



Alberta Post-Secondary Options



Universities • Colleges • Polytechnics

• Private Institutions



Application Dates • Programs • What

Grade 12s Should Know



My Alberta

What you need- Your HS grades & Class you are taking and going to take

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Scholarships/Loans

Federal- No interest right now and then after graduating you have 6 months and payments will start. You have 10 years to pay it without interest. (Apply at Alberta Student Aid)

Provincial- Right now- you pay as soon as you graduate with interest. (Apply at Alberta Student Aid)

Alexander Rutherford Scholarship

Grade-Specific Requirements (Examples)

- [Grade 10](#): Up to \$400 for 80%+ average; up to \$300 for 75-79.9%.
- [Grade 11](#): Up to \$800 for 80%+ average; up to \$500 for 75-79.9%.
- [Grade 12](#): Up to \$1,300 for 80%+ average (based on two 5-credit Grade 12 options).

Apply for the Alexander Rutherford Scholarship

Apply once your official high school transcript marks are available and when you are enrolled in full-time post-secondary studies.

University of Alberta- Edmonton

- First Day to Apply: October 1- for a fall entry
First Day to Apply: March 1- for Jan entry
- Deadline: March 1 applications close (most programs)
- Programs: Arts, Science, Engineering, Nursing, Education, Business
- Tip: Competitive programs fill early



UNIVERSITY
OF ALBERTA

University of Calgary- Calgary

- First Day to Apply: October 1- for a fall entry
First Day to Apply: March 1- for Jan entry
- Deadline: March 1 (varies by program)
- Programs: Engineering, Science, Business, Health
- Tip: Strong research & co-op





MacEwan University- Edmonton

- Apply Opens: October 1 for Sept semester
- For MacEwan University's January (Winter) intake, domestic applications often close around September 30 or November 30
- Deadline: March–April
- Programs: Arts, Business, Health, Education
- Tip: Transfer-friendly

Mount Royal University- Calgary

~ Apply Opens: October 1

- Deadline: Program-specific (spring)
- Programs: Business, Health, Arts, Science
- Tip: Applied learning
- Mount Royal University (MRU) doesn't typically have a specific "January semester" application opening; instead, they focus on Fall & Winter intakes, with Early Admission (Oct 1 - Feb 1)





Lethbridge Polytechnic- Lethbridge

- Applications Open Oct 1st

Applicant Type	All
Deadline Type	Application Opens
Term SUMMER 2026	June 1, 2025
Term FALL 2026	October 1, 2025
Term WINTER 2027	February 1, 2026
Term SUMMER 2027	June 1, 2026

Applicant Type	Domestic
Deadline Type	Application Closes & Unofficial Document Deadline
Term SUMMER 2026	May 5, 2026
Term FALL 2026	September 8, 2026
Term WINTER 2027	January 5, 2027
Term SUMMER 2027	May 4, 2027

University of Lethbridge- Lethbridge

- Apply Opens: October 1
- Deadline: March 1
- Ed for Jan intake Feb 1, Nursing March 1
- Programs: Arts, Science, Education, Health
- Tip: Smaller class sizes- 92 % acceptance



Athabasca University- Athabasca

- Apply Opens: Year-round (monthly starts)
- Deadline: Rolling admission
- Programs: Online degrees & diplomas
- Tip: Flexible self-paced learning





NAIT- Edmonton

- Apply Opens: October 1
- Deadline: Program-specific (many fill early)
- Trade program open on specific dates and some are first come-first served
- Programs: Trades, Tech, Health, Business
- Tip: Hands-on training

Term	Domestic applications open
Fall (September start)	October 1
Winter (January start)	March 1
Spring (May start)	June 1

SAIT- Calgary



- ~ Apply Opens: October 1
- Deadline: Program-specific
- SAIT (Southern Alberta Institute of Technology) entrance dates vary by program, with most operating on a first-come, first-served basis, so applying early is key
- Programs: Trades, Engineering Tech, Health
- Tip: Industry connections

Fall 2025

Sept. 1 - Dec. 17, 2025

Winter 2026

Jan. 6 - April 23, 2026

Spring 2026

May 4 - Aug. 21, 2026

Red Deer Polytechnic- Red Deer

- Apply Opens: Fall Acceptance applications open October 1
- Deadline: Varies
- Red Deer Polytechnic (RDP) applications, major dates include the March 1, 2026, opening for Winter 2027 applications
- Programs: Trades, Business, Health, Education
- Once accepted- Students have 30 days to pay your tuition deposit to secure your seat in the program
- Need to apply for residence once accepted as it fill up fast - no meal plan



**Red Deer
Polytechnic**

NorQuest College- Edmonton/Wetaskiwin

Term **Applications
open**

Fall October 1 of the
previous year

Winter February 1 of the
previous year

Spring and June 1 of the
Summer previous year

- Apply Opens: October 1
- Deadline: Rolling / program-specific
- Programs: Health, ESL, Business
- Tip: Strong student supports

Programs

NorQuest College — Diploma Programs

Health & Care

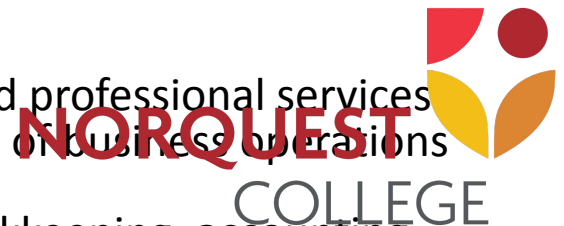
These programs prepare students for careers in healthcare, community support, and therapy.

- Practical Nurse Diploma — Prepares students for Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) roles in healthcare settings.
- Interdisciplinary Therapy Assistant Diploma — Combines skills for therapeutic support in health and community services.
- Child and Youth Care Diploma — Prepares for work supporting children, youth & families in community and service settings.
- Disability Studies Diploma — Focuses on supporting individuals with diverse abilities.
- Behavioural & Regulation Studies Diploma — Prepares learners to work in clinical and community environments supporting behaviour.
- Community Support Worker Diploma — For careers in community, disability and support services.

Business & Office

Programs that develop skills for business, administration, and professional services

- Business Administration Diploma — Fundamentals of business operations and administration.
- Accounting Technician Diploma — Focused on bookkeeping, accounting software, and finance basics.



Bow Valley College- Calgary

- Apply Opens: October 1
- Deadline: Rolling admission
- Programs: Business, Health, Tech



**Bow Valley
College**

Lakeland College

Vermilion/Lloydminster

- Apply Opens: October 1
- Deadline: Spring
- Programs: Agriculture, Trades, Health
- Tip: Excellent ag programs

Olds College- Olds, Alberta

- Apply Opens: October 1
- Deadline: Program-specific
- Programs: Agriculture, Smart Ag, Trades
- Tip: Technology-focused farming
- Once accepted- Students have 30 days to pay your tuition deposit to secure your seat in the program intake.



OLDS COLLEGE
OF AGRICULTURE & TECHNOLOGY

Medicine Hat College

- Apply Opens: October 1
- Deadline: Varies
- Programs: Arts, Science, Trades, Health
- Tip: Smaller campus feel



Keyano College

- Apply Opens: October 1
- Deadline: Rolling
- Programs: Trades, Health, Business
- Tip: Fort McMurray based



Kings University- Edmonton

- Apply Opens: October 1
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University of Augustana- Camrose

Programs- Bachelor of Arts

- [Creativity and Culture](#)
- [Ethics and Global Studies](#)
- [Law, Crime and Justice Studies](#)
- [Sustainability Studies](#)
- [Psychology and Mental Health](#)
- [Physical Education](#)
- [Undeclared](#)

Bachelor of Science

- [Chemical and Physical Sciences](#)
- [Computing Science and Mathematics](#)
- [Environmental Science](#)
- [Integrative Biology](#)
- [Physical Education](#)
- [Undeclared](#)

- Apply Opens: October 1

[Bachelor of Management](#)

[Bachelor of Music](#)

[Bachelor of Education \(Elementary\)](#)

[Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Education
\(Secondary\) Combined](#)

[Bachelor of Science / Bachelor of
Education \(Secondary\) Combined](#)

[Rehabilitation Medicine \(Graduate
Degree\)](#)



Northwestern Polytechnic- Grand Prairie & Fairview

- Apply Opens: October 1

- Deadline: Program-specific
- [Business & Office Administration](#): Business Administration, Office Management.
- [Health & Kinesiology](#): Nursing, Health Care Aide, Kinesiology, Mental Health.
- [Trades](#): Construction Trades, Industrial Trades (e.g., Power Engineering), Transportation Trades.
- [Fine Arts & Humanities](#): Programs in Fine Arts.
- [Science & Computing](#): Computer Systems Technology, University Transfer Science.
- [Education](#): Early Learning & Child Care.
- [Emergency Services](#): Training for emergency response roles.
- Apprenticeships- Certificates (including Micro-credentials)- Diplomas- Degrees- University Transfer options
- Programs: Trades, Arts, Sciences

Concordia University of Edmonton

- Apply Opens: October 1
- Deadline: Spring
- Programs: Education, Business, Arts



Burman University- Lacombe

- Apply Opens: October 1
- Deadline: Rolling
- Programs: Arts, Science, Education
- Tip: Smaller Christian university



Important Grade 12 Reminders

- Most applications open October 1
- Apply early — competitive programs fill fast
- Use ApplyAlberta.ca
- Scholarships often close early

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/education/student-aid/grants-loans/repay/assistance/student-loan-forgiveness.html>