

Business student thanks Portage College for opportunity to complete four-year degree

“Portage makes things easier on the students every step of the way. Teachers know you by name and work really hard to set you up for success even after you complete your program.”

Brenda Robertson is full of praise for her time at Portage College. She is poised to receive her Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration through the College, but there was a time when college was not even on the radar. “I took a year off right after high school to figure out what I wanted to do,” she says “Going into business, I still didn’t really know what my end goal would be but the program opened my eyes to something that really interests me.”

Robertson was part of the first group of students to take the four year Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degree in collaboration with NAIT, now offered at Portage’s Lac La Biche and Cold Lake campuses. “I want to work in human resources after taking my BBA. I didn’t know that going in, but the human resources classes really got me interested.” There is another important “first” on Robertson’s resume. She played on the first team in the first year that Portage College joined the Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference (ACAC) for Men’s and Women’s Soccer. “All my instructors and coaches helped me to balance it all,” she says. “Not to say that it was always easy, but it just circles back to Portage always providing support for students.”

Students like Brenda know there are other colleges to consider, but maintains the quality of education at Portage is what stands out for her and her classmates. “I learned so many things relevant to my life as well as skills that I end up using every day,” she says. “I feel I received such a well-rounded education for the things I want to do.”



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