

POST-SECONDARY

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A general overview of any program or institution can also be found on myBlueprint.

DEFINING POST-SECONDARY

Don't be fooled, post-secondary is not just University. It is all schooling that is completed after you graduate high school.

Types of Post-Secondary Institutions

- **College:** Offer mostly certificates and diplomas, they are often more technical than Universities and focus on a specific job.
- **Faith-based Colleges and Universities:** Content is taught from a faith based perspective, they are accredited institutions and offer certificates, diplomas and/or degrees.
- **Liberal Arts Universities:** Like research focused Universities, but students take courses from a wide variety of subjects in the Humanities, Social Sciences and Natural Sciences in addition to their program requirements. Intended to provide a more well-rounded education with an emphasis on critical thinking.
- **Private Career Colleges:** Generally offer certificates and diplomas in a single industry. They are designed to give you job ready skills.
- **Technical Institutions:** The focus is on applied studies in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. They offer mostly certificates and diplomas.
- **University:** Offer undergraduate and graduate degrees (Masters and Doctorate degrees). They tend to focus on research and theory over practical application of skills.

ALBERTA

<https://www.alberta.ca/designated-post-secondary-institutions-alberta.aspx>

<https://applyalberta.ca/>

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

- **Type of Institution:** University
- **Location:** Edmonton & Camrose
- **Programs & Admission:** U of A offers a wide variety of programs including continuing education, bachelor's degrees and graduate degrees. Admission requirements vary by program. Each program has its own webpage which lists [admission requirements](#) and specific information about it. When applying – you can list two program choices on your application. **The non-refundable application fee is \$125. The deadline to [apply](#) for September is March 1, 2021.**
- **Tuition & Fees:** Tuition varies by program – **1 year of tuition is between ~\$8,000 - \$12,000** (*Note – This includes textbooks and fees but not housing). You can get an estimate of program costs with the [online cost calculator](#).
- **Scholarships:** U of A has many entrance scholarships. You are automatically assessed for some of these scholarships when you apply. The other scholarship applications can be accessed once you have applied. **The deadline to apply for scholarships for Fall 2021 has passed.**
- **On-Campus Housing:** **If you [apply](#) by April 30th you are [guaranteed a home on-campus](#).** The main first-year residence is Lister Hall, which has options for a single or double room. You can also customize your experience by choosing to live on a quiet floor, substance-free floor or an academic cohort floor. Keep in mind that all first-year students living on campus will require a meal plan. Housing fees vary depend on the building, room size and meal plan selected; **the [on-campus housing rate](#) is ~\$8,000 - \$15,000 per year.**

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

- **Type of Institution:** University
- **Location:** Calgary
- **Programs & Admission:** U of C offers a wide variety of programs including continuing education, bachelor's degrees and graduate degrees. Admissions requirements vary by program. Each [program](#) has its own webpage which lists admission requirements and specific information about it. When [applying](#) – you can list two program choices on your application. **The non-refundable application fee is \$125. The [deadline](#) to apply for September is March 1, 2021.**
- **Tuition & Fees:** Tuition varies by program – **1 year of tuition is between ~\$9,000 - \$12,000** (*Note – This includes textbooks and fees but not housing). You can get an estimate of program costs with the [online cost calculator](#).
- **Scholarships:** Once you apply you will receive access to the scholarship portal within 24-48 hours. **The deadline to apply for High School awards for Fall 2021 is March 1, 2021.**
- **On-Campus Housing:** **If you apply to live on campus by May 1, 2021 you will be guaranteed a home on campus for your first two years.** Keep in mind that if you live on campus in your first-year you will be required to get a meal plan.
One [first-year housing](#) option is dormitory style. You will have the option to live in a single-gender or gender-neutral wing. Only single rooms will be available for the 2021/2022 school year. Another option for first and second year students is apartment style with two or three bedroom options. **There is a \$50 [application](#) fee for housing.** Housing fees vary depend on the building, room size and meal plan selected; **the [on-campus housing rate](#) is ~\$8,000 - \$12,000 per year.**

UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE

- **Type of Institution:** Liberal Arts University
- **Location:** Lethbridge & Calgary
- **Programs & Admission:** U of L offers a wide variety of [programs](#) including continuing education, bachelor's degrees and graduate degrees. The [general admission requirements](#) are ELA 30-1 and four additional courses at the 30 level. Certain programs have additional admission requirements. **The non-refundable application fee is \$140. The deadline to [apply](#) for September is June 30, 2021.**
- **Tuition & Fees:** Tuition varies by program – **1 year of tuition is ~\$8,000** (*Note – This includes textbooks and fees but not housing).
- **Scholarships:** The U of L offers many high school awards including the Grade 11 Merit award – the deadline to apply is **June 30th** of your grade 11 year. **If you apply to the U of L by the early admission deadline in your grade 12 year you will be automatically considered for the Board of Governor's Admission Scholarship.** All other high school awards can be applied for on the online portal once you have applied. **The deadline is March 15th.**
- **On-Campus Housing:** [First-year housing](#) options on-campus include dorms or apartments. Dorms can be double or single occupancy and apartments can be 1, 2, 4 or 6 bedrooms. On-campus housing fees vary depending on the style of room, occupancy and meal plan selected. **The on-campus housing rate is ~\$3,400 - \$10,000 per year,** plus the cost of the mandatory [dining plan](#) which is either \$3,800 or \$4,410 depending on which plan you select.

MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY

- **Type of Institution:** Liberal Arts University
- **Location:** Calgary
- **Programs & Admission:** MRU offers a wide variety of programs including certificates, diplomas and bachelor's degrees. The general admission requirements are ELA 30-1 and four additional courses at the 30 level. Certain programs have additional admission requirements. **The non-refundable application fee is \$100.** You get two program choices on one application. **Depending on the program the deadline to apply for Fall 2021 is February 1, 2021. Some programs accept applications until August 31, 2021.**
- **Tuition & Fees:** Tuition varies by program – **1 year of tuition is ~\$8,600** (*Note – This includes textbooks and fees but not housing).
- **Scholarships:** You can apply for scholarships once you have applied to MRU as you require a student ID to access the online application. You only need to fill out one general application to apply for all the awards you are eligible for. **The deadline to apply for scholarships is March 1, 2021.**
- **On-Campus Housing:** If you apply to live on campus by June 15, 2021 you will be guaranteed a room. They offer one, two or four bedroom apartment or townhouse units for all students living on-campus. **There is a \$60 application fee.** Housing fees vary depend on the building, room size and meal plan selected; **the on-campus housing rate is ~\$6,000 - \$9,000 per year.** There are two optional meal plans available for \$1,000 or \$1,600.

AMBROSE UNIVERSITY

- **Type of Institution:** Faith-based Accredited University
- **Location:** Calgary
- **Programs & Admission:** Ambrose offers a wide variety of programs including bachelor's degrees and Seminary degrees. The **general admission requirements** are ELA 30-1 and four additional courses at the 30 level. Certain programs have additional admission requirements. **The non-refundable application fee is \$70. The deadline to apply for September is August 1, 2021.**
- **Tuition & Fees:** Tuition varies by program – **1 year of tuition is between ~\$ 12,000 - \$15,000** (*Note – This includes fees but not textbooks or housing).
- **Scholarships:** Upon admission into your program, you will be automatically considered for most scholarships. All other scholarships can be applied for once you are admitted. **Deadlines vary.**
- **On-Campus Housing:** Ambrose has two residence buildings. Both buildings offer dormitory style rooms with either single, double or triple occupancy. First-year students under 21 that are not married or live with their parents are required to live on-campus and purchase a meal plan. **Apply by August 15th to guarantee your spot in residence. The on-campus housing rate is ~ \$7,900 per year** (* includes meal plan and laundry).

SOUTHERN ALBERTA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (SAIT)

- **Type of Institution:** Technical Institution
- **Location:** Calgary
- **Programs & Admission:** SAIT offers a wide variety of programs including apprenticeships, certificates, diplomas and bachelor's degrees. Admission requirements vary by program. **Applications for admission are accepted until the program start date. The non-refundable application fee is \$120.**
- **Tuition & Fees:** Tuition varies by program and year, for example tuition for the first-year of Avionics Technology is more expensive than the second year. You can find specific tuition costs on the domestic fee table.
- **Scholarships:** SAIT offers many entrance awards as well as general scholarships. **The application for Fall 2021 is open May 1, 2021.** You can apply for these awards once you have been confirmed in your program and your tuition deposit has been made.
- **On-Campus Housing:** SAIT offers two housing options for all students. There are studio, one, two and four bedroom apartments available to choose from. **There is \$50 non-refundable fee to apply.** Not only can you live on-campus if you are attending SAIT for the full academic year, but you can also live on campus for shorter periods of time (4-12 weeks) if you are an Apprentice. SAIT does not offer a meal plan. On-campus housing rates vary depending on the length of stay and apartment selected.

LETHBRIDGE COLLEGE

- **Type of Institution:** College
- **Location:** Lethbridge
- **Programs & Admission:** LC offers a wide variety of [programs](#) including apprenticeships, certificates, diplomas and some bachelor's degrees. [Admission requirements](#) vary by program. **The non-refundable application fee is \$100. The deadline to [apply](#) for September is the day before classes begin, September 7, 2021.**
- **Tuition & Fees:** Tuition varies by program (weeks apprenticeship vs full-time certificate or diploma, etc.) – **1 year of tuition is between ~\$1,500 - \$19,000** (*Note – This includes fees and textbooks but not housing). See the [program cost estimates](#) for specific tuition costs.
- **Scholarships:** There are various entrance awards and scholarships available. **The online application opens on March 1, 2021 for September 2021.**
- **On-Campus Housing:** Lethbridge College offers two or four bedroom apartments or townhouses. **There is a \$50 non-refundable application fee.** Full-time students and 8 week apprentice students can live in on-campus housing. **The on-campus housing rate for full-time students is ~ \$5,000 - \$7,500 per year. For apprentice students the rate is ~\$1,300 or ~\$1,850.** (* Cost for on-campus housing varies by building and suite size)

MEDICINE HAT COLLEGE

- **Type of Institution:** College
- **Location:** Medicine Hat & Brooks
- **Programs & Admission:** MHC offers a wide variety of programs including apprenticeships, certificates, diplomas and University studies. Admission requirements vary by program. Requirements can be found on each program's webpage. **The non-refundable application fee is \$75. The deadline to apply for September 2021 is September 1, 2021.**
- **Tuition & Fees:** Tuition varies by program – **1 year of tuition is ~\$5,000 - \$12,000. For Apprentices tuition varies from \$519.20 for 4 weeks to \$1454.40 for 12 weeks.** (*Note – This includes textbooks and fees but not housing). Specific tuition costs can be found on the domestic program cost estimate page.
- **Scholarships:** There are various entrance awards and scholarships available. You are automatically entered for all awards you are eligible for when you apply.
- **On-Campus Housing:** Medicine Hat College offers two four-bedroom townhouse style residence complexes. Full-time students and 8 week apprentice students can live in on-campus housing. **The on-campus housing rate for full-time students is ~ \$5,000 per year. For apprentice students the rate is ~\$1,194 or ~\$1,294.** (* Cost for on-campus housing varies by building and suite size)

ONE BEAUTY ACADEMY

- **Type of Institution:** Private Career College
- **Location:** Lethbridge, Calgary, Medicine Hat
- **Programs & Admission:** ONE offers diplomas in aesthetics, barbering, hairstyling, makeup artistry and combined programs. They also offer certificates in electrolysis and waxing, makeup artistry, facials and nail technician. **Admission requirements** vary by program. Programs vary in length from a few days to a year. Program intake also varies by program but is generally every 3 months (March, June, September and December). They offer a student for a day program if you are interested in learning more.
- Due to Covid-19 restrictions they have moved their classes to an online platform, with the practical part of their programs still being done on their campus once salons and spa's can reopen.
- **Tuition & Fees:** Vary by program type and length

MC COLLEGE

- **Type of Institution:** Private Career College
- **Location:** Calgary, Edmonton, Red Deer, Kelowna, Saskatoon, Winnipeg
- **Programs & Admission:** MC College offers diploma programs in hairstyling, esthetics and fashion design. They also offer certificates in barbering, manicures & pedicures and skin care. **Admission requirements** vary by program. Programs vary in length from a few weeks to a year. Intakes vary by program and campus. If you have cosmetology training, you may be eligible for an expediated program.
- **Tuition & Fees:** Vary by program type and length.
- **Scholarships:** MC College does have scholarships available to select students based on a variety of criteria.

EXCEL FLIGHT TRAINING INC.

- Type of Institution: Private Career College
- Location: Lethbridge
- Programs & Admission: Excel offers several Aviation related programs. Admissions requirements vary by program. Excel offers Recreational, Private, Commercial and Professional Pilot programs. They also offer additional programs for instruments, night flying and multi-engine ratings. The intake periods vary by program.
- Tuition & Fees: Vary by program. For example, **The Recreational Pilot Permit is ~\$8,600, while the Professional Pilot Program is ~\$48,600.** Once you are licensed you can also rent planes by the hour.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/post-secondary-education/find-a-program-or-institution>

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

- **Type of Institution:** University
- **Location:** Vancouver & Kelowna
- **Programs & Admission:** UBC offers a wide variety of programs including continuing education, bachelor's degrees and graduate degrees. Admissions requirements vary by program. Each program has its own webpage which lists admission requirements and specific information about it. When applying – you can list two program choices on your application. **The non-refundable application fee is \$71.75. The deadline to apply for September is January 15, 2021.**
- **Tuition & Fees:** Tuition varies by program – **1 year of tuition is between ~\$7,000 - \$11,000** (*Note – This includes textbooks and fees but not housing). You can get an estimate of program costs with the online cost calculator.
- **Scholarships:** UBC offers six types of awards for first-year students. You will be automatically considered for some of these awards if you apply to UBC by December 1. All other awards must be applied for after you have submitted your application to UBC.
- **On-Campus Housing:** UBC offers housing on both campuses. At the Vancouver campus there are 6 main complexes for first-year students that offer a variety of housing styles. At UBC's Okanagan campus they have 7 main complexes for first-year students. First-year students are required to get a meal plan. **There is a \$50 application fee for housing.** Housing fees vary depend on the building, room size and meal plan selected; **the on-campus housing rate is ~\$10,500 - \$14,000 per year. The deadline to apply for housing for September is May 1, 2021.**

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

- **Type of Institution:** University
- **Location:** Victoria
- **Programs & Admission:** UVic offers a wide variety of [programs](#) including continuing education, bachelor's degrees and graduate degrees. Each program has its own webpage which lists admission requirements and specific information about it. If you want to go to UVIC but are not sure what to study, you can [apply](#) as 'Undecided.' **The non-refundable application fee is \$80. The deadline to apply for September is January 31, 2021.**
- **Tuition & Fees:** Tuition varies by program – **1 year of tuition is between ~\$6,000 - \$8,000** (*Note – This includes fees but not housing or textbooks). You can get an estimate of program costs with the [online cost calculator](#).
- **Scholarships:** UVic has three types of entrance scholarships for students. There are scholarships you are automatically considered for when you apply, scholarships that you apply for and scholarships that are dependent on program, community involvement and other specific criteria. **The deadline to apply is March 15.**
- **On-Campus Housing:** UVic offers guaranteed housing for first-year students. There are single or double dormitories with a mandatory [meal plan](#). There are also one, two or four bedroom apartments and townhouses with an optional meal plan. Housing fees vary depend on the building, room size and meal plan selected; **the on-campus housing rate is ~\$6,900 – 12,000 per year. Apply by June 30th to guarantee your spot.**

BRITISH COLUMBIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (BCIT)

- **Type of Institution:** Technical Institution
- **Location:** Burnaby
- **Programs & Admission:** BCIT offers a wide variety of programs including certificates, diplomas or bachelor's degrees. Admission requirements vary by program. Each program has its own webpage which lists admission requirements and specific information about it. **The non-refundable application fee is \$90.** Each program has varying intake periods – some are ongoing, others are offered two or three times a year.
- **Tuition & Fees:** Tuition varies by program. **A full-time degree program is ~\$7,500 per year. A full-time diploma program is ~\$6,140 – \$10,240 per year. A full-time certificate program is ~\$3,840 – \$17,950 per year and an Apprenticeship and trades program is ~\$152 per week.** These prices do not include textbooks or the mandatory medical insurance.
- **Scholarships:** BCIT offers 59 entrance awards with varying criteria. One application will allow you to be considered for most scholarships, although some have additional requirements. **Applications for Fall 2021 have not opened yet.**
- **On-Campus Housing:** BCIT offers townhouse style housing with four suites per building, each housing twelve bedrooms. **The on-campus housing rate \$24.17 per night which would work out to ~\$6,000 per year** (this does not include a meal plan as each unit has two full kitchens). **The application deadline is June 1, 2021.**

SAE INSTITUTE: CREATIVE MEDIA, AUDIO, & ENTERTAINMENT EDUCATION

- Type of Institution: Private Career College
- Location: Vancouver
- Programs & Admission: SAE offers several diplomas and workshops in audio and audio tools such as Pro Tools. Students require a high school diploma and an interview for admission into the school. The intake periods vary by program.
- Tuition & Fees: Varies by program type and length. For example, **The Electronic Music Production diploma is ~\$9,350. The Audio Engineering and Music Production diploma is ~\$16,400.**

SASKATCHEWAN

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/education-and-learning/universities-colleges-and-schools/post-secondary-institutions>

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

- Type of Institution: University
- Location: Saskatoon
- Programs & Admission: USask offers a wide variety of programs including certificates, diplomas, bachelor's degrees and graduate degrees. Admission requirements vary by program. Each program has its own webpage which lists admission requirements and specific information about it. When applying – you can list two program choices on your application. **The non-refundable application fee is \$90. The deadline to apply for September varies by program.**
- Tuition & Fees: Tuition varies by program – **1 year of tuition is between ~\$7,500 - \$10,000** (*Note – This includes fees but not textbooks or housing).
- Scholarships: USask has three types of entrance scholarships for students. There are scholarships you are automatically considered for when you apply, scholarships that you apply for and scholarships that are dependent on program, community involvement and other specific criteria. **The deadlines vary.**
- On-Campus Housing: USask offers two housing options for first-years. There are single or double dorms or two, three or four bedroom apartment options. All students that live on-campus are required to purchase a meal plan. **There is a \$75 application fee for housing.** Housing fees vary depend on the building, room size and meal plan selected; **the on-campus housing rate is ~\$6,500 - \$10,500 per year. The deadline to apply for housing for September is May 1, 2021.**

FYI

- If there is a school or program you are interested in, please come and see me and we can discuss various aspects of student life. Such as student clubs, Co-op's, internships, volunteering, student services and any other opportunities available at specific schools.
- If you are interested in a school that was not included in this presentation, please let me know and I can help you find all the information you need to make an informed decision.
- If you apply to a post-secondary institution, be sure to check your new institutional email frequently. This is the email you will be contacted at with offers of admission, scholarship updates and any other correspondence from the post-secondary institution.
- Many of the post-secondary institutions included have virtual tours of campus, if you are interested, I can help set one up for you.
- You can come see me for help with cover letters, resumes, job applications, post-secondary applications and any funding concerns. I can also provide you with resources to help you explore different career possibilities.

APPRENTICESHIPS

<https://tradesecrets.alberta.ca>

- Apprenticeship is a post-secondary education program consisting of on-the-job training provided by your employer and technical training at an approved technical training provider.
- An [apprenticeship](#) program lasts 1- 4 years depending on the trade. An Alberta Journeyman Certificate is awarded when an apprentice satisfies all of the requirements of the program.
- You must find an employer who is willing and able to hire an apprentice and provide on-the-job training in Alberta. Each trade will have specific requirements.
- You can still register as an apprentice in your trade if you do not meet the requirements, but you will be expected to meet them during your first year of apprenticeship.
- The [Registered Apprenticeship Program](#) (RAP) is a way for registered high school students to become apprentices and earn credit toward their high school diploma at the same time.
- Click [here](#) for a list of trades in Alberta.

STUDENT LOANS

<https://studentaid.alberta.ca>

<https://www.csnpe-nslsc.canada.ca/en/home>

- Alberta Student Aid offers student loans, grants, scholarships, and awards to help cover your costs while you're in school.
- Click [here](#) for step-by-step instructions to apply for Alberta student loans.
- Click [here](#) to look at the scholarships available to Albertans.
- The Canadian government also offers student loans. You can receive both Alberta and Canadian student loans while you are going to school, **one application will allow you to be considered for both loans.**
- You can apply once you have been admitted into your post-secondary program. If possible, apply at least 60 days prior to your classes starting.
- You must reapply every year to continue receiving loans throughout your education.
- Click [here](#) for step-by-step instructions to apply for Canadian student loans.
- Student loans are interest free while you are in school and you are not required to start paying back your loan until 6 months after you graduate from post-secondary.
- If you need help applying, please see me.