

Red Deer College Mandate

Red Deer College is a board-governed public college operating as a Comprehensive Community Institution under the authority of the *Post-secondary Learning Act* of Alberta.

Red Deer College offers programs that lead to further education or to career employment through its apprenticeship programs, certificates, diplomas, applied baccalaureate degrees, and baccalaureate degrees, primarily in collaboration with degree-granting institutions. In addition, the College provides adult upgrading programs that facilitate entry into further studies and continuing education and contract training programs that meet community needs for lifelong learning and career advancement.

Red Deer College offers programs and courses to full- and part-time learners from diverse cultural, educational and social backgrounds with varying skills and experiences in the following areas of study: liberal arts, business and commerce, education, engineering, health services, hospitality and tourism, human services, kinesiology and sport studies, performing arts, science, technology, trades, transportation, and visual art.

As a Comprehensive Community Institution with regional stewardship responsibilities, Red Deer College provides adult learners in the Central Alberta region with opportunities to attain post-secondary education through its courses, programs, and services. It does so in collaboration with school districts, other post-secondary institutions, adult learning organizations, business and industry, and community agencies throughout the region.

Red Deer College is a partner in Campus Alberta collaborating with other educational organizations and post-secondary institutions in providing a seamless and responsive advanced education system that provides high-quality learning opportunities in support of lifelong learning.

Through a variety of approaches in educational delivery including face-to-face, distributed learning, and blended learning the College provides quality programs that address diverse learning styles and time and location requirements of its learners. Red Deer College supports learner success with high-quality student support services including advising, personal and career counseling, athletics, food services, child care, financial aid, health, library, recreation, residence, and academic support.

Red Deer College initiates and supports partnerships with the community, business and industry, public service providers, educational agencies, and research agencies in order to facilitate access to learning and to promote innovation. Through its philosophy of placing learning at the center of everything it does, Red Deer College promotes teaching excellence and high-quality programming.

Encouragement of scholarly and creative activity amongst its staff and support for applied research and innovation enable the College to enhance student learning, to continue the growth of expertise of its faculty, and to contribute to the economic and social development of the region.

Through its international focus, Red Deer College is committed to increasing the skill and knowledge of its learners and its community to become better integrated into the global community. This includes opportunities to study abroad, host international learners on-campus, assist in the development of educational services in other countries, and provide global and international perspectives in its curricula.

The College plays a pivotal role in the community by providing facilities, expertise, leadership, and innovation that assist in the economic, social, cultural, recreational, athletic, and educational development of Red Deer and its surrounding communities.

*Approved by the Deputy Premier and Minister of Advanced Education and Technology,
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