

Study in Alberta

International
Education Viewbook

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Canada is consistently ranked as one of the world's most desirable places to live. The second largest country in the world, we have 35 million people spread across 10 provinces and three territories with a diverse and multicultural population where one in five is a new immigrant. Canada is officially bilingual with English and French as the national languages but in reality there are over 200 languages spoken.

Being a relatively young country, Canada provides numerous possibilities and opportunities.

Canada's education system is recognized internationally for its excellence and quality.

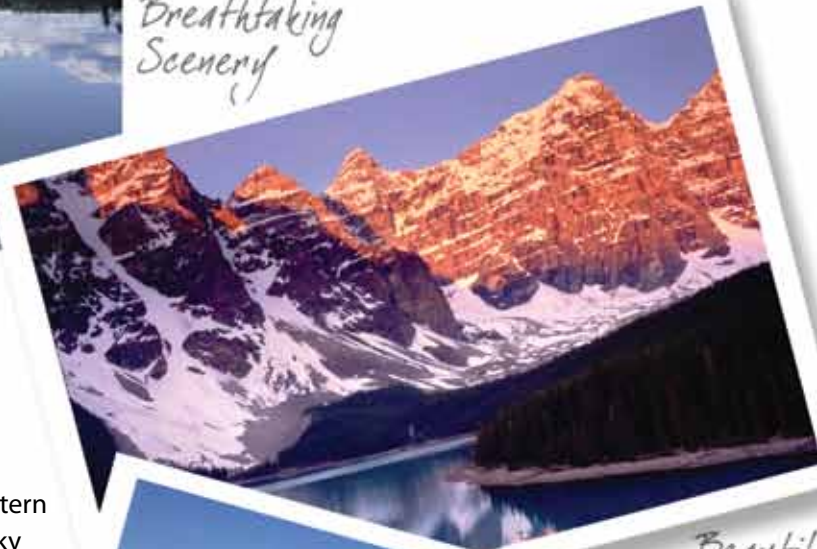
It is a welcoming environment providing you with the opportunity to study in some of the world's leading institutions.

Canada



Visit our *Study in Alberta* (www.studyinalberta.ca) website to find information on primary, secondary, and post-secondary studies in Alberta, Canada.

*Breathtaking
Scenery*



*Beautiful
Mountains*



Lively Cities!



Alberta is a place of great diversity

Alberta

The Province of Alberta is located in Western Canada and is home to the majestic Rocky Mountains, one of the most beautiful and scenic areas in the world. Young people from around the world choose to study in Alberta because of its spectacular natural beauty, healthy environment, cultural diversity, lively communities, and strong economy.

Alberta is a world leader in providing high quality educational opportunities to its students. The province's education system has developed superior programs in cutting-edge facilities that are recognized for their excellence in teaching and research. Competitive tuition fees and an affordable cost of living makes Alberta a smart destination of choice for students.

WORK WHILE YOU STUDY

As an international student, you can work on campus or participate in the Off-Campus Work Permit Program. Depending on which institution you choose, you may also have the option of participating in cooperative work programs and internships.

To find more information about the Off-Campus Work Permit Program, please visit Citizenship and Immigration Canada (www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/work.asp) for more details.

WORK AFTER YOU GRADUATE

After graduating from a post-secondary institution in Alberta, you are eligible to work in Alberta on a full-time basis for up to three years. This is an exceptional opportunity for immediately applying your education in the workplace, and to gain valued work experience and employer references. For more information on the Post-Graduation Work Permit Program, please visit (www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/work-postgrad.asp).

Both **Edmonton** and **Calgary** are regularly ranked among many top 10 lists of **Best Cities in the world** to live because of the high quality of life and numerous economic opportunities available in Alberta.

STAY AFTER YOU GRADUATE

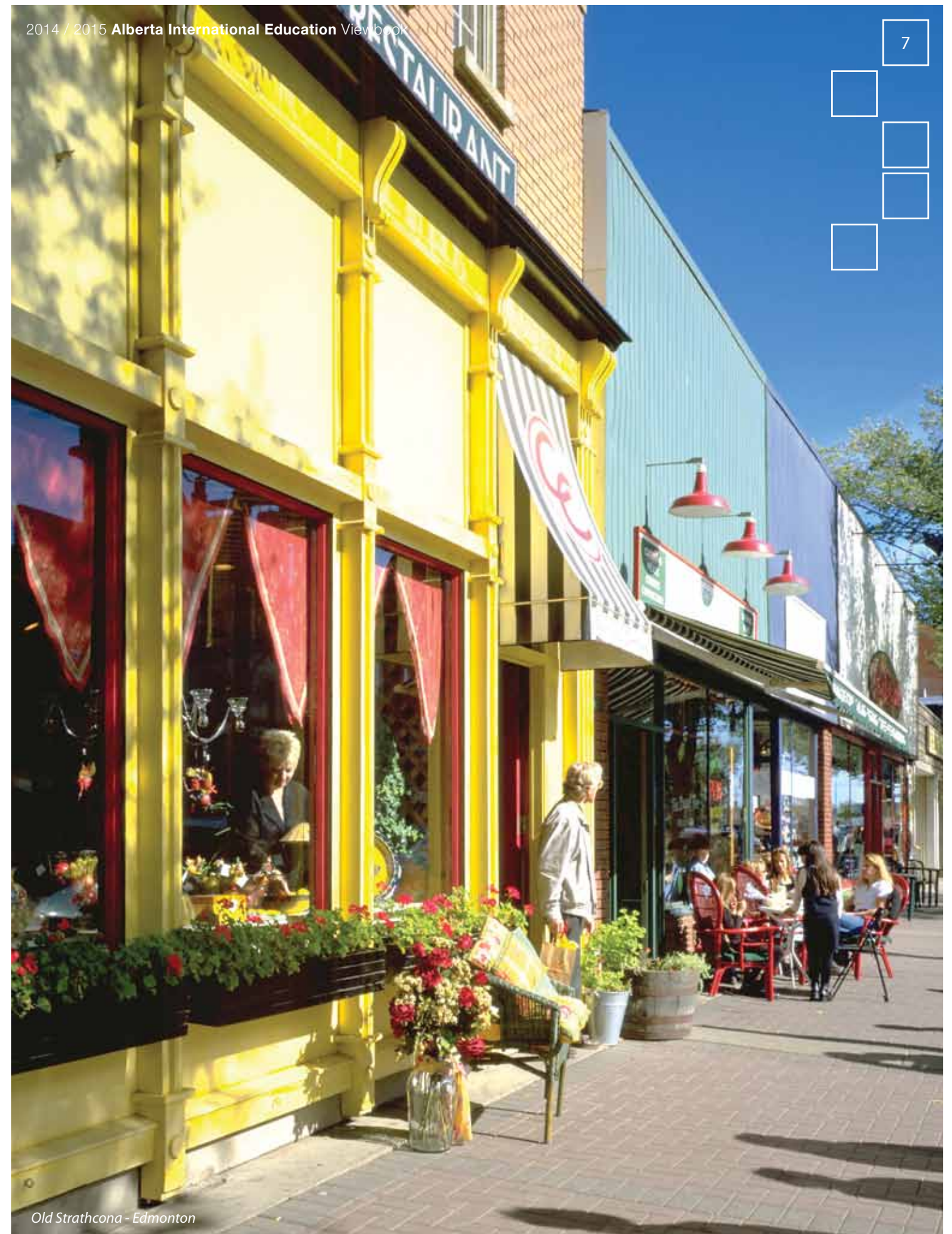
Alberta welcomes international students wishing to seek permanent residence after graduating, through the Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program (AINP). The AINP is an employer driven immigration program operated by the Alberta government and Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC). It was designed to quickly processes applications for permanent residence. As an international student, you may qualify under the "International Graduate" category. Those individuals nominated by the province, together with their spouse and dependent children, are eligible to apply for permanent residency. CIC gives priority to processing permanent resident visa applications for Provincial Nominees. To find out more, visit the Alberta Immigrant Nominee Program (www.albertacanada.com/immigration/immigrate/ainp.html).

If you are a temporary foreign worker or a foreign student who graduated in Canada, you often have the qualities to make a successful transition from temporary to permanent residence. If this describes you, then a second option to immigrate is also available to you through the Canadian Experience Class (www.cic.gc.ca/english/immigrate/cec/index.asp).





There is so much to do here!



Old Strathcona - Edmonton

Post-secondary Institutions in Alberta

Alberta's strong post-secondary system includes a variety of universities, colleges, and technical institutes. Together they make up Campus Alberta which is a coordinated system dedicated to providing students with a diverse range of programs and experiences all across the province.

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Certificate, diploma, applied degree, degree...What's the difference?

	Certificate	Diploma	Applied Degree	Degree
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">prepares students for entry into specific occupations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">prepares students for employment in a particular field or group of occupations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">combines theoretical approaches to learning with elements of practical application, providing a broader range of career and employment opportunities beyond entry-level in an industry.are offered by some public colleges and technical institutes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">provides a more theoretical or academic approach to learning.
Entrance Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">completion of some high school studies (often specified minimum grades and subjects). <p><i>Exception</i> University-level certificate programs may require high school graduation, some post-secondary education or mature student status.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">high school graduation (with specified grades and subjects) for admission. <p><i>Exception</i> University-level diploma programs require one year of academic study or equivalent beyond a bachelor's degree and may be applicable to related master's degree programs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">admission requirements may be similar to those of diploma programs. Completion of a related diploma program may be a prerequisite for admission to the third year of an applied degree program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">high school graduation (with specified grades and subjects) for admission. <p><i>Exception</i> Athabasca University has an open admissions policy (few or no specific entrance requirements) for students 16 years of age and older.</p>
Length	<ul style="list-style-type: none">one year or less of full-time study at a college or technical institute. <p><i>Note: Successful completion of a certificate can sometimes earn you credit and admission into a diploma program. Consult the Online Alberta Transfer Guide at transferalberta.ca for a complete list of transferable courses and programs.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">two years of full-time, applied study at a college or technical institute.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">four-year programs consisting of six semesters (about three years) of academic studies and at least two semesters (about one year) of related paid, supervised work experience in the industry. <p><i>Note: Students graduating from an applied degree program may not have direct access to graduate studies. However, in some circumstances, students may be admitted after completing a bridging program.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">three to nine years of full-time study at a university or college, depending on the level of degree earned.

University Transfer

- The first two years of a degree-level program can be completed at many colleges before transferring to a university or private college with an accredited degree program for the last two years of study. Consult the Online Alberta Transfer Guide at <http://alis.alberta.ca/ps/ep/aas/ta/transferralberta> for a complete listing of transferable courses and programs.
- Some of the benefits of university transfer programs include smaller class sizes, lower tuition fees, less competitive admission, and the opportunity to choose from a greater number of program providers.
- Many colleges also offer two year general studies or liberal arts programs to prepare students for further studies.

Bachelor's Degree

- Provides a more theoretical or academic approach to learning with direct access to graduate studies.
- Offered by universities, select colleges, and private university colleges with approved degree programs.
- Usually involves the equivalent of three or four years of full-time study (program length may vary by discipline and by institution).
- Admission to faculties with enrolment limits may require marks higher than the specified minimum average required for application. Please check with the institution you are interested in applying to for more information.

Exception: Athabasca University has an open admissions policy (few or no specific entrance requirements) for students 16 years of age and older.

Master's Degree

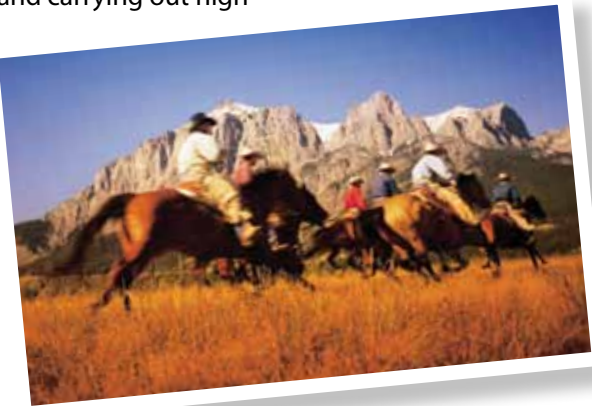
- Generally involves two years of full-time university study beyond the bachelor's degree level (there are time limits for completing degree requirements and program lengths may vary).
- Requires a completed bachelor's degree for admission. Applicants who have a three-year undergraduate (bachelor's) degree are

generally required to complete an additional qualifying year.

- May require completion of a thesis or a course-based (non-thesis) program.

Doctoral Degree

- Requires two or three years of full-time university study and research beyond the master's degree level (there are time limits for completing degree requirements).
- Involves planning and carrying out high quality research to advance knowledge in the student's major field of study.
- Includes the preparation and defense of a dissertation on an approved topic.



ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

Most Alberta post-secondary institutions offer programs that will help improve your English language skills and proficiency.

<http://studyinalberta.ca/post-secondary/esl/>

There are generally two types of ESL programs:

Academic ESL programs:

These programs are tailored to help meet the English Language Proficiency requirements of the academic program you intend to take. They are often referred to as "English for Academic Purposes" or EAP programs.

ESL only programs:

These programs are generally tailored to students who are interested in intensive English language studies. They usually are not required for entry into institutions' academic programs.

Canada's economic driver, **Alberta** has consistently led in annual rates of growth and job creation.

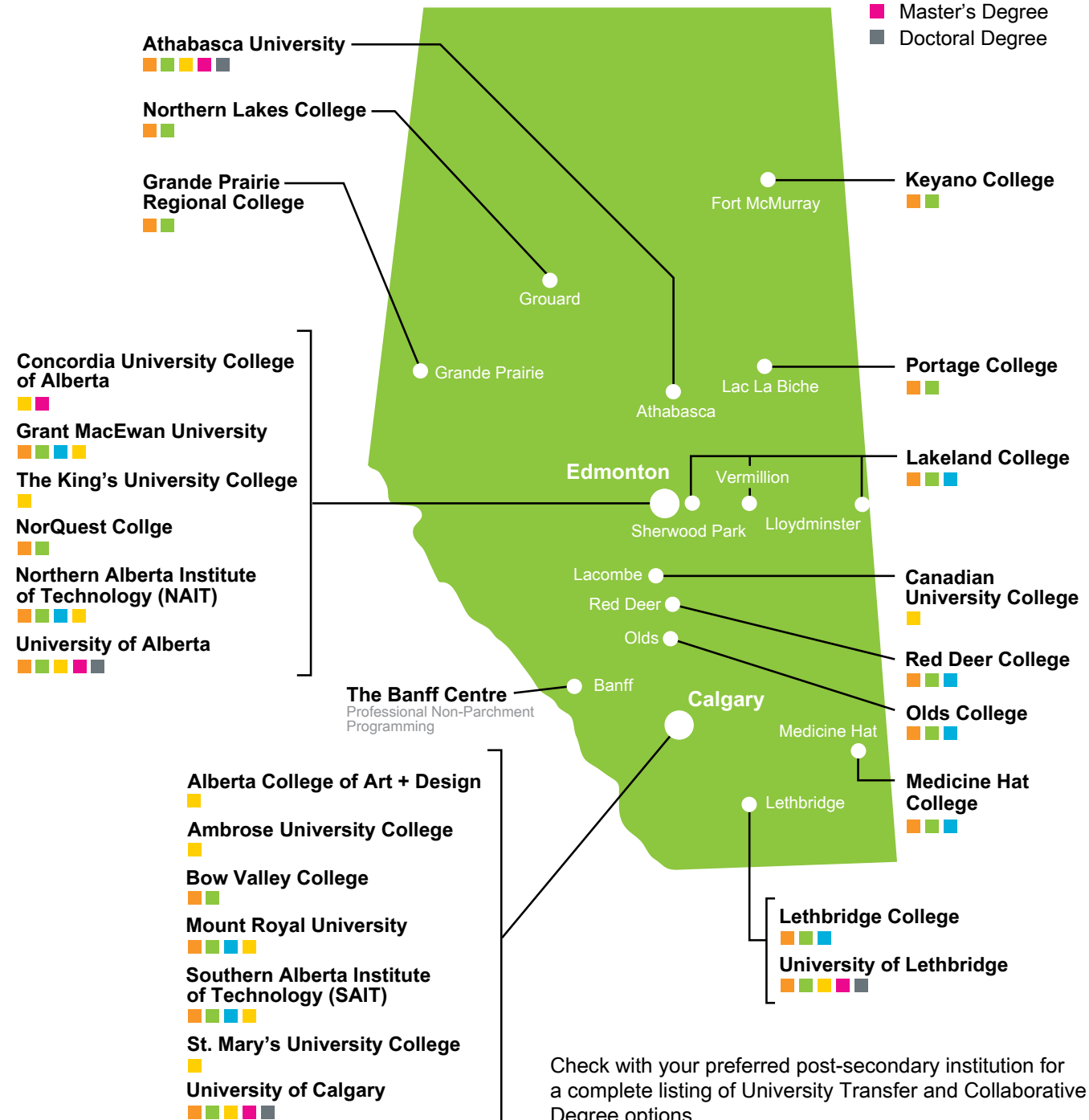
Map of Post-secondary Institutions in Alberta

Includes only:

- publicly funded post-secondary institutions
- programs approved by the Minister of Innovation and Advanced Education

Legend

- Certificate
- Diploma
- Applied Degree
- Baccalaureate Degree
- Master's Degree
- Doctoral Degree



Check with your preferred post-secondary institution for a complete listing of University Transfer and Collaborative Degree options.



Alberta boasts several world-class ski resorts such as Sunshine Village, Lake Louise, Marmot Basin, Norquay and Nakiska.

Features Chart

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	Alberta College of Art & Design	Ambrose University College	Athabasca University	Banff Centre (The)	Bow Valley College	Canadian University College	Concordia University College of Alberta		Grande Prairie Regional College	Grant MacEwan University	Keyano College	King's University College (The)	Lakeland College	Lethbridge College	Medicine Hat College	Mount Royal University	NAIT	NorQuest College	Northern Lakes College	Olds College	Portage College	Red Deer College	SAIT	St. Mary's University College	University of Alberta	University of Calgary	University of Lethbridge
Scholarships for International Students	■		■	■		■	■			■		■		■		■	■	■		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
International Student Office/Centre	■	■		■	■				■	■		■		■	■	■	■	■		■			■		■	■	■
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Health Services	■			■	■	■			■	■	■		■	■	■	■	■	■		■		■			■	■	■
Job Search Services	■	■	■		■	■	■		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■			■	■
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Apply to a Campus Alberta Institution

Step 1

Research and plan before you apply

There are many things to consider before applying to an Alberta institution. The following are some questions to ask yourself and issues to consider when planning your post-secondary education.

- What are your academic and career goals?
- What fields of study are you interested in?
- What is your preferred location?

Step 2

Choose a program

Please note that the admission application process can take considerable time, and that you should start at least one year in advance to compile the necessary information and documentation.

When selecting a program, there are many factors to consider, including:

- Costs.
- Program length.
- Program flexibility.
- Methods of instruction.
- Equipment.
- Workload.
- Entrance requirements.
- English language requirements.

Please refer to the programs chart on pages 32-33 or EDinfo (<http://alis.alberta.ca/edinfor>) for more information on educational and training programs available in Alberta.

Step 3

Submit an application

Option 1:

After deciding which institution(s) you want to apply to, you should contact the institution(s) directly and ask for detailed application information and forms (see institution profiles for contact details).

Option 2:

Use Alberta's new web-based application system—ApplyAlberta www.applyalberta.ca

- ApplyAlberta is a secure online application system that allows students to apply to one or more of Alberta's public colleges, universities, and technical institutes through a common starting point and to authorize the transfer of their Alberta high school or post-secondary transcripts.

Step 4

Apply for your study permit

Most international students need a study permit to study in Canada. You should apply for your study permit as soon as you receive your letter of acceptance from the Alberta post-secondary institution.

- Short-term programs of six months or less do not require a study permit.
- A study permit allows full-time, international students, to work part-time on campus, and if a student decides to continue studying in Canada, they can renew their permit from within Canada.

For information on visa requirements please see Determine Student Visa Requirements at www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/study.asp

For complete information on immigration and application requirements, consult the Government of Canada website at www.cic.gc.ca.

N.B. Response times can vary, depending on the time of year and the number of applications being processed. For these reasons, it is important to apply for your permit well in advance of when you would like to begin your studies in Alberta. Please be patient!

Step 5

Explore accommodation options

If you haven't arranged for a place to live, your institution may be able to help you find suitable rental accommodation. You should also check campus notice boards and local newspapers for other students looking to share homes or apartments. Depending on your institution choice and accommodation preference, there are several residence community options available.

Step 6

Send your official and complete documents by the deadline

Please guarantee that all documentation is submitted on time so that your application can be processed effectively and efficiently.

The types of documents you will be submitting will include:

- Evidence of English language proficiency (eg. TOEFL, IELTS, etc.).
- Complete academic record and official transcripts (including high school).
- Detailed course descriptions for each post-secondary course completed outside of Canada.
- Certified English translation of all documentation not issued originally in English or French.
- Other institutional requirements (please contact the institution to which you are applying for information regarding additional requirements).





Red Deer College - Nova Learning Common

Resources

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APPLY ALBERTA is an online application system that allows students to apply to one or more post-secondary institutions and authorize transcript transfers between participating institutions in the province.

www.applyalberta.ca

ALBERTA INNOVATES is Alberta's newly realigned research and innovation system designed to strengthen the province's role as a world leader in using science to seek solutions.

www.albertainnovates.ca

EDUCATION IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Ministry of Alberta Innovation and Advanced Education
(Post-secondary Education)

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

Ministry of Education
(Primary and Secondary Education)

<http://education.alberta.ca>

DISTANCE EDUCATION

Online courses:

www.eCampusAlberta.ca

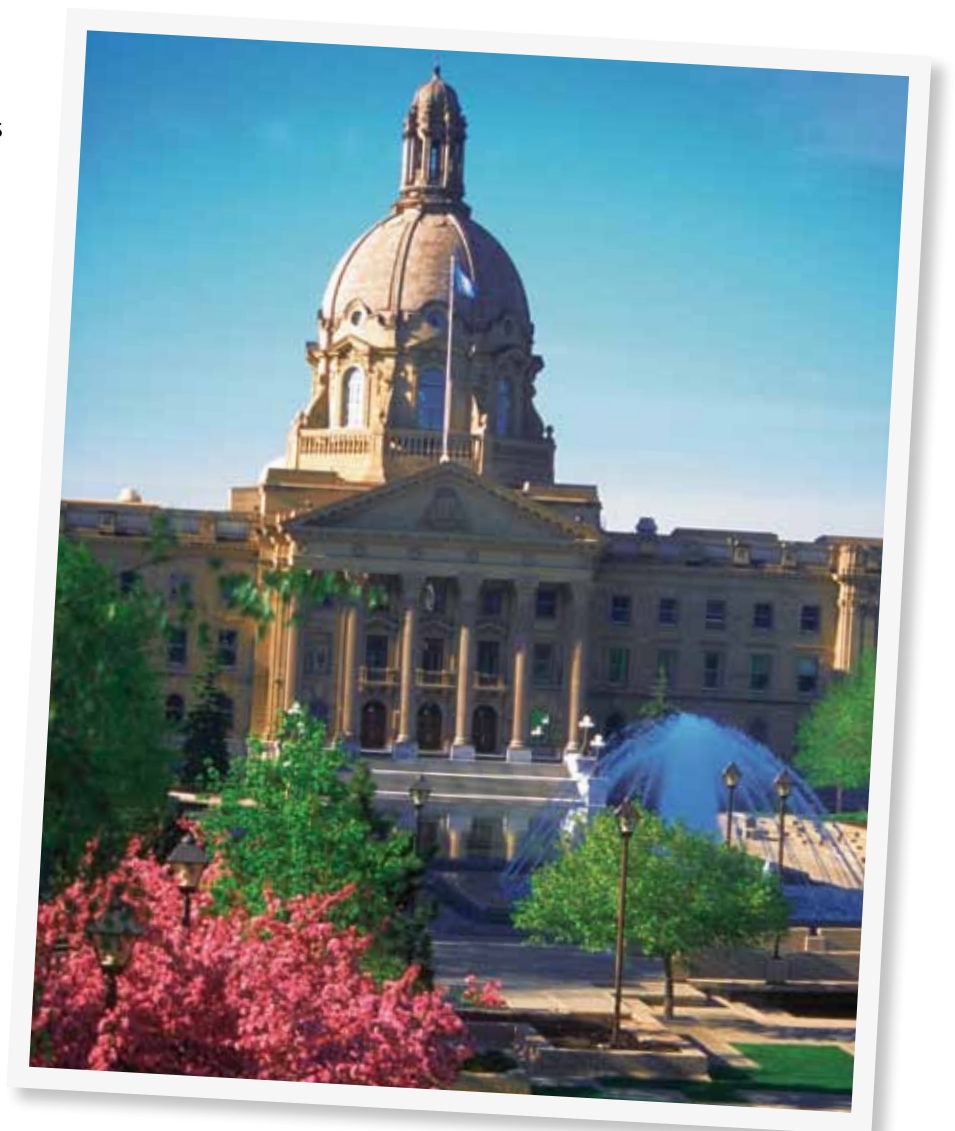
ALBERTA OFFICES ABROAD

Alberta has international trade offices around the world that you can visit to get more information about how you can study in Alberta.

Visit our website at:

www.international.alberta.ca/933.cfm

to locate the office nearest you, and arrange a visit!



CANADA

Your best resource on finding study opportunities in Canada:

www.educationau-incanada.ca

CANADIAN DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR OFFICES

Canada has diplomatic and consular offices in over 260 locations in approximately 150 foreign countries:

<http://travel.gc.ca/assistance/embassies>

Study Permits and the immigration process:

www.cic.gc.ca

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FUNDING

<http://studyinalberta.ca/post-secondary/scholarships/>

To learn more about scholarship opportunities for non-Canadians by country:

www.scholarships-bourses.gc.ca/scholarships-bourses/index.aspx/Opportunities

CAREER PLANNING

Not sure where to start in your career planning? Not sure which program would best suit your interests and ambitions? Then use our easy online career planning tool to help you choose:

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

About **1.2 million** people visit the **Calgary Stampede** each year, a celebration of Canada's own Wild West and the cattle ranching industry.



Edmonton is home to **North America's largest mall**, West Edmonton Mall (which was also the world's largest mall for a 23 year period from 1981 until 2004).





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