

**fund your future**  
AWARDS, BURSARIES & **2011**  
SCHOLARSHIPS



Northern  
Alberta  
Development  
Council

*A listing of information sources to help in the planning and funding of your post secondary education.*



## AWARDS, BURSARIES & SCHOLARSHIPS

2011

There are a lot of places where you can find the money you need for your post-secondary education. This booklet lists many provincial and federal funding sources. It also gives links to awards information at Alberta's colleges, universities and technical institutes.

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## HOW THE NADC CAN HELP YOU ACHIEVE YOUR POST-SECONDARY GOALS....



The Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC) and Alberta Advanced Education and Technology together offer money for students attending a post-secondary institution, including colleges, universities and technical institutes.

1. NADC BURSARY
2. MEDICAL & DENTISTRY STUDENT BURSARY
3. PHARMACY STUDENT BURSARY
4. NURSE PRACTITIONER BURSARY
5. BURSARY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
6. HEALTH CARE PRACTICUM FUNDING

## FIND THE FUNDS FOR YOUR FUTURE

A variety of grants, bursaries and scholarships are available to help you with your education.

**We're here to help.** There are many sources of financial support available to students who want a post-secondary education, regardless of whether they choose a college, university or technical institute. The NADC has compiled this annual booklet to help students find money to reach their education goals.

This booklet is available with hyperlinks to all of the sites at:



[www.benorth.ca](http://www.benorth.ca)

## NADC BURSARIES

NADC bursaries are provided as an incentive to encourage students to live and work in northern Alberta upon graduation.



### 1. NADC BURSARY

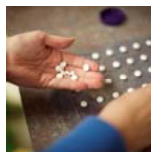
The NADC Bursary is a return service bursary of \$6,000 per year for a maximum of two

years, and is offered to students in their final two years of post-secondary studies. It is meant to encourage students to pursue careers in fields such as: education, social work, engineering, business, healthcare, etc.



### 2. MEDICAL & DENTISTRY STUDENT BURSARY

The Medical and Dentistry Student Bursary is a return service bursary of \$12,000 or \$24,000 per year for the full length of the medical program (maximum 4 years).



### 3. PHARMACY STUDENT BURSARY

The Pharmacy Student Bursary is a return service bursary of \$6,000 or \$12,000 per year for the full length of the pharmacy degree program (maximum 4 years).



### 4. NURSE PRACTITIONER BURSARY

The Nurse Practitioner Bursary is a return service bursary of \$9,000 or \$18,000 per year for up to 3 years

## NADC BURSARIES



### 5. BURSARY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Employers invest in their future employees by helping with their educational expenses now. In partnership with employers/businesses, NADC's Bursary Partnership Program provides up to \$6,000 per year, non-repayable with return service agreement.



### 6. HEALTH CARE PRACTICUM PROGRAM

The NADC and Alberta Health and Wellness also offer funding to help with the cost of practicums completed in provincial health facilities in northern Alberta. Check the BeNorth website for details at [www.benorth.ca](http://www.benorth.ca).

Find information about these funding programs at:



[www.benorth.ca](http://www.benorth.ca)

Or by contacting the bursary co-ordinator at:



Northern Alberta Development Council  
206 Provincial Building  
9621—96 Avenue  
PO Bag 900-14  
Peace River AB T8S 1T4  
T 780.624.6545  
TF first dial 310.0000  
F 780.624.6184  
E [nadc.bursary@gov.ab.ca](mailto:nadc.bursary@gov.ab.ca)

## COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES & TRADE INSTITUTES

Information about many different types of scholarships and bursaries in a wide variety of fields are available from most high school counselors or any college and university financial aid and awards office.

### Alberta College of Art and Design

[www.acad.ab.ca](http://www.acad.ab.ca)

E-mail: [registrar@acad.ca](mailto:registrar@acad.ca)

Registrar: 403-284-7634

E-mail Awards: [src@acad.ca](mailto:src@acad.ca)

Awards: 403-284-7705

Switchboard: 403-284-7600

### Athabasca University

[www.athabascau.ca](http://www.athabascau.ca)

Awards & Funding: [www.athabascau.ca/registrar/studawrds.php](http://www.athabascau.ca/registrar/studawrds.php)

Enquiries: 1-800-788-9041

Online Inquiries: [www.askau.ca](http://www.askau.ca)

Awards: 1-800-788-9041

E-mail Awards Inquiries:

EXT. 6197

[awardsinfo@athabascau.ca](mailto:awardsinfo@athabascau.ca)

### Blue Quills First Nation College

[www.bluequills.ca](http://www.bluequills.ca)

Toll-free: 1-888-645-4455

E-mail: [registrar@bluequills.ca](mailto:registrar@bluequills.ca)

Phone: 780-645-4455

### Canadian University College

[www.cauc.ca](http://www.cauc.ca)

Toll-free: 1-800-661-8129

E-mail: [admissions@cauc.ca](mailto:admissions@cauc.ca)

Phone: 403-782-3381

### Concordia University College of Alberta

[www.concordia.ab.ca](http://www.concordia.ab.ca)

Awards: <http://www.concordia.ab.ca/future-students/fees-financial-aid-awards>

Toll-free: 1-866-479-5200

Financial Aid Office: 780-479-9220

Phone: 780-479-8481

E-mail: [admits@concordia.ab.ca](mailto:admits@concordia.ab.ca)

## COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES & TRADE INSTITUTES

### Grande Prairie Regional College

[www.gprc.ab.ca](http://www.gprc.ab.ca)

Awards Page: [www.gprc.ab.ca/students/awards](http://www.gprc.ab.ca/students/awards)

Toll-free: 1-888-539-4772

Inquiries: [www.gprc.ab.ca/contact](http://www.gprc.ab.ca/contact)

Phone: 780-539-2911

### Grant MacEwan University

[www.macewan.ca](http://www.macewan.ca)

Awards Page: <http://www.macewan.ca/wcm/StudentServices/FeesandFinancialInformation/index.htm>

Toll-free: 1-888-497-4622

Phone: 780-497-5040

### Kayas Cultural College

<http://kayas.lrrcn.ab.ca>

Phone: 780-659-3760

E-mail: [kayas@lrrcn.ab.ca](mailto:kayas@lrrcn.ab.ca)

### Keyano College

[www.keyano.ca](http://www.keyano.ca)

Awards: [www.keyano.ca/prospective\\_students/awards/index.htm](http://www.keyano.ca/prospective_students/awards/index.htm)

Toll-free: 1-800-251-1408

Registrar: [registrar@keyano.ca](mailto:registrar@keyano.ca)

Phone: 780-791-4800

Awards: [awards@keyano.ca](mailto:awards@keyano.ca)

Financial Aid Office: 780-791-4894

### The King's University College

[www.kingsu.org](http://www.kingsu.org)

Toll-free: 1-800-661-8582

Financial Aid Office:

Phone: 780-465-3500

[financialaid@kingsu.ca](mailto:financialaid@kingsu.ca)

Admissions: [admissions@kingsu.ca](mailto:admissions@kingsu.ca)

### Lakeland College

[www.lakelandcollege.ca](http://www.lakelandcollege.ca)

Toll-free: 1-800-661-6490

Admissions E-mail:

Admissions: 780-853-8400

[admissions@lakelandcollege.ca](mailto:admissions@lakelandcollege.ca)

## COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES & TRADE INSTITUTES

### Lethbridge Community College

[www.lethbridgecollege.ab.ca](http://www.lethbridgecollege.ab.ca)

Toll-free: 1-800-572-0103

E-mail: [info@lethbridgecollege.ab.ca](mailto:info@lethbridgecollege.ab.ca)

Phone: 403-320-3200

### Medicine Hat College

[www.mhc.ab.ca](http://www.mhc.ab.ca)

Awards: [www.mhc.ab.ca/admissions/financial-aid/scholarships.html](http://www.mhc.ab.ca/admissions/financial-aid/scholarships.html)

Toll-free: 1-866-282-8394

E-mail: [info@mhc.ab.ca](mailto:info@mhc.ab.ca)

Phone: 403-529-3811

### Mount Royal University

[www.mtroyal.ca](http://www.mtroyal.ca)

Awards: [www.mtroyal.ca/admission/moneymatters.index.htm](http://www.mtroyal.ca/admission/moneymatters.index.htm)

Toll-free: 1-877-440-5001

Admissions: 403-440-5000

### NorQuest College

[www.norquest.ab.ca](http://www.norquest.ab.ca)

Awards: [www.norquest.ca/awards/index.htm](http://www.norquest.ca/awards/index.htm)

Toll-free: 1-866-534-7218

E-mail: [info@norquest.ca](mailto:info@norquest.ca)

Info Line: 780-644-6000

### Northern Alberta Institute of Technology

[www.nait.ca](http://www.nait.ca)

Funding & Awards: [www.nait.ca/FinanceYourEducation.htm](http://www.nait.ca/FinanceYourEducation.htm)

Registrar: 1-877-333-6248

Registrar: [registrar@nait.ca](mailto:registrar@nait.ca)

Switchboard: 780-471-6248

Awards Office: [awards@nait.ca](mailto:awards@nait.ca)

Awards: 780-491-3056

### Northern Lakes College

[www.northernlakescollege.ca](http://www.northernlakescollege.ca)

Awards: [www.northernlakescollege.ca/content.aspx?id=5348](http://www.northernlakescollege.ca/content.aspx?id=5348)

Toll-free: 1-866-652-3456

E-mail: [info@northernlakescollege.ca](mailto:info@northernlakescollege.ca)

Phone: 780-751-3200



## COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES & TRADE INSTITUTES

### Olds College

[www.oldscollege.ab.ca](http://www.oldscollege.ab.ca)

Finance: [www.oldscollege.ca/financial\\_aid/index.htm#awards](http://www.oldscollege.ca/financial_aid/index.htm#awards)

Toll-free: 1-800-661-6537 E-mail: [info@oldscollege.ca](mailto:info@oldscollege.ca)

Phone: 403-556-8281 Switchboard

### Portage College

[www.portagec.ab.ca](http://www.portagec.ab.ca)

Toll-free: 1-866-623-5551 E-mail: [info@portagecollege.ca](mailto:info@portagecollege.ca)

Phone: 780-623-5551

### Red Deer College

[www.rdc.ab.ca](http://www.rdc.ab.ca)

Awards: [www.rdc.ab.ca/future\\_students](http://www.rdc.ab.ca/future_students)

Phone: 403-342-3300 E-mail: [inquire@rdc.ab.ca](mailto:inquire@rdc.ab.ca)

### Southern Alberta Institute of Technology

[www.sait.ab.ca](http://www.sait.ab.ca)

Toll-free: 1-877-284-7248 E-mail: [advising@sait.ca](mailto:advising@sait.ca)

Registrar: 403-284-7248

### University of Alberta

[www.ualberta.ca](http://www.ualberta.ca)

Financial Aid: [www.registrar.ualberta.ca/awards/](http://www.registrar.ualberta.ca/awards/)

Registrar: 780-492-3113

Awards: 780-492-3221

### University of Alberta Augustana Faculty

[www.augustana.ca](http://www.augustana.ca)

Phone: 780-679-1100

## COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES & TRADE INSTITUTES

### University of Calgary

[www.ucalgary.ca](http://www.ucalgary.ca)

Awards: [www.ucalgary.ca/awards](http://www.ucalgary.ca/awards)

Phone: 403-220-5110

Awards: 403-210-7625

### University of Lethbridge

[www.uleth.ca](http://www.uleth.ca)

Awards: [www.uleth.ca/ross/student\\_finance](http://www.uleth.ca/ross/student_finance)

Phone: 403-329-2111

Inquires: [inquiries@uleth.ca](mailto:inquiries@uleth.ca)

Registrar: 403-329-5159

Student Finance: [fin.aid@uleth.ca](mailto:fin.aid@uleth.ca)

Student Finance: 403-329-2762

## ALBERTA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

**Government of Alberta** ■  
Alberta Learning Information Service

### ALBERTA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

<http://alis.alberta.ca/hs/fo/scholarships/scholarships.html>

T 780.427.8640

TF first dial 310.0000

*Mailing Address*

Box 28000 Stn Main

Edmonton AB T5J 4R4

*In Person*

4th Floor, Sterling Place

9940—106 St. Edmonton AB

### STUDENTS FINANCE

#### STUDENT FUNDING CONTACT CENTRE

<http://alis.alberta.ca/et/fo/studentsfinance/student-finance.html>

T 780.427.3722

TF 1.800.222.6485

*Student Finance e-Contact*

<https://alis.alberta.ca/ec/fo/studentsfinance/econtact.html>

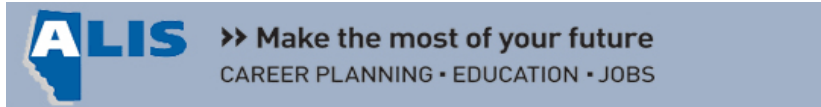
**Government of Alberta** ■  
Advanced Education and Technology

### ALBERTA ADVANCED EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY

[www.advancededucation.gov.ab.ca](http://www.advancededucation.gov.ab.ca)

The Alberta Service Centres also provide information about these scholarships. You can find a listing of their offices on page [15](#) of this booklet.

## OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION & LINKS



Alberta Learning Information Service (ALIS)

<http://alis.alberta.ca/>

ALIS is the provincial gateway to help Albertans plan and achieve educational and career success! It provides information for career planning, post-secondary education and training, educational funding, job search, labour market trends, and workplace issues.

Occupation information. Find out what careers will fit you the best.

<http://alis.alberta.ca/occinfo>

Information on programs you can take and where they are available.

<http://alis.alberta.ca/edinfo>

Certification and registration requirements for employment in Alberta.

<http://alis.alberta.ca/certinfo>

Wages and salaries for 400 occupations in Alberta.

<http://alis.alberta.ca/wageinfo>

Alberta Learning Financial Assistance

<http://alis.alberta.ca/ps/fo/studentsfinance/students-finance.html>

Alberta Learning Scholarship Information:

<http://alis.alberta.ca/et/fo/scholarships/scholarships.html>

Online database lists hundreds of scholarships, bursaries and awards

<http://alis.alberta.ca/ec/fo/scholarships/connections.html>

## OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION & LINKS

### Useful information and other awards, scholarships, grants and bursaries:

studentawards.com:

[www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com)

Links to information on what you need to know before applying for awards

[www.schoolfinder.com](http://www.schoolfinder.com)

ScholarshipsCanada.com

[www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com)

Calculate the cost of your education at this website:

[www.finaid.com/calculators](http://www.finaid.com/calculators)

Alberta Blue Cross Scholarships

[www.ab.bluecross.ca/aboutus/scholarship-program.html](http://www.ab.bluecross.ca/aboutus/scholarship-program.html)

Financial Assistance for Apprentices

[www.tradesecrets.gov.ab.ca](http://www.tradesecrets.gov.ab.ca)

Aboriginal Multi Media Society, Aboriginal Scholarship/Bursary

[www.ammsa.com/ammsabursary.html](http://www.ammsa.com/ammsabursary.html)

Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta

[www.apegga.com](http://www.apegga.com)

The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada

[www.aucc.ca/programs/index\\_e.html](http://www.aucc.ca/programs/index_e.html) or [www.aucc.ca](http://www.aucc.ca)

Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation

[www.cmsf.ca](http://www.cmsf.ca)

## OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION & LINKS

Garfield Weston Merit Scholarship for Colleges

<http://garfieldwestonawards.ca/>

CanLearn scholarship search and planning information

[www.canlearn.ca](http://www.canlearn.ca)

Colleges, College Scholarships and Financial Aid page – Mostly for studies in the U.S.A

[www.college-scholarships.com/index.html](http://www.college-scholarships.com/index.html)

Debtfreegrad - Online financial advice for students

[www.debtfreegrad.com](http://www.debtfreegrad.com)

FinAid: (Awards that are available in Canada and in the United States)

[www.finaid.com](http://www.finaid.com)

[www.finaid.org/scholarships](http://www.finaid.org/scholarships)

EDULINX is a Canadian student loan service bureau

[www.edulinx.ca](http://www.edulinx.ca)

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada – Guide for Aboriginal Students:

<http://www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca/ab/site.nsf/index-eng>

[www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/edu/index-eng.asp](http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/edu/index-eng.asp)

(follow the Scholarship link)

Edge

<http://www.edgeip.com/index.asp>

The National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation Award:

[www.naaf.ca](http://www.naaf.ca)

Council of Ministers of Education Canada  
Information

[www.cmec.ca/Pages/splash.aspx](http://www.cmec.ca/Pages/splash.aspx)

## OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT CAN HELP WITH POST SECONDARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Many companies and organizations offer awards, bursaries and scholarships. This funding is often open to the public and is administered through various post-secondary institution awards offices.

Companies and unions often provide student funding to the families of their employees and members. You and your family members can contact the companies and unions that they work for or belong to.

Community groups and organizations often provide funding to students. In many cases this funding will be limited to group, club or community members. You can contact the organizations that you and members of your family belong to.

First Nation Bands, Métis Settlements and the Métis Nation of Alberta Association often offer funding to band, settlement and zone members. You can contact the band, settlement or zone offices and schools for information.

Check out the list on the next page to find your nearest Alberta Services Centre. They can help you with career information, educational planning, employment assistance, and educational funding in your area. You can contact any Alberta Services Centre toll free in Alberta by dialling 310-0000 then the number.

If you are calling from a cell phone use \*310 (for Rogers Wireless) or #310 (for Telus and Bell).

To discover Northern Alberta and the many career opportunities check out Opportunity North:

[www.opportunitynorth.ca](http://www.opportunitynorth.ca)



## ALBERTA SERVICE CENTRES

### List of centres online:

<http://alis.alberta.ca/ec/cp/cs/abcareer.html>

<http://employment.alberta.ca/433.html>

#### **Athabasca**

3rd Floor Duniece Centre  
4810 - 50 Street  
Athabasca, AB T9S 1C9  
Phone: 780-675-2243

#### **Bonnyville**

5201 - 44 Street  
Bonnyville, AB T9N 2J4  
Phone: 780-826-4175

#### **Cold Lake**

408, Tri City Mall  
6501B - 51 Street  
Cold Lake, AB T9M 1P2  
Phone: 780-594-1984

#### **Fort McMurray**

Provincial Building  
9915 Franklin Avenue  
Fort McMurray, AB T9H 2K4  
Phone: 780-743-7192

#### **Grande Prairie**

100, Towne Centre Mall  
9845 - 99 Avenue  
Grande Prairie, AB T8V OR3  
Phone: 780-538-6241

#### **High Level**

9806 - 98 Street  
High Level, AB T0H 1Z0  
Phone: 780-841-4315

#### **High Prairie**

2nd Floor, Provincial Building  
5226 - 53 Avenue  
High Prairie, AB T0G 1E0  
Phone: 780-523-6650  
Phone: 780-523-6794

#### **Lac La Biche**

9503 Beaverhill Road  
Lac La Biche, AB T0A 2C0  
Phone: 780-623-5215

#### **Peace River**

Midwest Building  
9715 - 100 Street  
Peace River, AB T8S 1T4  
Phone: 780-624-6135

#### **Slave Lake**

2nd Floor, Lakeland Centre  
101 Main Street South  
Slave Lake, AB T0G 2A0  
Phone: 780-849-7290

#### **St. Paul**

5126 - 50 Avenue  
St. Paul, AB T0A 3A0  
Phone: 780-645-6473

#### **Whitecourt**

202, Midtown Mall  
5115 - 49 Street  
Whitecourt, AB T7S 1N7



## NORTHERN POST SECONDARY

Northern Alberta is home to four major colleges, as well as a university, all providing a wide range of education and training programs.

This availability of course and program offerings as well as lower costs are just a few of the many reasons for starting and completing a post-secondary education in Northern Alberta.

The NADC does not endorse one institution over another. We encourage you to look at the many different options and make a decision that best suits your needs. The following information on the colleges and university were taken from their websites.





Grande Prairie Regional College (GPRC) offers a wide variety of programs including university studies, options for degree completion, certificate and diploma programs and trade programs. Instruction is based on campuses in two communities in northwestern Alberta: the City of Grande Prairie and the Town of Fairview. Strong programming and highly qualified faculty ensure comprehensive opportunities for the learners of our region and welcomes students from around the world.

Students at the GPRC campus may choose from a wide range of certificate or diploma options, or begin degrees or professional programs in Arts, Science, Education, Commerce, or Physical Education. Several degrees may be completed right here on campus through collaborative programs with Alberta universities. Selected trades programs are offered on the Grande Prairie Campus.

A wide selection of pre-employment and technical program options are offered at the beautiful GPRC Fairview College Campus. Programs include Animal Health Technology, the Harley-Davidson® Technician Program, Power Engineering,, Apprenticeship training and pre-employment Motorcycle, Automotive, Heavy Equipment Mechanic and Outdoor Power Equipment Technician.

Now two campuses, GPRC has something for everyone!

[www.gprc.ab.ca](http://www.gprc.ab.ca)

## NORTHERN POST SECONDARY



Athabasca University, Canada's Open University, is dedicated to the removal of barriers that restrict access to and success in university-level study and to increasing equality of educational opportunity for adult learners worldwide.

This About AU section of our website will help you to understand that mission, how we go about accomplishing it and how, in the process of doing so, we help thousands of learners every year to accomplish their personal goals and realize their dreams. Please take a few minutes to get to know us better.

Our approach to post-secondary education is based on four key principles: excellence, openness, flexibility and innovation.

- **Excellence:** We are dedicated to achieving the highest standards in teaching, research, scholarship and student service.
- **Openness:** We are committed to our mission of guaranteeing access to post-secondary learning to all who have the ability and desire. If you are 16 or older, you are eligible for admission to undergraduate study.
- **Flexibility:** Our flexible learning model adapts to your needs, putting you in the driver's seat. You can enrol in most programs and register for most courses at any time of the year and work at your own pace, studying at home, at work or wherever you may find yourself.

**Innovation:** We continue to adopt and develop new, learner-centred learning models and technology-based alternatives to traditional, classroom-based instructional channels and contexts. We apply technology to make learning accessible.

[www.athabascau.ca](http://www.athabascau.ca)

## NORTHERN POST SECONDARY



Whether you're a current student or just thinking about going to college, we have the information that you need. An education from Northern Lakes College is a big step towards making a difference in your life and your community. It will be an experience you'll never forget!

Every new student wants to know what to expect when he or she walks into the classroom. Put your mind at ease! Our friendly, knowledgeable instructors will make you feel right at home. Our class sizes are small and it is easy to get to know your classmates.

Have a look under Student Services for information about how to apply for a program, funding support that is available, and tips on handling your Career.

Get Involved with the Students' Association and College Recreation. Make new friends, stay active, and learn new skills.

If you have questions about any of our programs, we will be pleased to help you. Call 1-866-652-3456 or email [info@northernlakescollege.ca](mailto:info@northernlakescollege.ca).

[www.northernlakescollege.ca](http://www.northernlakescollege.ca)

## NORTHERN POST SECONDARY



We are the heart of the community. At Keyano College you can pursue post-secondary education without leaving town. Our graduates are prepared, employers get well-trained employees, and we are essential to Wood Buffalo. This is evident in every opportunity, every potential, every learning experience – we are The Essential Element.

You've thought about it for a while now. But, choosing a college doesn't have to be stressful. Keyano College is ready to meet your needs. Find out what makes us a perfect fit and how we can be The Essential Element in your life.

Come visit us!

Our Student for a Day Program is open to individuals or groups considering post-secondary education at Keyano College. You'll have the opportunity to meet current students, attend a class or lecture, meet professors, check out student housing and sample the food at Elements Dining & Bistro. It's a day designed by you and for you. Your personal guide for the day will ensure you get a tour of the entire campus and have the chance to discover all of the opportunities available at Keyano College.

Need help making a decision?

Keyano College's student advisors will introduce you to flexible program options and offer guidance to assist you through your educational experience. They'll also provide you with financial solutions to help make it all possible. Call the Office of the Registrar at 780-791-4801.

From high school level education, university transfer and degree programs to trades, arts and heavy industrial training, Keyano has a program that is right for you.

Highly motivated qualified instructors and small class sizes ensure that you receive the personalized attention you deserve. A strong athletics program, an impressive array of awards and scholarships, and a variety of student housing options are just a few of the exemplary student services that await you at Keyano College.

[www.keyano.ca](http://www.keyano.ca)

## NORTHERN POST SECONDARY



Portage College puts you first; we know that you want to start a career. Our programs are designed to give you every advantage possible. Our faculty are experts in their fields who

work closely with industry; this allows them to keep up with current trends.

We have an excellent reputation with our industry partners and service professionals. Many organizations request our graduates specifically. We take great pride in everything we do and this shows in the success of our students.

**Our Vision:** Portage College is first choice for learners, communities and stakeholders in north-eastern Alberta, and a model for rural education.

**Strategic Aims:** Growth, Excellence and Inclusion

**Growth:** Portage College increases access by expanding its existing community campuses and by offering the right programs in the right places. The College provides holistic learning and promotes personal growth for students and employees, and community development.

**Excellence:** Portage College programs and services exceed industry standards for quality. The College provides professional development opportunities for its employees to ensure programs are current and relevant to the economy and the environment.

**Inclusion:** Portage College goes beyond simple collaboration by ensuring students, communities, industries and employees are meaningfully engaged and have ownership in key decisions. All campuses of Portage College operate as "One College" with consistent base-line services and strong communication.

**Awards & Scholarships:** Over \$350,000 is available in scholarships, awards and bursaries.

Students are encouraged to apply for scholarships, awards, and bursaries. Forms are available at the Student Services Centre.

**Portage College Locations:** The College has campuses or Learning Centres located in Bonnyville, Cold Lake, Frog Lake, Lac La Biche, Saddle Lake, St. Paul, Vegreville, Wainwright and Whitefish Lake.

[www.portagecollege.ca](http://www.portagecollege.ca)

## NORTHERN POST SECONDARY



eCampusAlberta is a consortium of 15 Alberta colleges and technical institutes, which was established in 2002 to facilitate greater access to high quality online learning opportunities.

The organization enables students from across the province to register in more than 600 online courses and 60 provincially accredited online certificate, online diploma and applied degree programs.

eCampusAlberta works to extend the reach of Alberta's post secondary education system across the province.

eCampusAlberta has established itself as a community hub for online educators. Online learning (also called online education or eLearning) is a form of distance education that is conducted through the Internet and supported by communications media, such as audio and video conferencing software, e-mail and other technologies that enable interactive discussions between classmates and between students and their instructors. Many students choose this form of distance education because it enables them to pursue post secondary studies while continuing to work full time, raise a family or remain living in their home community.

Online courses are delivered based on a lead and partner model. The lead institution develops and offers the course or program and provides the instruction and materials in an online environment. The partner institution offers support services, such as access to the library and exam supervision as well as research and study skills support.

The advantage of this model is that it enables students to take courses offered by institutions located far from their home but access the services offered by an institution that is close to where they live.

### **Member institutions**

eCampusAlberta's current membership includes: Bow Valley College (Calgary), Grande Prairie Regional College, Grant MacEwan University (Edmonton), Keyano College (Fort McMurray), Lakeland College (Lloydminster, Strathcona County, Vermilion), Lethbridge College, Medicine Hat College, Mount Royal University (Calgary), NAIT (Edmonton), NorQuest College (Edmonton), Northern Lakes College (Slave Lake and Grouard), Olds College, Portage College (Lac La Biche), Red Deer College and SAIT Polytechnic (Calgary).

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## NORTHERN POST SECONDARY



Alberta-North is committed to northern communities, northern learners and northern needs.

Alberta-North provides a community-based network of learner and community distance education support that facilitates post-secondary access and academic success across the North. Through its Community Access Points (CAP sites) Alberta-North is able to provide distance education programs and learning support services to citizens in 60 percent of Alberta's geographic area, representing 9 percent of the province's total population and 51 percent of its Aboriginal population. Our online distance education course calendar promotes over 4,000 synchronous and asynchronous courses offered by members and affiliates.

Community Access Point Coordinators are Alberta-North's biggest asset, providing local, in-person assistance, support and referrals. Standard services are designed to support northern residents to successfully investigate and participate in the post-secondary system. To ensure reliable technology at CAP sites, Alberta-North regularly funds purchases to upgrade equipment to meet standard specifications.

Alberta-North is a partnership of seven northern post-secondary institutions in northern Alberta and the Northwest Territories that was formed in 1994 to extend e-learning and a network of learner support services into rural and remote northern locations.

The members of Alberta-North are Athabasca University, Grande Prairie Regional College, Keyano College, NorQuest College, Northern Lakes College, Portage College and Aurora College, which serves the Northwest Territories.

[www.alberta-north.ca](http://www.alberta-north.ca)



## COST BREAKDOWN

### Things to consider



Knowing about the costs of going on to postsecondary will help you make the right financial decisions while you're in school. Here's a rundown of some of the costs that you can expect.

#### 1. Tuition

Depending on the school or program, tuition can be between \$2,500 and \$8,000 a year or more. Tuition may vary for different reasons.

- **Program choice**  
Some programs charge more than others so you might want to investigate costs upfront.
- **Co-op**  
Co-operative education programs usually last longer and cost more than regular full-time programs. However, the benefits of co-op programs may outweigh the higher costs—co-op students are generally paid for their work terms and gain valuable work experience.
- **Class type**  
The format of lectures, amount of lab time needed and number of teaching assistants may affect tuition fees.
- **Other factors**  
The school's location (urban vs. rural setting), the type of institution, and the years of schooling required are other factors that can also influence costs.

#### 2. Student fees

Some schools include fees in tuition costs to fund certain services, students union, clubs and events.

#### 3. Living expenses

Rent, food, electrical, gas, telephone and Internet bills can make up a big chunk of the money you'll have to pay out during school. For example, residence fees can be upwards of \$8,000 (including a meal plan). This can double or, in some instances, triple post secondary expenses.

## COST BREAKDOWN

### Things to consider



#### 4. Books

The cost of books can influence the overall amount of money that you'll need for school. Several options are available to you with regards to books.

- **School bookstore**  
Buying new books each semester can be an expensive choice, though you benefit from the most recent editions.
- **Second-hand books**  
With the right amount of time and patience, buying used books can be a much less expensive alternative. Make sure you are buying the right books for your class. Visit used bookstores or look for signs and pamphlets around campus advertising used books. The campus book stores often sell used books. In many cases you can sell your books back to the book store when you have finished the class at the end of term
- **Borrow books**  
If you know someone who has taken the same course, simply ask to borrow the books.
- **Buy books online**  
You can get both new and used books online. But be patient: shipping may take a while. You may also want to see if you and some of your fellow students can negotiate a discount by buying your books together in bulk.

For more financial planning information, please visit:

[www.canlearn.ca](http://www.canlearn.ca)  
<http://alis.alberta.ca/pdf/cshop/money101.pdf>  
[www.finaid.com/calculators](http://www.finaid.com/calculators)

Full-time students in Canada paid \$14,500 on average to cover a year of post secondary expenses. That's roughly \$58,000 for a four-year program.

Through summer employment, help from family and financial aid...you can make this work for you!

## YOUR PLAN

Cost		Resources	
<b>Education Costs</b>		RESP	
Tuition		In-Trust Account	
Compulsory Fees		Parents Contributions	
Student Association Fees		Personal Savings	
Athletic Fees		Summer Job Earnings	
Health Service Fees		Part-time Job Earnings	
Other Fees		Scholarships	
Books		Grants	
Supplies		Bursaries	
<b>Living Costs</b>		Bank Loan/Line of Credit	
Accommodation		Disposal of Assets	
Utilities		Government Loan	
Meals		Other (gifts, bonds...)	
Travel		Family Loans	
Entertainment			
Clothing			
Internet Expenses			
Telephone Expenses			
Personal Care			
General Household Costs			
Miscellaneous Costs			
<b>Total A</b>		<b>Total B</b>	
<b>The Bottom Line</b>			
<b>Total B</b>			
<b>Minus Total A</b>			
<b>Net Surplus / Shortfall</b>			

## NOTES



Limitless opportunities and huge adventure await those who have what it takes to live in northern Alberta. 150 energetic communities spread across 380,000 km<sup>2</sup> of wide open potential, thousands of new jobs each year in Canada's strongest economy—it's history in the making and you can be part of it.

*We wish you all the best in your future endeavors!*

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Imagine finishing your post-secondary studies with lower debt and huge job opportunities.

Then picture yourself working in exactly the kind of job you've been trained to do, making great money and being able to afford the good things life has to offer.

The Northern Alberta Development Council can help make this happen for you. Our bursaries ease the cost of your post-secondary education, and put you right in the centre of all the action: **northern Alberta.**

We've got a lot to offer, and so do you. We're Canada's strongest economy, with thousands of jobs each year. If you have a drive to succeed, an adventurous spirit and a willingness to stray off the beaten path — you've got what it takes to make it here.

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