

Lethbridge College Mandate

Established in 1957, Lethbridge College is a board-governed public college operating as a Comprehensive Community Institution under the authority of the *Post-secondary Learning Act* of Alberta. Although the main campus is located in the City of Lethbridge, the institution plays a stewardship role for adult learning within its geographic service region. As a member of Campus Alberta, the College works with other post-secondary institutions, community organizations, school districts, employers, and other partners to enhance access to programs and services throughout the region. Through its commitment to a variety of educational delivery methods including face-to-face, online, and blended learning, it strives to address diverse learning styles and needs in order to increase access for students. In addition, a broad range of student support services is designed to enhance learner success for both on-and off-campus learning.

Lethbridge College provides a range of educational opportunities in a variety of career-focused program areas including Business and Management, Design and Technology, Justice Studies, Health and Human Services, Agriculture and the Environment, and Trades. The College offers programming that leads to career employment or to further education through foundational learning, upgrading, university transfer, apprenticeship programs, certificates, diplomas, applied degrees, and baccalaureate degrees offered primarily in collaboration with degree-granting institutions.

Serving a diverse population of learners, predominately residing in Southern Alberta, Lethbridge College also attracts students from other regions, provinces, and countries. Through formal partnership agreements with institutions both locally and internationally, the College helps students become global citizens, and increases their opportunities for economic prosperity. Creating an inclusive environment for First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and international students serves to enrich the educational experience of the entire student body.

The College is an important catalyst for economic, social, and personal development for the population in the city and the region as it actively engages employers, community, and learners. Applied research and scholarly activities are strategically aligned with business, industry, government, and community needs. An integrated applied research strategy enhances learning by providing students and faculty with opportunities to address immediate real-world problems, leading to innovative solutions that benefit our industry and business partners. This contributes to the continuing economic growth and sustainability of the Lethbridge College region and our ability to support competitive local, regional, provincial, and national economies.

Lethbridge College plans and delivers programs, provides services, and creates opportunities to develop skills, knowledge, and attitudes that will allow its graduates to be successful both in their lives and in their careers.

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