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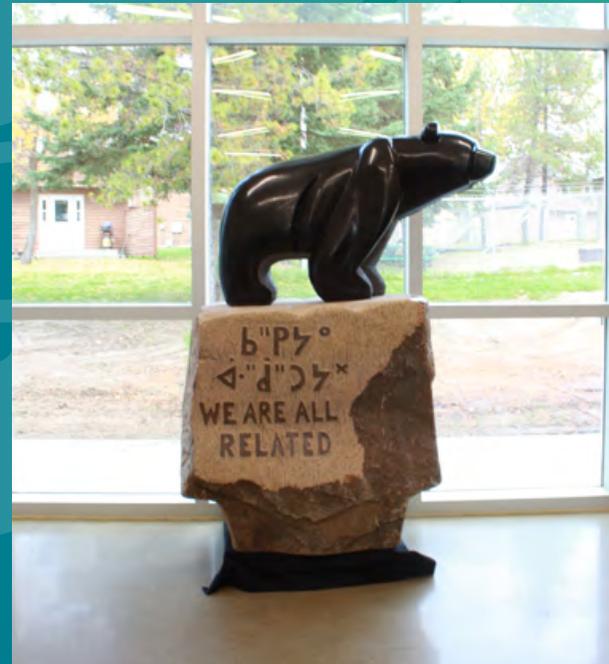


WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT PORTAGE COLLEGE'S SERVICE REGION IS ON THE TRADITIONAL LANDS OF FIRST NATION PEOPLES, THE OWNERS OF TREATY 6, 8 AND 10, WHICH ARE ALSO HOMELANDS TO THE MÉTIS PEOPLE. WE HONOUR THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF ALL PEOPLE WHO FIRST LIVED AND GATHERED IN THESE LANDS.



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Stewart Steinbauer's sculpture newokätew-ayisin The Four-legged Spirit Being. On loan from Collection of the Alberta Foundation for the Arts.



This viewbook offers an inside look at Portage College, showcasing our programs, services, locations and what makes us unique.

It's About You.

At Portage College, your success is our priority. With personalized learning, one-on-one support, and a full range of student services, you'll get the quality education and hands-on experience you need to thrive.

Want to get ahead? You can even start taking courses while you're still in high school. Whether your passion lies in trades, human services, arts, environmental studies, health care, business, or continuing your education, it all begins right here at Portage College.

WE ARE VOYAGEURS!



99%

of employers surveyed say they would hire another Portage College graduate

91%

of students would recommend their program of study to others

93%

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

90%

of employed graduates are working in training-related jobs

We have many programs to choose from with certificate, diploma and degree options.

For more information about our programs and how to apply, contact a student advisor.

1-866-623-5551

info@portagecollege.ca



ARTS PROGRAMS

UNLOCK YOUR CREATIVE POTENTIAL

Our Arts programs offer you an unique opportunity to study Indigenous and contemporary art within a studio environment. Develop your skills in producing and marketing your own creations.

Indigenous Arts Certificate

Fine Arts Certificate

Indigenous Arts Diploma

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- English Language Arts 30-2



Tuition ranges from \$3,880.30 - \$5,188.92 or part time cost-per-credit \$130 based on program and length



Portage College is a great place to begin your exploration of the world around you; each program offers so many opportunities and supports that show how much the College really cares about its students.

— SOUL DACHUK, ARTISAN ENTREPRENEURSHIP DIPLOMA





Indigenous Arts students develop their knowledge and skills in preparing, tanning and smoking hides as practiced by Northern Woods Cree. This unique course allows them to refine and build expertise in the 13-step tanning process in a traditional setting.



BUSINESS

Our Business programs cover areas of management, finance, marketing, and entrepreneurship. Courses are structured to reflect industry standards, ensuring that students are prepared for the demands of the professional world.

Business Administration Certificate

Business Administration Diploma — Accounting

Business Administration Diploma — Management

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- English Language Arts 30-2
- Math 30-2



Students and coaches at the 2025 Alberta Deans Business Case Competition—Portage College students won first place.

Office Administration

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- English Language Arts 20-2
- Math 10-3



Tuition ranges from \$4,717.20 - \$5,188.92 or part time cost-per-credit \$157-\$170 based on program and length.



Learning and growing as part of the community is my favorite part of attending Portage College.

— RYAN BRAMWEL, BUSINESS YEAR 1



ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES



Our Environmental Technologist Diploma program is designed for people who have a strong interest in environmental sustainability. This program allows students to learn about the natural world in the classroom and spend an abundant amount of time in the field.

Environmental Technologist Diploma

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- English Language Arts 30-2 at 60%
- Chemistry 30 or Science 30, or Biology 20 or Chemistry 20 at 60%
- Math 30-2 at 60%
- Biology 30 (recommended)

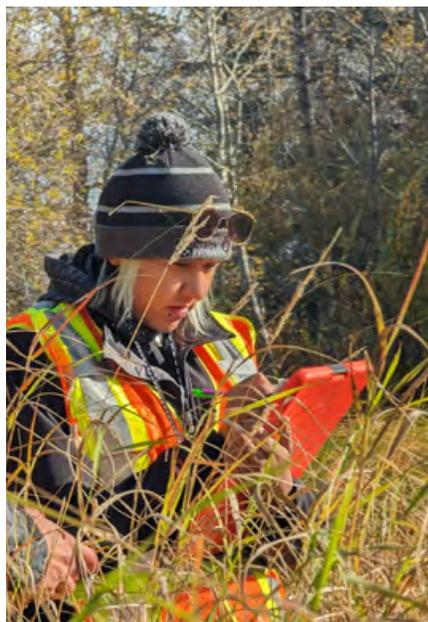


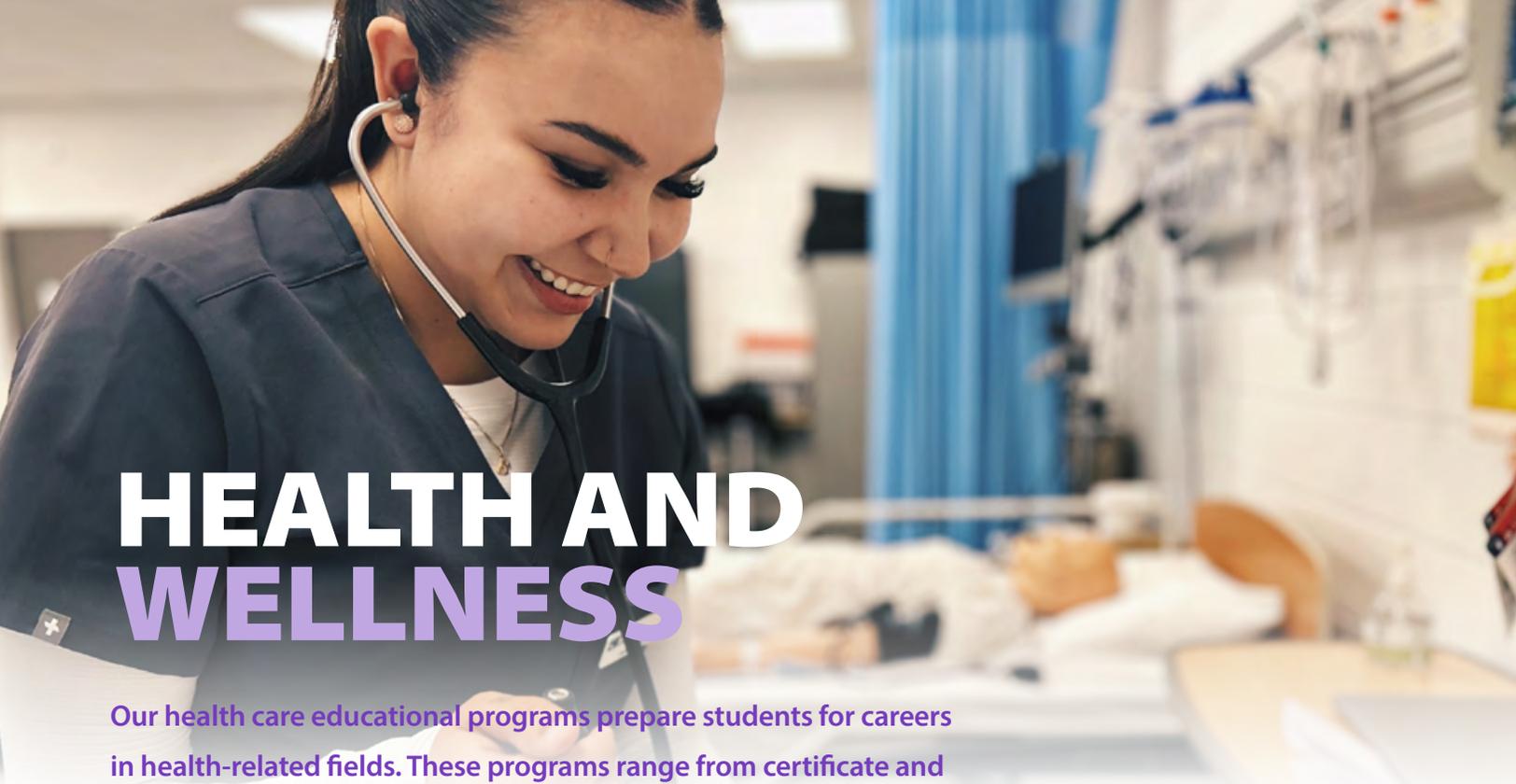
Tuition \$5,369.10 or part time cost-per-credit \$179.



I really appreciate how the program offers plenty of opportunities to spend time outdoors and gain hands-on experience in the field, rather than sitting in a classroom all day.

— TANNER DAVIDSON-SYKES, ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGIST DIPLOMA STUDENT





HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Our health care educational programs prepare students for careers in health-related fields. These programs range from certificate and diploma. Programs combine classroom instruction with hands-on clinical training in hospitals, clinics or field ambulances.

Emergency Medical Responder

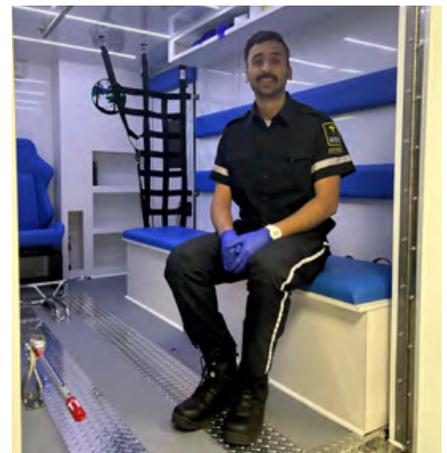
Primary Care Paramedic

Advanced Care Paramedic

Practical Nurse Diploma

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- English Language Arts 30-1 at 60% or English Language Arts 30-2 at 70%
- Math 20-1 or Math 20-2 at 60%
- Biology 30 at 60%
- Chemistry 30 strongly recommended



Tuition ranges from \$3,613.08 – \$6,443.86 or part time cost-per-credit \$170-\$198 (course dependent) based on program and length.



Programs combine classroom instruction with hands-on clinical training in hospital, clinic or field ambulance.

Paramedicine at Portage College is the best place to prepare for a challenging but rewarding career. The instructors all have an impressive amount of experience and knowledge.

— MEGAN JOHNSTON, PCP STUDENT



HUMAN SERVICES

Early Learning and Child Care, Educational Assistant, Addictions Counselling and Community Social Work programs prepare students for careers in child development, family services, and community support. These certificate and diploma programs include practicum placements in schools, social agencies, or child care centers. Graduates may work as early childhood educators, social workers, or family support specialists. These programs equip professionals with the skills to support vulnerable individuals and promote well-being in communities.

Early Learning and Child Care Certificate

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Early Learning and Child Care Diploma

- English Language Arts 30-1 at 55% or English Language Arts 30-2 at 60%

Educational Assistant Certificate

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Educational Assistant Diploma

- English Language Arts 30-1 at 55% or English Language Arts 30-2 at 60%
- Math 10-3

Community Social Work Diploma

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Addictions Counselling Diploma

- English Language Arts 30-1 at 60% or English Language Arts 30-2 at 70%



Tuition ranges from \$4243.07 – \$5,637.56 or part time cost-per-credit \$136-\$188 based on program and length.



My experience at Portage College has been incredibly rewarding. The supportive learning environment and dedicated instructors have helped me grow both personally and professionally in the field of Early Learning and Child Care.

— ARSHDEEP SINGH, ELCC YEAR 1



Community Social Work students raised \$4,490 in support of the local community.





TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY

Our trades programs provide hands-on training for skilled careers in industries such as electrical, welding, power engineering, carpentry, heavy equipment, cooking, pipe trades and hairstyling. Coursework combines classroom instruction with practical experience, often requiring on-the-job training. These programs offer a fast track to stable, well-paying careers with high demand in various industries, making them a valuable alternative to traditional four-year degrees.

PRE-APPRENTICESHIP

Carpentry

Welding

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Placement testing for enrollment of English Language Arts 10-2 or completion of ELA 10-2
- Placement testing for enrolment in Math 10-3 or completion of Math 10-3

Heavy Equipment Technician

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- English Language Arts 10-2
- Math 10-3

PRE-EMPLOYMENT

Heavy Equipment Technician

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- English Language Arts 20-2
- Math 20-3
- Science 10

Welding

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- English Language Arts 10-2
- Math 10-3

APPRENTICESHIP

Carpentry

Electrician

Heavy Equipment Technician

Steamfitter -Pipefitter

Welding

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Students must be a registered apprentice with apprenticeship and industry training and be eligible for the identified period training.

Note: Pre-Apprenticeship Programming are eligible for FLA-eligible funding – see funding info on page 41.





Tuition ranges from \$1,044.00– \$10,700 or tuition costs for part-time studies are available upon request and vary based on each student's course load.



POWER ENGINEERING

4th Class

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- English Language Arts 10-2 at 65%
- Math 10C at 65%
- Science 10 at 65%
- Physics 20 (recommended)

3rd Class

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- English Language Arts 20-2 at 65%
- Math 20 at 65%
- Physics 20 at 65%
- Valid interprovincial 4th Class Power Engineering certificate

CERTIFICATE

Aircraft Structures Technician

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- English Language Arts 30-2
- Math 20-1

Barber and Hairstyling

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- English Language Arts 10-2
- Math 10-3

Professional Cooking

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- English Language Arts 10-2
- Math 10-3



100% pass rate.

Portage College's 3rd Class Power Engineering students were as good as it gets on the first of four Alberta Boiler Safety Association (ABSA) tests.

UNIVERSITY PROGRAMMING

Choose from a wide selection of university programming offered across our campuses. As a university student, you can apply to different streams based on your field of interest. You can even get a head start on your education by applying to our high school dual credit courses. Interest ranges from Kinesiology, Pre-health, Computer Sciences to educational degrees.

UNIVERSITY STUDIES - TRANSFER AND DIPLOMA

Computer Science Certificate

Computer Science Diploma

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- English Language Arts 30-1 or English Language Arts 30-2 at 60%
- Math 30-1 or Math 30-2 at 60%



Degree Transfers and Partnerships

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A minimum average of 60% and no mark lower than 50% in the following courses or course equivalency:

- English Language Arts 30-1

Four other 30-level courses (5 credits each) from the following list:

- Humanities: 5 credits minimum
- Fine Arts: 10 credits maximum
- Sciences: No minimum or maximum (certain courses may be prerequisites for individual science or mathematics courses)
- Electives: 5 credits maximum

Kinesiology Diploma

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- English Language Arts 30-2 at 60%
- Biology 30
- Math 30-2 at 60%

Pre-Health Sciences Certificate

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- English Language Arts 30-2 at 60%
- Biology 30
- Math 30-2 at 60%

Love the small-town community friendships.

— KEARA DANIELS, UNIVERSITY TRANSFER ANTHROPOLOGY/COMMUNITY SOCIAL WORK YEAR 1





OPEN STUDIES

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Contact a student advisor for individual course requirements

OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS / DUAL CREDIT

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Completed English Language Arts 30-1 or 30-2 at 60%
- Enrolled in English Language Arts 30-1 or 30-2; and completed English Language Arts 20-1 or 20-2 at 70%



Tuition \$5,188.92 or part time cost-per-credit \$170





ACADEMIC UPGRADING

We understand the needs of adult learners. Juggling education, family life, and work is not always easy. That's why we offer flexible courses. Whether you're a full-time or part-time student, you can achieve your academic goals while supporting your community.

Academic Foundations

College Preparation

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Completion of program placement test. Course placement is dependent on testing results
- High school transcripts (if applicable)

Note: Academic Upgrading programs are eligible for FLA-eligible funding—see funding info on page 41.

Canadian Adult Education Credential

The Canadian Adult Education Credential (CAEC) is a Canadian education credential that meets industry standards as a replacement for the General Educational Development (GED). The CAEC tests offer adults a way to obtain a high school equivalency diploma recognized by Alberta Education.

Community Adult Learning Program

CALP offers support for learners in reading, writing, math, computers, or English language learning to improve their daily lives.



Tuition ranges from \$1,678.00 – \$3,356.00 or part time cost-per-credit \$116 based on program and length



CONTINUING EDUCATION

Whether you are looking to take your career to the next level or just pursuing a personal interest, our team is passionate about helping you succeed.

If you or your organization requires workshops, training courses, or an in-depth program, you can count on us. We offer educational expertise and flexible training solutions to meet all of your individual and business needs.

Micro-credentials

Safety Training

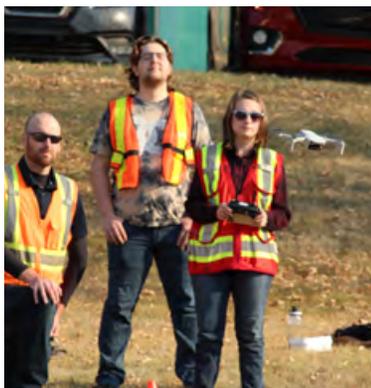
Driver Training Class I, III and V

Customized Training

Professional Development

And much more!

 **Costs, dates, and times vary by course.**





INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

WELCOME TO PORTAGE COLLEGE: YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME!

Portage College is a publicly funded community college with a strong commitment to supporting international students. We offer a welcoming and enriching experience for students from around the world.

Why Choose Portage College?

Diverse Program Options

Programs are designed to equip you with industry-relevant skills to prepare you for the workforce.

Three Vibrant Communities

Study at our campuses in Lac La Biche, Cold Lake, or St. Paul, each offering unique experiences and opportunities.

Our International Student Services Team Provides Dedicated Support

- An on-staff Immigration Advisor based in Lac La Biche
- Two International Student Advisors, one in Lac La Biche and one in Cold Lake
- International Student Support Advisor

Comprehensive Orientation for International Students

To help you transition smoothly, we host a special International Orientation at all three locations before the Fall and Winter intakes.

On-Campus Housing & Student Support Services

Our on-campus housing offers a safe, convenient, and welcoming environment—perfect for making friends and immersing yourself in student life. Whether you need help adjusting to a new country, support with academics, or someone to talk to, our dedicated student services team is here for you. From health and wellness resources to cultural clubs and career advising, we're committed to your success—inside and outside the classroom.

Engage with Your New Community

Each college community hosts multiple community events every month, providing students with chances to meet locals and engage in cultural activities.

Your Future Starts Here!

At Portage College, we are dedicated to making your educational experience enriching, supportive, and successful. Join a welcoming community that values cultural diversity and student success. We can't wait to meet you!

For more information, contact our International Student Services team today!



View the website for more details on international programs.



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Portage College offers a variety of international programs in areas like healthcare, business, IT, and human services. Students can choose from both PGWP-eligible programs and other flexible options. With small class sizes, personalized support, and a friendly campus, Portage College is a great place to start your Canadian education journey.

Programs Eligible for Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP)

The following international programs at Portage College are Eligible for Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP):

- Addictions Counselling Diploma (CIP 15.1501)
- Computer Programming and Information Technology Certificate (CIP 11.0201)
- Computer Programming and Information Technology Diploma (CIP 11.0201)
- Early Learning and Child Care Certificate (CIP 13.1501)
- Early Learning and Child Care Diploma (CIP 19.0709)
- Kinesiology and Sports Diploma (CIP 31.0501)
- Practical Nurse Diploma (CIP 51.3901)
- Pre-Health Sciences Certificate (CIP 51.1199)

Programs **Not** Eligible for Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP)

These programs are not eligible for a PGWP upon graduation; however, additional degree completion pathways that may lead to PGWP eligibility can be explored:

- Business Administration Certificate (52.0201)
- Business Administration Diploma – Accounting (52.0305)
- Business Administration Diploma – Management (52.0201)
- Community Social Work Diploma (44.0701)
- Environmental Technologist Diploma (15.0507)
- Fine Arts Certificate (50.0799)
- Indigenous Art Certificate (50.0201)
- Indigenous Art Diploma (50.0201)
- Open Studies (24.0102)
- University Studies Diploma (24.0102)
- University Transfer (24.0102)

Designated Learning Institution (DLI) Number: O111010246767

Disclaimer: Information current as of June 1, 2025. Subject to change without notice.



WORK INTEGRATED LEARNING

GET CAREER-READY WITH REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

Work Integrated Learning is a form of education that integrates a student's academic studies with relevant experience in the workplace. The WIL Office can help with various skills, from cover letter writing and interview skills to helping you with placements.



WE'RE ALL ABOUT CONNECTING YOU WITH REAL OPPORTUNITIES. THAT MEANS:

Hands-on Learning

We work with your instructors and industry partners to bring real-world projects into your classes—so you graduate with more than just theory.

Career Fairs & Networking

You'll have more chances than ever to meet employers, explore careers, and make connections that matter.

Job Opportunities

Whether you're looking for part-time work while studying or a full-time role after graduation, we promote openings and keep track of who's hiring.

Industry Events

We organize and host events that bring you face-to-face with professionals in your field.

Job Search Support

From perfecting your resume to practicing for interviews, we're here to help you land the job.

Plus, we help you get job-ready with:

- Resume and cover letter workshops
- Mock interviews
- One-on-one coaching
- Group sessions to build your confidence and skills
- Everything you need to stand out in today's job market.



INDIGENOUS EXPERIENCE



Portage College is dedicated to expanding opportunities for Indigenous students, fostering respectful partnerships with Indigenous communities, and inspiring collective participation in the journey of Truth and Reconciliation. Through traditional teachings and ceremonies, we strive to uphold this commitment and encourage you to reflect on these teachings as you take the next step in your educational journey.

Each year at Convocation we host the Honour Ceremony where graduates receive an eagle feather or a Métis sash to honour their accomplishments.

Gathering Spaces

waniskah room located at the Lac La Biche campus is a welcoming gathering space for students, carefully designed to reflect Indigenous culture. It serves as a community hub where students can relax. Students are welcome to smudge freely in waniskah.

Our Founders Student Lounge is in the second-floor lobby at the Lac La Biche Campus. The lounge is a great place to connect with peers, who share similar backgrounds, to hang out, or study.

Elders

Elders are the keepers of sacred stories, songs, languages, cultures and traditions. Elders are available for a friendly chat or cultural guidance.

Art Shows and Sales

The Traditions Store is located at the Lac La Biche campus, where Indigenous cultural art is sold. Don't miss out on the annual Indigenous Expose that takes place in June, or the wonderful Indigenous Holiday Sale in December, where you can pick up some great gifts for family and friends.

Indigenous Art on Campus

Discover inspiring collections of Indigenous art at our campuses. The Museum of Aboriginal Peoples' Art and Artifacts is located at the Lac La Biche campus, but works can also be seen at our St. Paul and Cold Lake campuses.





The Treaty 6 flag was raised at our St. Paul campus and our Lac La Biche campus. With construction dollars, new flag poles were installed at the St. Paul campus to make the event a first in 2024.



Event Highlights

- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation—Orange Shirt Day
- Métis Week
- During Métis Week, we host a variety of events—some in collaboration with local community partners—to celebrate and honour Métis culture and heritage.
- Take time to learn more about Métis culture by viewing displays and participating in workshops.

The Honour Ceremony

The Honour Ceremony has been part of the Portage College Convocation tradition since 2003. It was first introduced as a special ceremony acknowledging our students for successful completion of their schooling. Each Graduated is presented with a symbolic eagle feather or Métis sash from the Elders. The Elders bless the feathers and sashes and say a prayer for the Graduateds.

Scholarships and Awards

These are specifically for Indigenous learners, but there are many more general scholarships, awards and bursaries you can apply for.

- Indigenous Careers Award: \$2,000 x 2
- Portage College Founder's Legacy Award: \$1,000
- Métis Education Foundation – Métis Scholar Award up to \$10,000
- Wolf Midstream: \$2,500



Designed by the 2022-2023 Indigenous Arts students, the Project of Heart, titled The Seven Sacred Grandfather Teachings of Turtle Island represents a collaborative effort to amplify the voices and experiences of Indigenous Peoples in Canada.



The 21st Annual Round Dance. Portage hosts this event as an educational opportunity for local schools. Hundreds gather each year to learn about traditions of Indigenous culture.



PORTAGE COLLEGE
**MUSEUM OF
ABORIGINAL PEOPLES'
ART & ARTIFACTS**

Hours of Operation

9:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Monday to Friday

Guided tours - by booking only

Summer Hours

9:00 A.M - 7:00 P.M

Monday to Sunday self-guided tours

Museum Contact Information

Dr. Donna Feledichuk, Museum Director

780-623-6693 or email

museum@portagecollege.ca

Joseph Sánchez, Chief Curator

The Museum of Aboriginal Peoples' Art and Artifacts at Portage College is home to one of the most significant collections of Indigenous art and cultural artifacts in Canada. Showcasing works from renowned First Nations, Métis, and Inuit artists, including the Indigenous Group of Seven, the museum serves as a vital space for preserving and celebrating Indigenous heritage, storytelling, and artistic expression.



Ghost Shirt, 1981, Joseph Sánchez



Hoop Dancers, 1975, Eddy Cobiness

Visitors can explore a diverse collection of over 2000 pieces that includes traditional and contemporary artwork, carvings, beadwork, textiles, and historical artifacts that reflect the rich cultural traditions of Indigenous communities across Canada.



VOYAGEURS BEYOND BORDERS: **TAKE YOUR COLLEGE EXPERIENCE GLOBAL**



International Travel Opportunities

Portage College offers world-class education that can carry students around the world—literally.

The Global Skills Opportunity Grant has allowed Portage College students—many who otherwise may not have had the resources to travel—the opportunity to see how their own studies translate in a wider world view. The immersive study trips have allowed Culinary Arts students to explore the food and cultural flavours of Italy, Community Social Work students to see the effects of historic colonialism and conflict in Scotland and Ireland, Fine Arts students the ability to experience the nuances of the art world from a 'Big Apple' perspective, and Business students the opportunity to study the dynamic and unique workings of the Japanese economic system. The experiences have also included an opportunity for Portage College Education Assistant and Early Learning and Childcare students to visit Spain where they were immersed in that country's best practices for early learning and education.

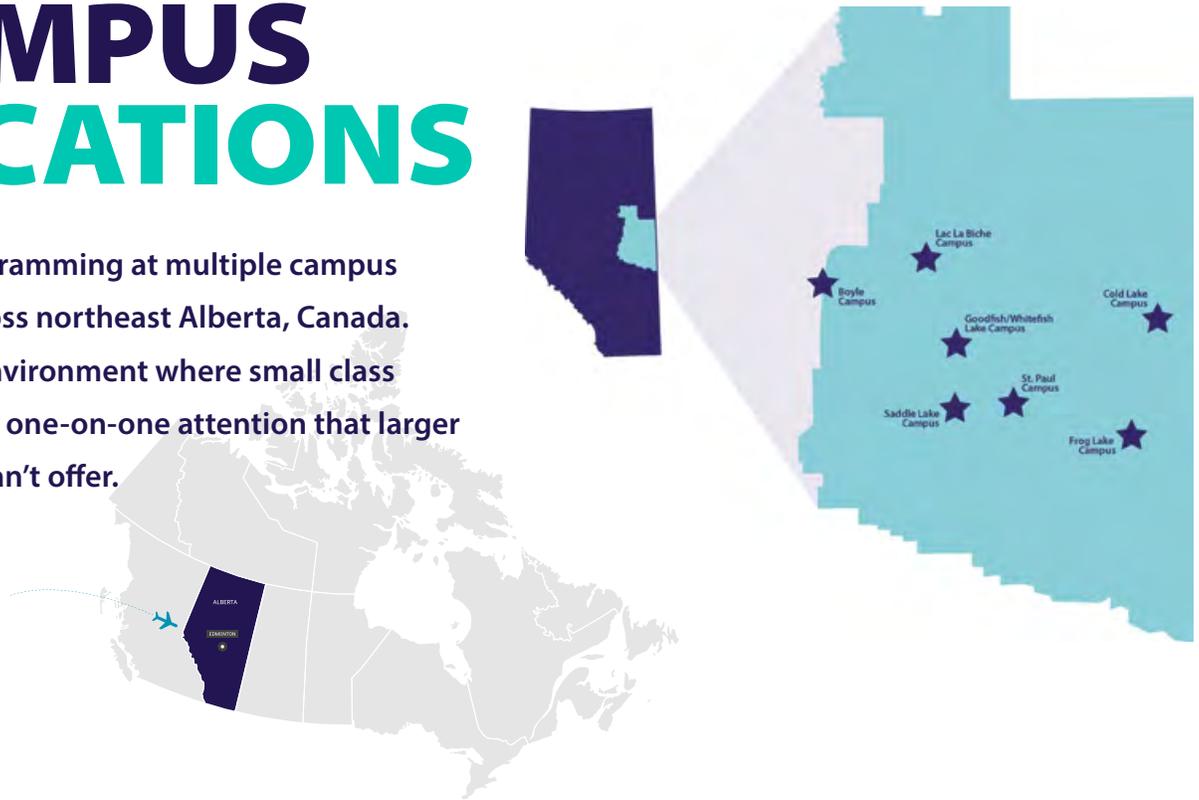
At Portage College, we truly believe that learning can take you anywhere.



International travel is a valuable means to enhance the global perspective of students. The depth of these educational experiences foster cultural humility, grow intercultural competence, and increase awareness of diverse opportunities in a global context.

CAMPUS LOCATIONS

We offer programming at multiple campus locations across northeast Alberta, Canada. Learn in an environment where small class sizes give you one-on-one attention that larger institutions can't offer.



Cold Lake

Our Cold Lake campus is the second largest campus, and it is conveniently housed in the Cold Lake Energy Centre. Recreational amenities, sporting events and concerts are just a few attractions at the Energy Centre, and is an excellent gathering place for College students.

Situated in the Lakeland district, Cold Lake is home to a variety of activities, such as boating, fishing, swimming, waterskiing, wakeboarding, hiking, snowmobiling and skiing/snowboarding at the Kinosoo Ridge Ski Resort. There's plenty to do and explore in a vibrant downtown atmosphere.

Free parking on campus is available to all students. The Cold Lake transit system gives every student the option to travel all over the city.





Lac La Biche

Our main campus in Lac La Biche offers a dynamic and personalized learning experience in a beautiful northern setting. With modern facilities and small class sizes, students at Portage College enjoy the best of both worlds—hands-on access to cutting-edge resources and one-on-one attention from instructors who know them by name.

A wide variety of programs are available to help you start or continue your educational journey. The campus buzzes year-round with energy and connection—from recreational activities and athletic competitions to student association events and college fundraisers. Comfortable on-campus housing options make it easy to live and learn in one place.

Beyond the classroom, Lac La Biche is a haven for outdoor enthusiasts. Nestled beside the lake and surrounded by boreal forest, the area offers endless opportunities for adventure—ice fishing, canoeing, hiking, kayaking, camping, snowmobiling, or simply unwinding on the beach. Every season brings something new to explore in this vibrant northern community.

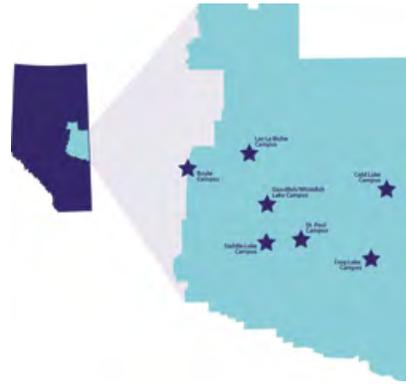
St. Paul

Along with our standard programming, our St. Paul campus specializes in culinary and is home to the Portage Market. There's plenty to do to occupy your time, including shopping centres, a movie theatre, and numerous sports and recreational facilities, such as the swimming pool, bowling alley, and an 18-hole golf course.



CAMPUS LOCATIONS

SATELLITE CAMPUSES



Frog Lake Cree Nation

We offer an excellent local learning opportunity for Frog Lake Cree Nation community members. Our Academic Upgrading programs help you acquire credit courses and prepares you to upgrade your education for further learning.

Frog Lake is a community committed to achieving results. We provide unique one-on-one support in a comfortable, friendly learning environment to work towards the same goals.



Saddle Lake Cree Nation

Of the 48 First Nations in Alberta, Saddle Lake has the second largest population. This campus has been operational for many years, bringing education to Indigenous learners.

Whitefish (Goodfish) Lake First Nation #128

This campus supports academic upgrading students, where you can engage in your own learning or develop and work through learning plans with guided support. This holistic and experiential learning environment allows you to build on essential, career and life skills, extending beyond the four walls of the classroom.



STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

MAKE OUR CAMPUS YOUR HOME



Living on campus isn't just about having a place to stay—it's about creating the foundation for your success story. At Portage College, we've designed our campus living experience around what matters most: you.

Lac La Biche Residence Hall, attached to the main campus building, features two-person rooms, while the townhouses are shared by four students or for students with families.

St. Paul Housing is designed to accommodate one to four students with family occupancy available.

Support When You Need It

Our residence halls are staffed by dedicated professionals who understand that your growth extends beyond the classroom. With quiet study areas, responsive maintenance, and 24/7 security, we've created an environment where you can focus on what matters most.

All-Inclusive Living

Your campus home comes fully equipped with everything you need: electricity, cable TV, internet, and free parking—all included in your housing rate.



Housing Office Hours of Operation

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

Contact Information

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



Apply early—student housing is available on a first-come, first-served basis!

HERE TO SUPPORT YOU



Student Learning Services

Student Learning Services (SLS) is committed to providing an inclusive learning environment for all students. Our department offers accommodations and services to remove barriers from your learning environment. While services vary based on unique student need, we can provide one-on-one strategy sessions, exam accommodations, assistive technology, alternate format material, contracted services, and/or navigating financial assistance.

If you require specialized learning support, please contact SLS as soon as possible. This will help ensure support is in place when you begin your program.

Academic Advising at Portage College

Our student advisors are here to support you in making well-informed decisions about your academic journey, from selecting the right program to choosing the courses that align with your goals. Whether you need guidance on prerequisites, program pathways, or course scheduling, we're here to help you navigate the process with confidence.

Counselling & Wellness

We provide a secure, confidential, and judgement-free environment where you can access Counselling and support for a wide range of issues.

There are both in-person and remote (telephone/video) appointments available, walk-ins are also welcome. The Mental Health Navigator is here to help you find the right support, whether you're feeling overwhelmed, looking for resources, or unsure where to start. Working alongside campus counsellors, the Navigator offers confidential guidance to explore your mental health concerns, connect you with services on and off campus, and share wellness tools tailored to your needs.

New Student Orientation

Student Orientation is designed to help you make a smooth and successful transition into life at Portage College. It's also a valuable time to meet the faculty and connect with other students.

Safety on Campus

Our security team is here to help you. We use video surveillance to keep you safe. Our security staff are certified in first aid and CPR and are trained to deal with safety and emergency situations.

We take emergency preparedness seriously. That's why we practice both shelter in place and evacuation procedures throughout the academic year.

Portage Alert, Our Official Safety App

Easily access emergency plans and support resources, stay up to date on campus emergencies and explore some of the awesome features the app has to offer. Download now for free on Google Play or the App Store!

STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF PORTAGE COLLEGE



The Students' Association of Portage College (SAPC) advocates for students at college and governmental levels, supports students, organizes social activities, participates in community awareness events, and supports clubs.

How You Can be Involved

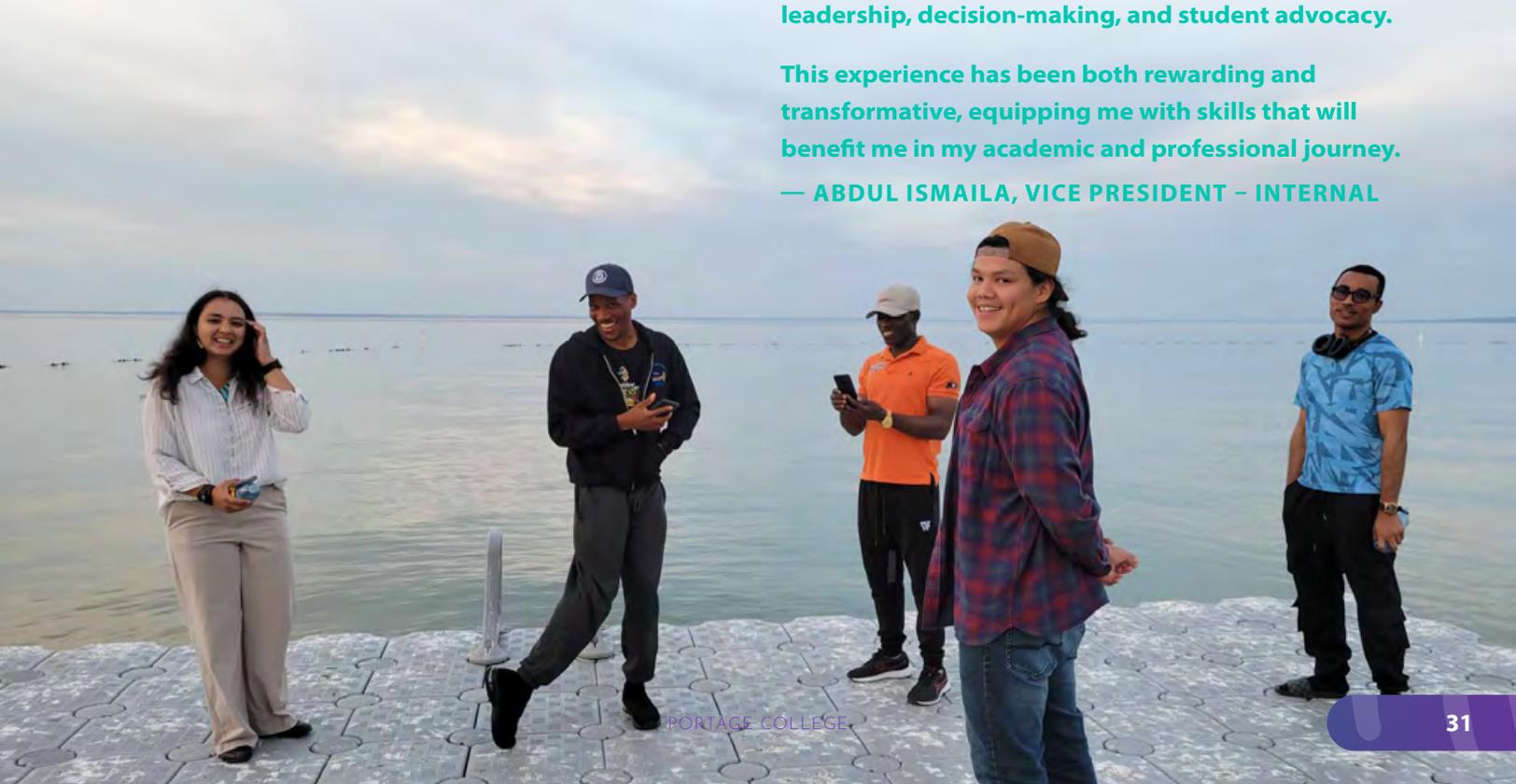
- Become a Class Representative
- Volunteer for events
- Start a club
- Participate in activities
- Attend SAPC annual general meetings
- Provide feedback to us about the College and the SAPC
- Run for a position on the SAPC Board



Being part of SAPC has given me the opportunity to meet and interact with people from diverse backgrounds, allowing me to learn about different cultures and improve my communication skills. It has also helped me build meaningful friendships and develop strong interpersonal skills. Additionally, serving on the board has provided me with the chance to engage directly with top school management, gaining valuable insights into leadership, decision-making, and student advocacy.

This experience has been both rewarding and transformative, equipping me with skills that will benefit me in my academic and professional journey.

— ABDUL ISMAILA, VICE PRESIDENT - INTERNAL





CAMPUS LIFE & SERVICES

Student Spaces

Need a space to unwind, connect, or get things done? Our Student Lounges are designed to be your go-to spot for studying, socializing, and relaxation—all in one place.



Grab a Meal and Connect

The Voyageur Grill, in Lac La Biche, and the Portage Market, in St. Paul, are Portage College run facilities to nourish your appetite, hang out, and make memories. Cold Lake campus Energy Centre has several places to eat such as the Gameday Grill and Booster Juice.



Library Services

The Library is more than a place to study—it's a space to think, relax, and recharge.

The library supports and enhances the learning process by providing access to information resources and technical and research assistance in a friendly and inviting learning environment.

There are currently three library branches. Our main branch is located in Lac La Biche, but we also have branches in Cold Lake and St. Paul.

All our library branches deliver services and resources to students and staff, including computer workstations, physical and electronic resources, interlibrary loans, study space, and research and citation assistance.

Portage College Bookstore

The Portage College Bookstore is your one-stop shop for all academic and campus essentials. Whether you're looking for textbooks, course materials, or college-branded merchandise, we've got you covered to show your school pride!

We also carry giftware for the Museum of Aboriginal Peoples' Arts and Artifacts. Visit the Portage College Bookstore on campus or online at bookstore.portagecollege.ca to find everything you need for a successful academic journey! Contact us at 780 623 5647 or bookstore@portagecollege.ca



BEYOND CAMPUS

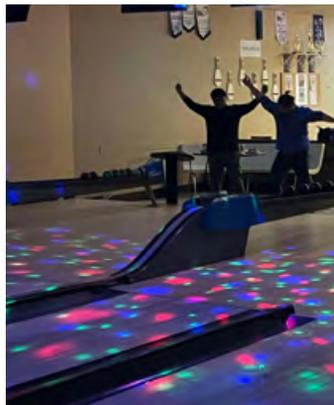
In the Region

There are many unique places, events, and activities within and around the Portage College communities to keep that learn-life balance well-centred. If you like the outdoors, this is the place. The northeastern part of Alberta that contains the seven Portage College campus locations isn't named the Lakeland Region by accident. From the sparkling and sandy shorelines of Cold Lake to the boreal forest trails that meander through provincial parks near Lac La Biche, there's always somewhere to enjoy your free time. The region is also home to great camping spots, golf courses, snowmobile trails, ski hills, restaurants and yes – there's even a UFO landing pad near our St. Paul campus. So, the possibilities truly are out of this world.

Getting Around

Don't have transport? Don't worry. Community bus services are available in Cold Lake and Lac La Biche. Cold Lake Transit provides free, fully accessible public transportation that is available to Portage College students with bus stops at the Energy Centre and throughout the city. In Lac La Biche, the Community Access Bus is a municipal service that provides on-demand transport to all residents through a community call centre. A minimal fee is charged for the service, but Portage College students can access free bus vouchers from the Lac La Biche campus Student Services office. Buses in both communities run six days a week, connecting students to key destinations, including Kinosoo Beach and the marina in Cold Lake, and McArthur Park and the Bold Centre in Lac La Biche.

Balancing study time and personal time is key to maintaining a good learn-life balance. Fortunately, the communities in and around our Portage College campus locations offer a lot of great options for you to learn, stay and play.





RECREATION

We provide recreation and leisure opportunities that promote your physical, social, and emotional well-being. We offer a range of fun and engaging campus programs and events along with community-based activities. These activities are either free or offered at a reduced rate. Each of our campuses has unique programs, facilities, and access to Rec & Student Life activities.

Cold Lake

As a student, you have access to the Cold Lake Energy Centre's multi-use facility. A four-month membership allows free access to the Cenovus Energy Wellness Centre, walking/running track, drop-in activities at the field houses and arena, group fitness classes, and use of athletic equipment (balls, nets, racquets, etc.).

Lac La Biche

Our weight room, cardio centre, racquetball court, and gymnasium are free to use. Here, you can participate in sports such as basketball, floor hockey, futsal, badminton, volleyball, racquetball, squash, and more!

Conveniently located on campus, Portage Pool includes a wading pool, 25 metre five-lane pool, steam room, hot tub, changing rooms, and a Pal Lift and Easy Ladder for anyone with accessibility needs. By presenting your student ID, you gain free access to all public, family, and lane swim.

St. Paul

A visit to the Aquatic Centre can help you stay active and feel great! With a punch pass, you get access to the weight and cardio room, and public, adult, and lane swimming.

Virtual Activities

We offer a variety of virtual activities. Rec & Student Life will accommodate satellite campuses and online learners if they would like to participate on Cold Lake, Lac La Biche, or St. Paul campuses.



Portage has been an amazing school and sporting experience for me. It has allowed me to grow as a player and a person through the support of the school and program.

— XAVIER HALTERMAN, VOYAGEURS HOCKEY



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GOLF
CURLING
SOCCER/FUTSAL
MEN'S HOCKEY

BECOME A VOYAGEUR: WHERE ATHLETES THRIVE

Your Journey. Our Mission.

At Portage College, your athletic journey is about more than just competition—it's about becoming the hero of your own story. As proud members of the Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference (ACAC) and Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA), we've been empowering student-athletes since 1991 to discover their full potential both on and off the field.

World-Class Facilities, Small-College Experience

Train like a champion at the exceptional Bold Centre in Lac La Biche – your 250,000 sq. ft. home featuring twin ice arenas, curling rink, indoor field houses, running track, and state-of-the-art fitness center. Our newly completed outdoor complex offers everything you need to excel, including a natural grass soccer pitch, 400m track, baseball diamonds, and outdoor courts.

Beyond the Game

What sets Voyager athletes apart? We're looking for teammates who embrace our culture of excellence, community engagement, and academic success. Here, you'll develop leadership skills through volunteerism that will benefit you long after graduation. It's not just about winning games—it's about growing into the best version of yourself while making a meaningful impact.





Take the First Step

Begin your Voyageur journey today. Complete our recruitment form at athletics.portagecollege.ca/student-athletes/recruit and discover how Portage College can help you thrive.



Playing soccer at Portage College has been an amazing experience that has helped me grow both on and off the pitch. The support I received from the professors and advisors has allowed me to thrive in the classroom, and learning from the community has truly made my journey here special.

— ASHLEY TWEEDY, VOYAGEURS SOCCER

HOW TO APPLY

1 > Choose your program

Choose a program that fits with your learning plan. Check out Programs A-Z on the website. If you need help contact a Student Advisor.

Note: Students applying into an apprenticeship trades program must also be registered with AIT (Apprenticeship and Industry Training in Alberta) and ATOMS.

2 > Gather your documents

Gather information you will need to complete your applications, such as.

- Your Alberta Student Number (ASN) (if you already have one)
- Names of all the high schools and post-secondary institutions you attended
- High school courses and the marks you received (currently-enrolled Canadian Students)
- A credit card/debit or online banking to pay the application fee



If you don't meet the entrance requirements we have learning options for you. Don't see a program that suits your needs? Ask our student advisors about open studies.

3 > Apply

We recommend using **ApplyAlberta**. First time users will need to set up a profile. ApplyAlberta facilitates the transfer of academic transcripts free of charge.



If you need help contact one of our Student Advisors.

You will need to pay your \$53.50 application fee directly to Portage College.

If you are having trouble applying online, please use the application form attached in this publication.

Any supporting documents can be emailed separately to info@portagecollege.ca or bring them into your local Portage College campus.

4 > After you apply

Acceptance

Applicants will be advised of their acceptance by email. Accepted students will receive an acceptance letter followed by a pre-registration form. The College reserves the right to grant or refuse admission to any individual. Applicants who are not accepted will be notified and referred to a Student Advisor for alternate suggestions or recommendations.

Deposit for Career Programs

Students accepted into Career programs are required to pay a \$100 non-refundable tuition deposit within thirty (30) days of the date on the Letter of Acceptance to ensure a space in the program. The balance of the tuition fee is due by registration date.



Part Time Students

Part-time students are welcome to register in individual courses. Credit weightings for each course are available on program pages. Part-time applicants will be accepted based on availability of space in the course, approval of the Program Coordinator and payment of fees. Documentation (i.e. transcript or program certificate) and/or placement assessment may be required. Books and supplies are extra.

STUDENT FUNDING

Indigenous 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.

Foundational Learning Assistance Program (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

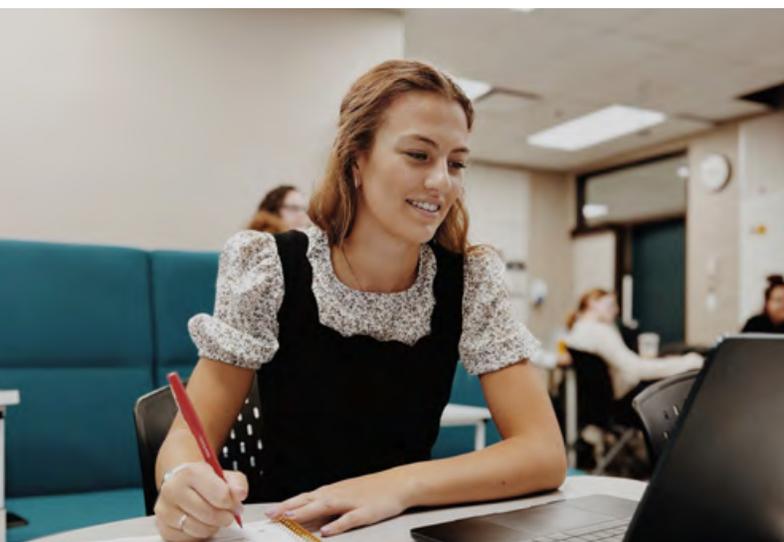
Registered Alberta apprentices and occupational trainees may be eligible for financial assistance when attending the technical training portion of their program.

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.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Historically we give out over 500 awards benefiting over 250 students annually. Portage gives out over \$640k in awards, scholarships and bursaries.

See complete award and scholarship listing and deadlines here.



\$640,000+

in scholarships offered at Portage College



RCMP Constable Leo Johnston Memorial Bursary

A scholarship in memory of local RCMP member Leo Johnston.

As a social work student balancing my studies and family responsibilities, this financial support has significantly alleviated some of the financial stress associated with my education.

This award is not just financial assistance—it is a reminder that my hard work and dedication are recognized and valued. It motivates me to continue striving toward my goal of becoming a social worker and making a meaningful impact in my community.

— RENEE, COMMUNITY SOCIAL WORK STUDENT



For students that give back to their communities and are able to volunteer, we offer multiple awards throughout the year to recognize them.

Your generous support is making a significant difference in my journey toward becoming a Power Engineer. Opportunities like this make a meaningful impact on students like me, providing not just financial relief but also motivation to excel. By easing my financial burden, this scholarship allows me to focus on my studies, gain valuable industry knowledge, and work toward my career goals with greater confidence.

— GLORIA, POWER ENGINEERING STUDENT

Métis Scholar Award

In a partnership with the Métis Education Foundation we offer the Métis Scholar Award—valued up to \$10,000 to Métis Nation of Alberta students pursuing studies in an undergraduate or graduate program at Portage College.



CONNECT WITH US

Campus Tours and Open Houses

Experience what it's like to be a Portage College student firsthand with our campus tours or by attending one of our open houses. Explore our facilities, meet instructors, staff, and current students, and get a true feel for what Portage College has to offer. Tours are available one-on-one or in groups at our three main campus locations in Cold Lake, Lac La Biche, and St. Paul. In Lac La Biche and St. Paul, you'll also have the opportunity to tour our on-campus accommodations.

Join us for our open house or book a personalized tour today!

1-866-623-5551
info@portagecollege.ca

Fall 2025 Open House

Lac La Biche – Monday, October 20th

St. Paul – Tuesday, October 21st

Cold Lake – Wednesday, October 22nd

Spring 2026

Lac La Biche – Monday, March 2nd

St. Paul – Tuesday, March 3rd

Cold Lake – Wednesday, March 4th

*Subject to change

Learn More

Visit our website for more information about program offerings, online courses, transferability, upcoming events, campus life, and anything else you need to know about Portage College.

Still have questions? Call our main line and we'll connect you with one of our student advisors.

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Portage College App

Stay connected with your campus and download the Portage College app.

Download now for free on Google Play or the App Store!

- Access all your campus information on the go.
- Keep your assignment, events, and activities organized.
- Join the campus discussion and connect with your peers.
- Buy and sell textbooks and other items.
- Chat with friends.



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