

It's About You.



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.

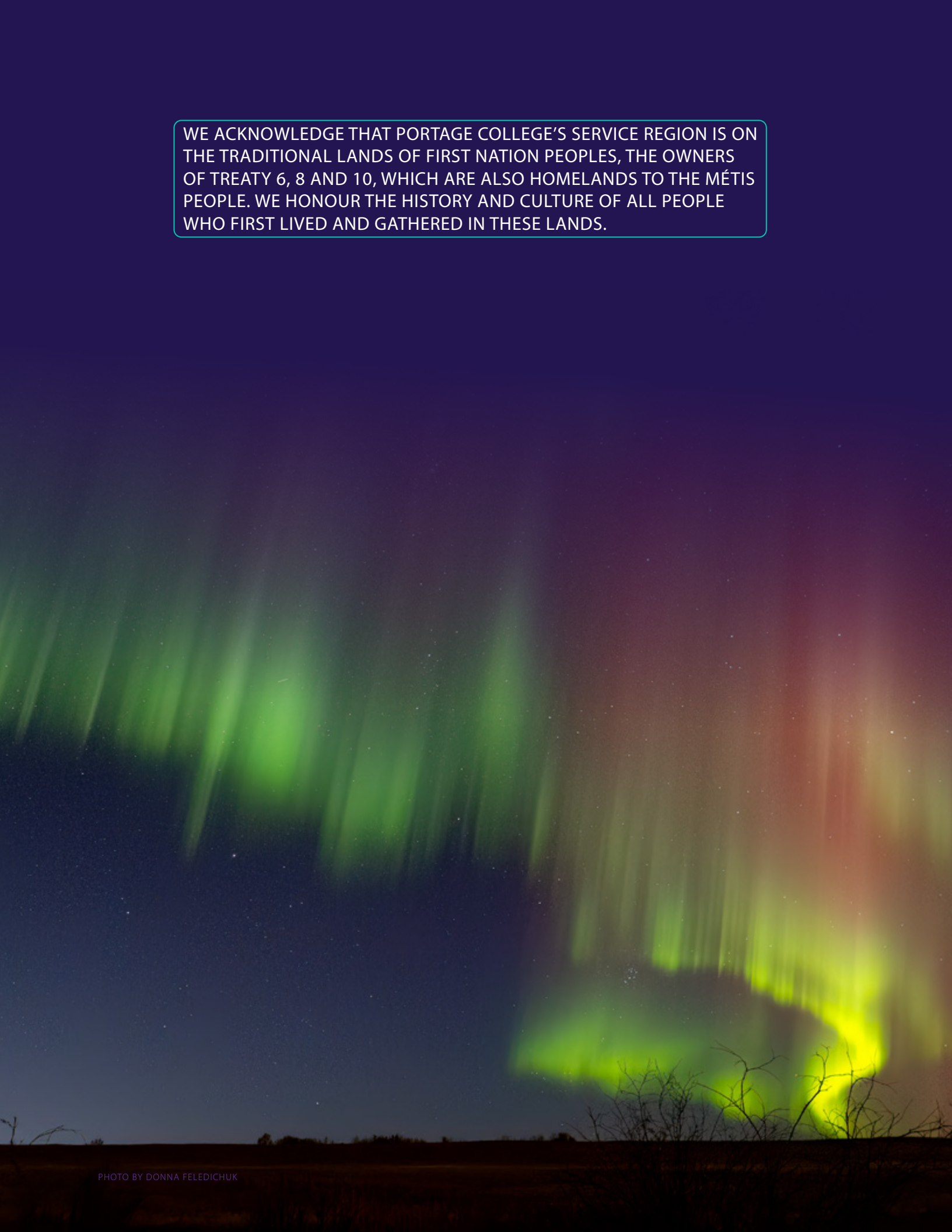


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Stewart Steinbauer's sculpture newokâtew-ayisin The Four-legged Spirit Being. On loan from Collection of the Alberta Foundation for the Arts.



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!





100%

of employers surveyed say they would hire another Portage College graduate

92%

of employed graduates are working in training-related jobs



90%

of students would recommend their program of study to others

91%

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





I find this program is great for how extensive the teachings are. I'm grateful for Ruby's knowledge, she really understands how things work, she's an amazing teacher.

— CASSANDRA JOBIN, INDIGENOUS ARTS DIPLOMA

ARTS

UNLOCK YOUR CREATIVE POTENTIAL

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

Fine Arts Certificate

Indigenous 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-\$170 based on program and length.



The Fine Arts Program has helped me with my artistic and social skills. Also, has greatly impacted my confidence in pursuing a career in fine arts.

— NATALIE WARD, FINE ARTS CERTIFICATE



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 — Management

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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

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 \$170 based on program and length.



Portage College Business Program students from Lac La Biche and Cold Lake campuses at the Alberta Deans of Business Case Competition in Calgary. The team competed against teams from 10 other Alberta institutions.



Portage College has provided me valuable, practical knowledge and gave me opportunities to expand my understanding of business, which I can apply directly to my academic and professional goals. The instructors have been knowledgeable and supportive throughout the experience.

— **SHELDON CLOSE, BUSINESS MANAGEMENT DIPLOMA GRADUATE**



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%
- Math 30-2 at 60%
- Chemistry 30 or Science 30 at 50% or Biology 20 or Chemistry 20 at 60%
- Biology 30 (recommended)



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





Finding My Place at Portage College

AN INCLUSIVE CAMPUS COMMUNITY AND REAL-WORLD LEARNING EXPERIENCES MADE THE TRANSITION FROM CITY LIFE TO RURAL ALBERTA UNFORGETTABLE.

Ryan Riberdy, Environmental Technologist Diploma Graduate and Alumni, with distinction '23

Coming to Portage College after being raised in a larger city, I was unsure of what to expect and whether I was ready to adapt to a new environment at a smaller college in rural Alberta. Portage College was welcoming with open arms. Not only does Portage College acquire a great community, but it also has an amazing faculty. On the first day of orientation, after being introduced to fellow students and instructors, I recall fondly playing a game of frisbee on the soccer field with my new teachers. I can't think of any other learning institution where I have ever had that experience; the feeling of equality and inclusion among my instructors and fellow students on the first day of orientation helped me understand the great decision I had made to come to Portage. I enrolled in the Environmental Technologist program at Portage specifically to experience something new and improve my understanding of a variety of interdisciplinary fields. I gained exactly that. The program covers a wide range of subject areas, which undoubtedly contributed to the well-rounded education I have received. We

spent a suitable amount of time learning in the classroom and putting our learning to work through hands-on field trips and labs in the fascinating natural space surrounding the Lac La Biche area. If you have an appreciation for the natural world and are willing to put your knowledge to work, this is the program for you.

I lived in the Portage residence during my studies at the college. Being my first experience living away from home, I was again unsure of what to expect. The housing staff at the college are caring and very accommodating to all needs. The dorms were well-furnished and provided a positive environment to study in my off-time, and as a great home base after a day of exploring the Lakeland region (which I did frequently). It's not just about cramming for tests or creating flashcards when you come to Portage; it's about exploring the community, trying new things, and making new friends. And, speaking of making new friends, many of the people that I met while attending Portage and staying in dorms are still my friends to this day. Having a great campus

community makes all the difference when you need to organize a study session to prepare for an exam; invite your fellow students to study together.

Now, as a recently accepted Master of Science student at a well-regarded university, I look back fondly and positively on my time at Portage. During my time as a university student, I have talked to many other students who would have preferred to spend more time undertaking hands-on work in the field. Larger class sizes in a larger university environment make it difficult for field experiences. This is not a problem at Portage. The smaller class sizes and more localized classroom settings make it easier to learn concepts firsthand and interact with instructors. The Environmental Technologist Diploma is an excellent starting point for anyone looking to take on a career working in a meaningful field and is a great starting point to build on to further education. I am glad it was a part of my journey and would recommend it to anyone who is thinking of taking a program at Portage to go for it!



The PN program has been a great experience for me, the teachers are so helpful and they go above and beyond to ensure our success!

— MIRANDA KOME, PRACTICAL NURSE

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Our health care educational programs prepare students for careers in health-related fields. These programs range from certificates to diplomas.

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 20-2 at 60%
- Biology 30 at 60%
- Chemistry 30 strongly recommended

> Tuition ranges from \$3,613.08 – \$6,667.65 or part time cost-per-credit \$170-\$198 (course dependent) based on program and length.



I really enjoy my Primary Care Paramedic program because it pushes me to grow both personally and professionally. I love gaining hands-on experience that prepares me to stay calm in emergencies and truly help people when they need it most. It feels rewarding to know that what I'm learning can make a real impact in someone's life.

— JAIDE LAMMEREN, PRIMARY CARE PARAMEDIC

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





HUMAN SERVICES AND EDUCATION

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 \$4340.00 – \$5,637.56 or part time cost-per-credit \$140-\$188 based on program and length.



If you are considering furthering your education but are unsure how you will manage work, family, or financial responsibilities, I encourage you to take the leap. I completed my ELCC Diploma while working full time, raising two young children, leading a team as a supervisor, as well as serving on committees. The flexible online format and one-course-per-month structure made the program not only manageable, but highly relevant to real-world ELCC practice.

— HEATHER CAPPIS, EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE DIPLOMA GRADUATE AND ALUMNI



The small atmosphere made my experience so personalized. I wouldn't have chosen anywhere else to do my post-secondary!

— ASHLEY HOWDLE, COMMUNITY SOCIAL WORK



TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY

Our trades programs provide hands-on training for skilled careers in industries such as electrical, welding, aircraft technician, 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

Note: Pre-Apprenticeship programs are eligible for FLA-eligible funding — see funding info on page 46.

PRE-EMPLOYMENT

Barber and Hairstyling

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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

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.

Visit tradesecrets.alberta.ca for more information



CERTIFICATE

Aircraft Structures Technician

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- English Language Arts 20-2
- Math 20-2

Power Engineering - 4th Class

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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

Power Engineering - 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

Professional Cooking

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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



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.



The atmosphere, instruction, and small class sizes have been excellent. The instructors have been great to work with. I also really like the Portage College campus, and being able to do all periods of the program here at this location back-to-back. — **ADRIAN ABRAHAM, APPRENTICESHIP CARPENTRY**



From Student to Stylist: A Journey Where Passion Meets Opportunity

Hunter Ray, Hairstyling Certificate Graduate and Alumni

I was born in Kikino Métis Settlement, before moving and growing up in Lac La Biche, a place where community and connection have become central to my everyday life. My journey with Portage College began in 2020, when I graduated with honours from the Office Administration program. After that, I completed some additional business courses, which provided me with the confidence to pursue and build a career around my true passion, hairstyling.

So, I took the Hairstyling Certificate program at Portage College and graduated in April 2024, and now I work full-time out of the Portage College Hair Salon. The small-town learning environment provided meaningful one-on-one support and strong relationships with instructors and classmates. While I was a student, the salon opened to the public for appointments, which provided a real-world learning experience in a supportive setting,

as having instructors present through consultations and services helped develop skills I continue to use every day.

Hairstyling is a constantly evolving and growing industry, and Portage College recognized and supported this growth by providing outside training and hands-on learning opportunities from industry professionals. With this support, I have also been able to give back by sharing my knowledge with the local middle school students, educating them on skills within hairstyling, and helping them gain hands-on exposure to the industry.

Receiving awards and bursaries during my studies was an incredible honour, and my time at Portage College reinforced that there truly is no set timeline for education, and when you're ready to pursue your goals, the support and opportunities are there for the taking!

Did You Know?

The salon is equipped with 28 hairstyling stations, three posh leather pedicure chairs, and four manicure stations. In addition, hairstyling services are available in private cutting rooms.



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Attending the 4th Class Power Engineering program at Portage College in Lac la Biche allowed me to thrive and gain the confidence I'll need for working in such a fast-paced environment like Power Engineering. In 5 months of instruction, Phil, Geoff, and Martin had us ready to write both Provincial exams and be ready for field placements.

The smaller class sizes really made me feel included in the learning. Additionally, the accessibility of one-on-one conversations with the instructors whenever I had a question was so easy. No appointments needed!

When I began the program, I was very nervous, having been out of school for more than 5 years and also leaving a full-time job. At the time, it was hard to justify, but coming to the college, all the administrative personnel and support staff provided the necessary tools needed to succeed. I've enjoyed my time here, the friends I made, and now I am looking forward to the 3rd class intake!

Learning That Powers Your Future

Vishaun Laliberte, Power Engineering 4th Class Graduate and Alumni



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.



Tuition ranges from \$4243.07 – \$5,637.56 or part time cost-per-credit \$140-\$188 based on program and length.



UNIVERSITY STUDIES — TRANSFER AND DIPLOMA

University Transfer

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



Computer Programming and Information Technology Certificate

Computer Programming and Information Technology Diploma

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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



Kinesiology Diploma

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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

Pre-Health Sciences Certificate

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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



Being in the computer science program allowed me to step out of my comfort zone. With the experience thus far I've been able to create codes that I wouldn't have imagined three years ago. The program is amazing just as the professors who are super supportive and accommodating to students needs and success.

— BJORN GOOLIE, COMPUTER SCIENCES STUDENT AND ATHLETE, SOCCER AND FUTSAL TEAMS

BACHELOR'S DEGREE PARTNERSHIP PATHWAYS

Start your bachelor's degree at Portage College and complete it with a partner university or polytechnic. Our partnership pathways allow students to complete the first two years of their degree close to home, then transfer seamlessly to a partner institution to finish the final two years.

These pathways are carefully aligned to ensure smooth credit transfer and academic continuity. Students benefit from smaller class sizes, personalized support, and lower costs—while earning a recognized bachelor's degree from the partner institution.

PATHWAYS AVAILABLE

Bachelor of Arts — Athabasca University

Bachelor of Arts (General) — Athabasca University

Bachelor of Arts in Multidisciplinary Studies — Red Deer Polytechnic

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology — Red Deer Polytechnic

Bachelor of Business Administration — NAIT

Bachelor of Education — University of Calgary

Bachelor of General Studies — Athabasca University

Bachelor of Human Resources and Labour Relations — Athabasca University

Bachelor of Science — Athabasca University

Bachelor of Social Work — University of Calgary

BEGIN LOCAL.
TRANSFER WITH
CONFIDENCE.
GRADUATE WITH
A DEGREE.



Portage College has granted me the experience of completing a degree and playing hockey at a college level. They have supported me through scholarships, affordable housing on campus to be around my team and classmates, and a welcoming community that supports the athletics and athletes. Being a part of the hockey team, we have consistent practice times allowing us to complete our classes beforehand, multiple places to work out, and elite coaching to help us thrive in athletics.

— XAVIER HALTERMAN, UNIVERSITY TRANSFER BACHELOR OF PSYCHOLOGY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ATHABASCA UNIVERSITY, CAPTAIN OF THE VOYAGEURS MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM.

OPEN STUDIES

Open Studies gives students the unique opportunity to experience more than one program at a time. Students in Open Studies enroll in individual courses rather than a complete program. This makes it a great option for those looking to take general interest courses or those who don't quite meet the entrance requirements for a specific program.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Contact a student advisor for individual course requirements



Tuition \$5,448.36 or part time cost-per-credit \$170-178.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS/ DUAL CREDIT



Opportunities for high school students offered at Portage College range from a selection of university and college courses. High school students can take one 100-level university course free each semester. Delivery methods include online, hybrid, in-person, and multi-access learning.

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



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.

College Preparation offers a wide variety of pathways to pre-requisite courses also accredited by Alberta Education that enables learners to continue their education in preparation for post-secondary training or job placement. Academic Foundations provides students with the opportunity to learn/review foundational academic skills in communications, mathematics, and computers, as well as career and personal assessment, preparing them for direct entry into employment and/or further studies.

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 46.

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.

I love how learning is hands on, going back to school was a great experience as I learned more one-on-one with an instructor rather just from a textbook.

— BRAD BILANCHUK, COLLEGE PREPARATION

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

First Aid



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.

Dedicated Student Supports

On-staff Regulated International Student Immigration Advisor based in Lac La Biche.

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 51.150)

Computer Programming and Information Technology Certificate (CIP 11.0201)

Computer Programming and Information Technology Diploma (CIP 11.0201)

Environmental Technologist Diploma (15.0507)

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)

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: 0111010246767

Disclaimer: Information current as of June 1, 2026. 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.

The Work Integrated Learning office connected me with funding for tools and PPE and placed me with Stuart Olson for my practicum ... I am so thankful for the support and encouragement I received.

— TASHAWAN LABOUCAN, APPRENTICESHIP WELDING



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

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



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.

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

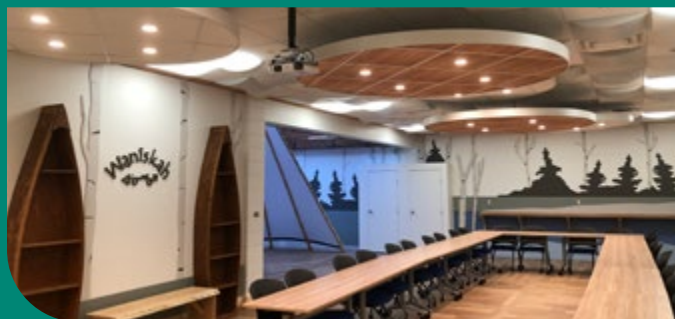
Elders are the keepers of sacred stories, songs, languages, cultures and traditions. Elders are available for a friendly chat or cultural guidance.

Indigenous Art on Campus

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

Art Shows and Sales

The Traditions store is located in the Bookstore and sells local traditional art forms such as fishscale art and tufting... 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.



Dr. Jane Ash Poitras - Preservation Reservation 2020



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

- Educational Round Dance
- 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 Indigenous Honour Ceremony

The Indigenous 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 Graduant 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 Graduands.

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



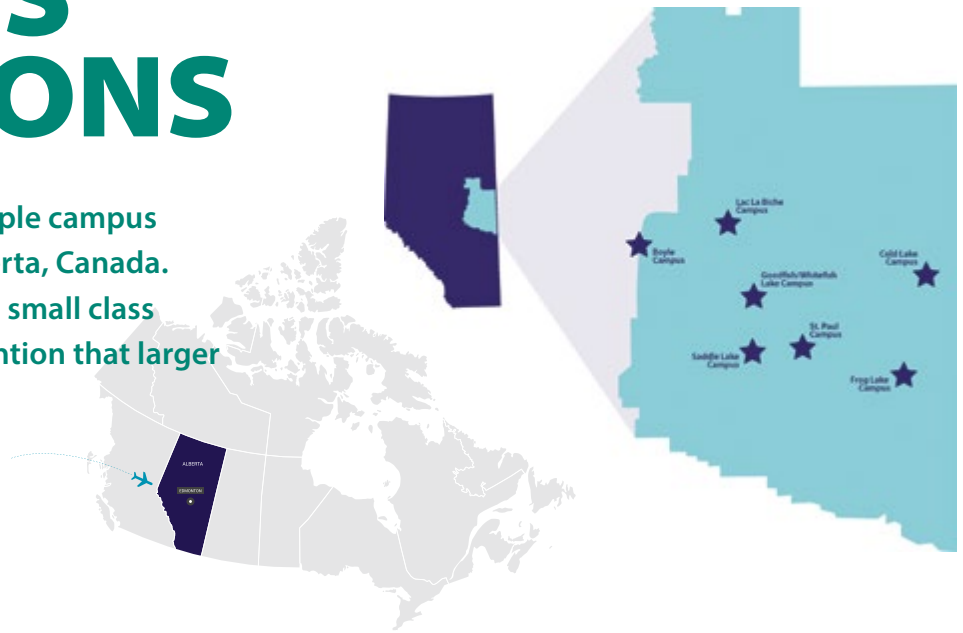
Title: Treaty 8
Designed by the 2024-2025 Indigenous Arts students. The Treaty Eight mural reflects a deep connection to the land, unity, and the importance of preserving Indigenous knowledge for future generations.



Portage hosts an Educational Round Dance as an educational opportunity for local schools. Hundreds gather each year to learn about traditions of Indigenous culture.

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 Kinsoo 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.



Cold Lake Aerospace Campus

Located at the Cold Lake Regional Airport, Portage College's Cold Lake Aerospace Campus is a hub for hands on aviation training and industry partnership. Home to the Transport Canada-approved Aircraft Structures Technician program, the campus prepares learners for in demand careers in aircraft inspection, repair, and overhaul.





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

As the St. Paul campus transitions to a smaller, more sustainable location, Portage College remains deeply committed to community education, continuing an educational presence in St. Paul for more than 50 years. Alongside our standard programming, students benefit from a vibrant surrounding community that offers nearby shopping centres, a movie theatre, and a range of recreational facilities, including a 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.

Support When You Need It

The Lac La Biche Residence Hall and the townhouses 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.

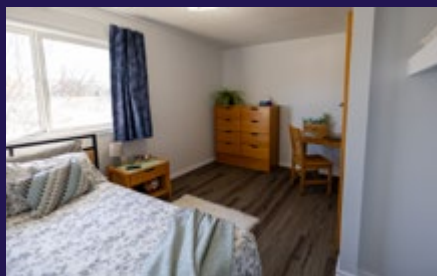


All-Inclusive Living

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 equity, accessibility, and inclusion by providing individualized supports to students experiencing barriers to their learning. This is done with learning strategies sessions, classroom and exam accommodations, educational assessments and referrals, and grant assistance, which helps students meet their educational goals and become life-long learners. SLS also provides opportunities for growth to all Portage College students through hosting learning based events and providing access to an online tutoring platform and text-to-speech software. Check out our Moodle page for more strategies to support your learning!

If you require specialized learning support, please contact SLS as soon as possible. This will help ensure appropriate supports are in place in a timely manner.

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

The SAPC has given me the opportunity to meet and interact with people from diverse backgrounds, allowing me to learn about different cultures, build meaningful friendships, and improve my communication 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, STUDENT VICE PRESIDENT

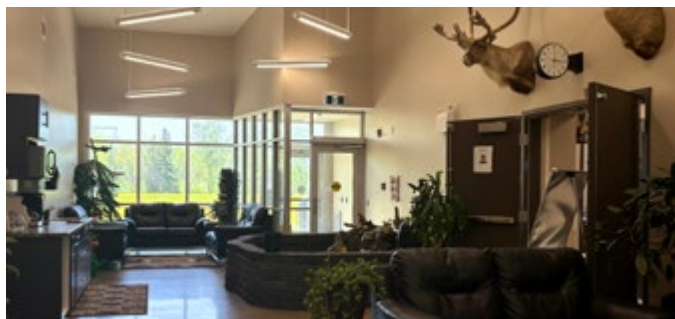




CAMPUS LIFE & SERVICES

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 is a Portage College–run space where you can enjoy a meal, connect with friends, and make memories. At the Cold Lake campus, the Energy Centre offers several dining options, including the Gameday Grill and Booster Juice. Located on Main Street, the St. Paul campus provides convenient access to a variety of dining options, with cafés and restaurants just a short walk away.



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 service points. Our main library is in Lac La Biche, but we also have service points in Cold Lake and St. Paul.

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

Portage College Bookstore

The new walk in 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



Check out what the Portage College Bookstore has to offer! →





PORTAGE COLLEGE **VOYAGEURS**

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.



GOLF
CURLING
SOCCER/FUTSAL
MEN'S HOCKEY

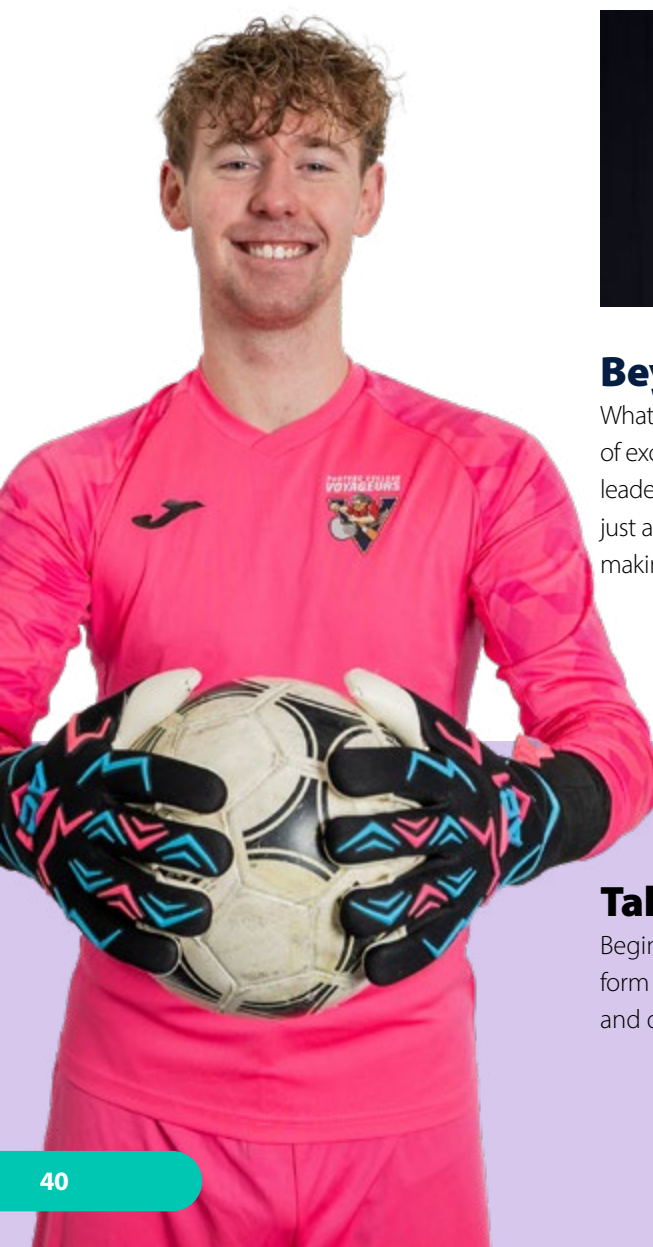




Being a student athlete studying business here at Portage has allowed me to grow in ways other institutions may not have allowed for. The small class sizes and personalized learning experience make it unique. It's rewarding to see myself grow my knowledge in business to gain future career opportunities, whilst being able to maintain my love for the game I grew up with.

For future student athletes considering Portage, it is a great place to grow your grades while also growing as a person. Don't be afraid to take a risk, leaving what's comfortable and what you're used to. New experiences are what we need to grow as people.

— PATRICK MOREIRA, BUSINESS STUDENT, VOYAGEURS MEN'S SOCCER TEAM CAPTAIN



Beyond the Game

What sets Voyageur 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.



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 including 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!

Located at the Bold Centre, the pool includes a six-lane competition pool, two waterslides (one large and one for tots), and two hot tubs.

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 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.





BEYOND CAMPUS

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.

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.



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.

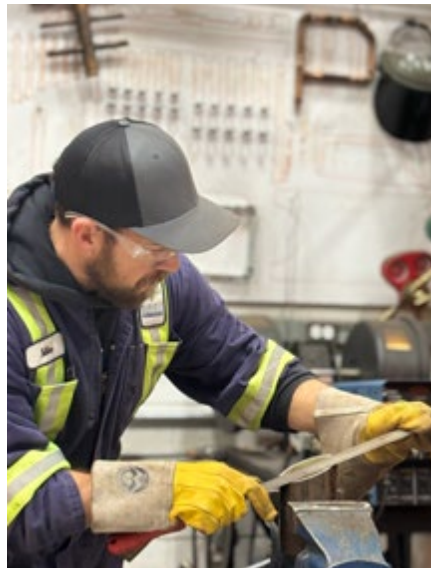
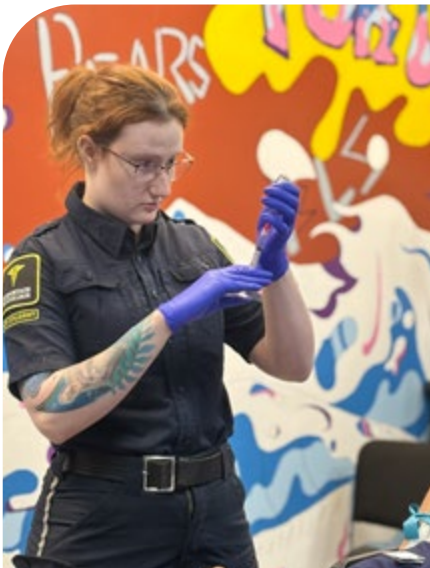
Note: Students applying into an apprenticeship trades program must also be registered with AIT (Apprenticeship and Industry Training in Alberta) and ATOMS.

Visit tradesecrets.alberta.ca for more information

2 > Gather your documents

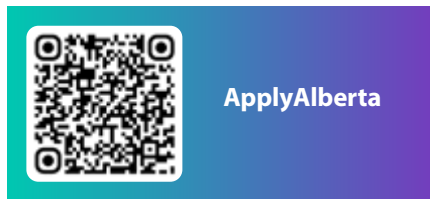
Gather information you will need to complete your applications, such as.

- 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



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.

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.

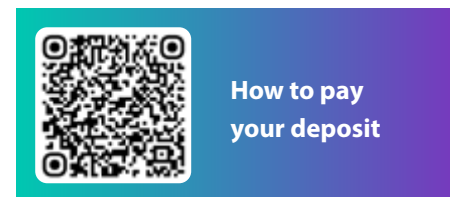
4 > After you apply

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

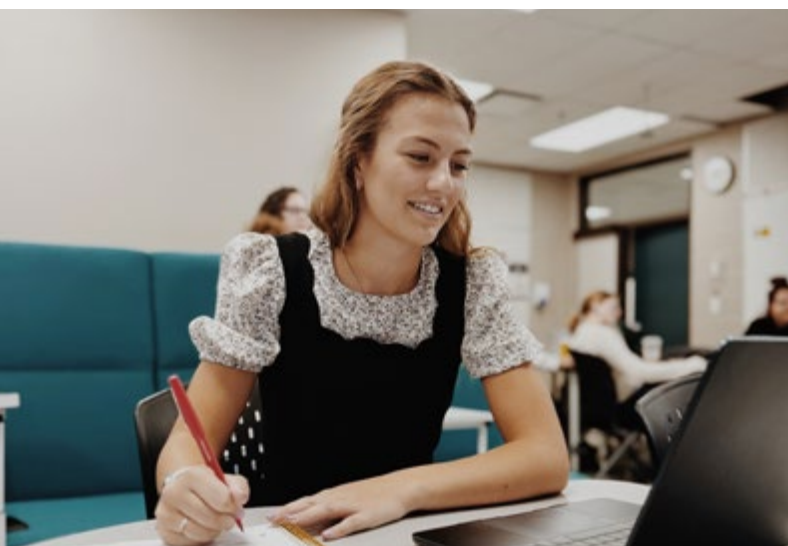
Registered Alberta apprentices and occupational trainees may be eligible for financial assistance when attending the technical training portion of their program.

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 480 awards benefiting over 250 students annually. Portage College gives out over \$670k in awards, scholarships and bursaries.

See complete award and scholarship listing and deadlines here.



\$670,000+

in scholarships offered at Portage College



RCMP Constable Leo Johnston Memorial Bursary and Scholarship

A bursary and 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.

Métis Scholar Award

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



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

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 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 2026 Open House

Lac La Biche: October 26, 2026

Cold Lake: October 27, 2026

St. Paul: October 2026

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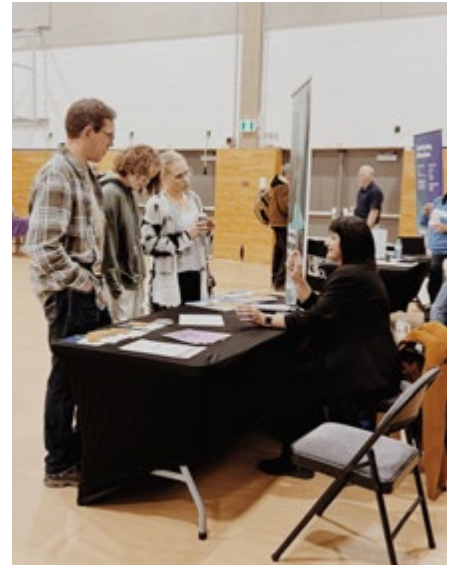
Learn More

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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