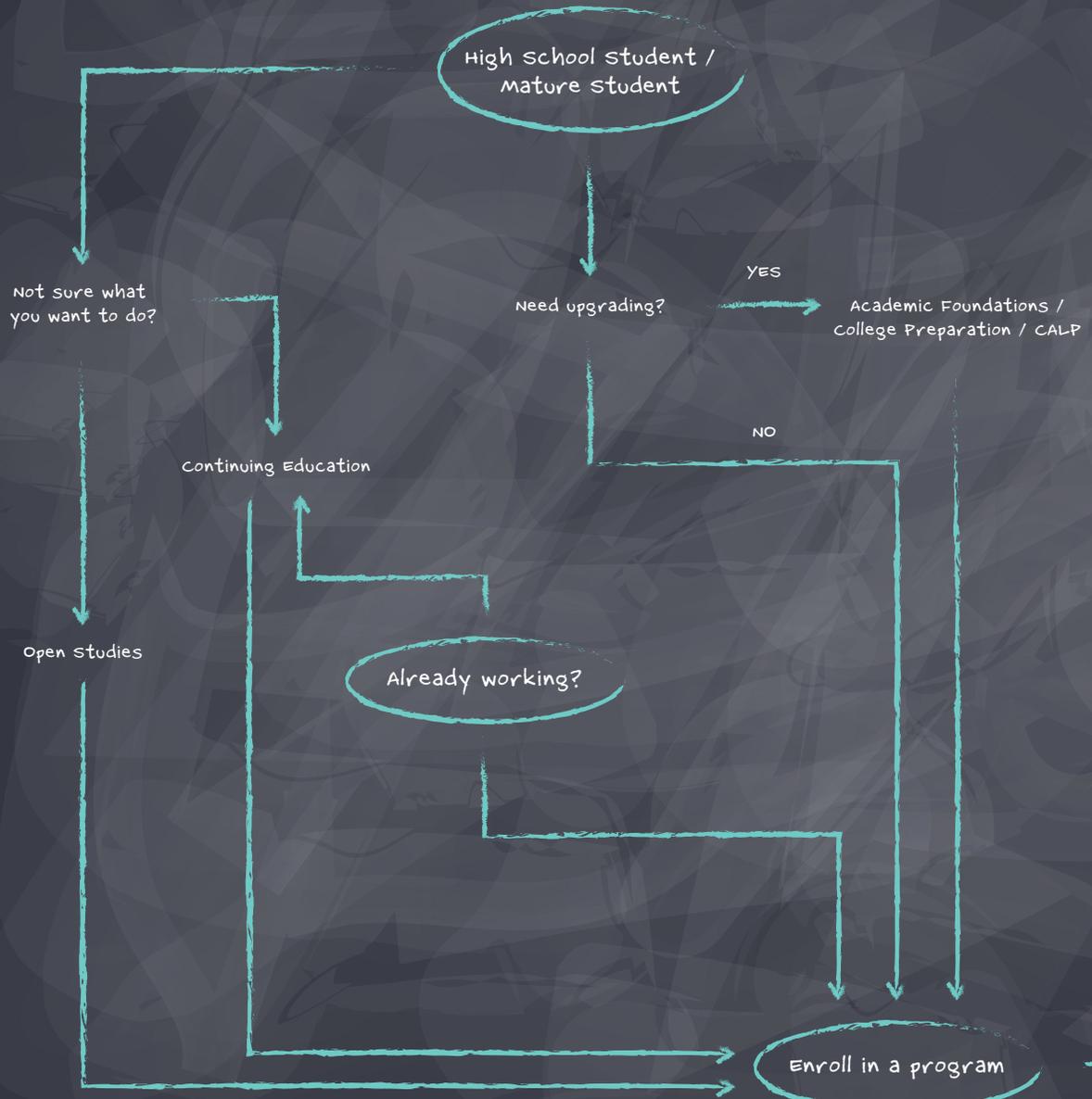


## PROGRAM GUIDE-AT-A-GLANCE

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 <a href="http://atep.ualberta.ca">atep.ualberta.ca</a>, email <a href="mailto:atepuofa@ualberta.ca">atepuofa@ualberta.ca</a> or call 780-492-2467.</i>									
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		
Bachelor of Business Administration (NAIT)	<i>For more information about the program, visit <a href="http://nait.ca/bba">nait.ca/bba</a>, email <a href="mailto:businfo@nait.ca">businfo@nait.ca</a> 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	
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	DELIVERY MODE			
								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		
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		
Pre-Employment Cooking Certificate	16 weeks								x		
Pre-Employment Heavy Equipment Technician Certificate											
Theory	12 weeks								x		
Shop Lab	4 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
Advanced Care Paramedic	Hairstyling
Apprenticeship Electrician	Heavy Equipment Operator
Apprenticeship Welder	Natural Resources Technology
Artisan Entrepreneurship	Office Administration
Bachelor of Business Administration	Practical Nurse
Business Administration	Power Engineering
Community Social Work	Pre-Employment Cooking
Culinary Arts	Pre-Employment Heavy Equipment Technician
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 2019-2020 academic year, over \$280,000 was awarded to 214 Portage College students.

In addition to awards distributed by Portage College, there are many external awards and scholarships available to students.

**\$168,140**

in College-funded awards distributed to student athletes in 2019-2020



**400+**

awards, scholarships and bursaries distributed in 2019-2020



"I have always wanted to be a nurse, and this award allowed me to put all of my energy, time and heart into the program. I am so grateful. Thank you."



**17+**

awards, scholarships and bursaries available per program



**\$280K**

in College-funded awards, scholarships and bursaries in 2019-2020

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

### Aboriginal Student Funding

The most common sources of funding are Band, Settlement and Regional Council. These are some of the first places for First Nations, Métis and Inuit students to look. Some funding opportunities can be accessed through government initiatives and non-profit organizations as well.

### Alberta Student Aid

Alberta Student Aid offers student loans, grants, scholarships, and awards to help cover your costs while you're in school. It is recommended that you apply for funding at least two months prior to the start of your program or courses.

### Alberta Supports (formerly Alberta Works)

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

### Apprenticeship and Industry Training

Registered Alberta apprentices and occupational trainees may be eligible for financial assistance when attending the technical training portion of their program.

### Canada-Alberta Job Grant

Ask your employer to apply for this grant. Students may be eligible to receive up to 100% of the 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.

### Veterans' Education and Training Benefit

This new benefit will provide funding to help support for college, university or technical education to Canadian Armed Forces Regular Force and Reserve Force Veterans with at least six years of military service.





## STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

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 accommodation 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 townhouse 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.



## STUDENT SERVICES

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

- » Campus security
- » Career and counselling services
- » Fitness and recreation
- » Funding options
- » Library and learning resources
- » Student accommodation
- » Student Learning Services (SLS)
- » Students' Association of Portage College (SAPC)

**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.

Along with online options for programming, Portage College has seven campus locations spread across northeast Alberta: Boyle, Cold Lake, Frog Lake First Nation, Lac La Biche, Saddle Lake Cree Nation, St. Paul and Whitefish (Goodfish) Lake First Nation #128.

## CAMPUS TOURS AND OPEN HOUSES

We understand that selecting a college that's right for you is a big decision. While COVID-19 is preventing us from offering in-person campus tours and open houses, we have produced a series of videos to familiarize you with our campuses and accommodations. We look forward to being able to host in-person tours and open houses in the future.

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

Find out when our next open house is by visiting our website.

## 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



### Portage Alert

**Download Now!**

Download Portage Alert today! It is the official safety app of Portage College. The app features emergency contacts, crisis alerts, location services features, in-app tip reporting, and much more!

Available on the **App Store**

GET IT ON **Google play**



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### Portage College App

Four new ways to stay connected with your campus

-  Access all your campus information on the go
-  Keep your classes, assignments and events organized
-  Join the campus discussion and connect with your peers
-  Chat with your friends and see their timetables



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