

## **Lakeland College Mandate**

Established under the Post-Secondary Learning Act (PSLA), the Board manages and operates the post-secondary institution within its approved mandate [PSLA Section 60(1)(a)].

Lakeland College is a public, board-governed college operating as a Comprehensive Community Institution under the authority of the PSLA.

Established in 1913, Lakeland College has campuses in Vermilion and Lloydminster. Lakeland College awards certificates, diplomas and applied degrees. The college also offers baccalaureate degree programs in collaboration with degree-granting institutions.

Complementing the economic strengths of Alberta, Lakeland College's programming seeks to meet the needs of learners, communities, business and industry in its service region. Programming includes agricultural and environmental sciences, apprenticeship and industry training, energy, fire and emergency services training, wellness and human services, business and university transfer. The college also designs and delivers programs to meet specific learner, community and industry needs through continuing education and corporate training.

Lakeland College promotes innovation by conducting applied research activities that are relevant to its program areas, complement teaching and learning, and advance innovation-based rural community economic development. The focus of applied research is primarily in agricultural sciences, energy and environmental sciences. Initiatives are geared towards supporting Alberta's future economy by helping industry partners capitalize on new opportunities and find solutions to current challenges.

Lakeland College's commitment to the collaborative principles of Campus Alberta is demonstrated through partnerships and transfer agreements within the post-secondary system that strengthen its programming and service capacity while improving efficiencies. Lakeland College works with school jurisdictions to host career and technology studies courses and support learner pathways into post-secondary, such as providing dual credit programming so students can earn high school and college credits at the same time.

Using different instructional delivery methods including face-to-face, blended and distance learning, Lakeland College is able to maximize learner access to high-quality and affordable lifelong learning opportunities. To inspire learner success, Lakeland College provides a learning and teaching commons that creates personalized learning pathways and supports instructional excellence. Students develop competencies in different learning methods and technologies so they are prepared for lifelong learning.

International projects, practicum experiences and study abroad opportunities combined with increased international student enrolment and the college's campuses help prepare students for participation in an interconnected world.

To enhance students' college experience, Lakeland College offers a full range of services including academic advising, athletics, cafeterias, clubs, financial aid, health, learning strategies and support, recreation, residence, student centres, student employment and wellness services. The College has numerous specialized facilities such as multiple music studios, two community theatres, two recreation centres, a swimming pool and an indoor riding arena that are often the site of community events and activities and help support the recreational, cultural, fitness and conferencing needs of the region it serves.

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