THE AURORA COLLEGE VIEWBOOK

Our Viewbook offers an introduction to Aurora College to get you thinking about your future at the College. You can find out about courses, residence, campuses, student life and how to begin making your Aurora College education a reality. With three campuses in three very different locations, plus over twenty learning centres throughout the territory, the viewbook can only begin to highlight the diversity that Aurora College offers. That's why we encourage you to check out our website and Facebook page, phone us or, best of all, arrange to visit your local campus or learning centre.

After you read the Viewbook, we invite you to visit our website at www.auroracollege.nt.ca to find more details about Aurora College including:

- Printable Course Calendar with the requirements and course options for your program of choice
- Application forms and clear instructions on the Aurora College application process
- Scholarship information with a complete list of bursaries, scholarships and awards
- Financial Assistance Information
- More about Aurora College's history, mission and strategic plan
- Frequently Asked Questions: easy access to the answers to the questions we get asked most

You can also reach us by phone with any questions about the College or the application process. We're toll-free and happy to help.

Aurora Campus (Inuvik) 1-866-287-2655 Thebacha Campus (Fort Smith) 1-866-291-4866 Yellowknife/North Slave Campus (Yellowknife) 1-866-266-4966



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Did you know?

- Aurora College is comprised of three campuses and 23
 Community Learning Centres which are located throughout the Northwest Territories.
- Aurora College partners with univesities and colleges from across
 Canada to bring the most up-to-date curriculum to students.
- A record 14 people graduated from Aurora College's four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing program in 2010. All 14 are working as nurses, with 13 starting jobs within the N.W.T.
- The first Aboriginal woman in Canadian Federal Parliament, Ethel Blondin-Andrew, is a graduate of our Teacher Education Program. Blondin-Andrew currently represents the Sahtu on our Board of Governors.
- Aurora College's Aurora Research Institute works with partners from around the world, including NASA. ARI was even featured on "Ice Road Truckers"- Season 2 featured truckers driving between Inuvik and Mallik, an ARI partner project looking at retrieving frozen gas hydrates from ice.



WELCOME TO AURORA COLLEGE!

At Aurora College, student success is our mission. For more than 40 years, as the College of the Northwest Territories, we have been delivering post-secondary education to Northerners and striving to provide our students with the education, skills and knowledge needed to pursue great careers right here at home.

We are proud of our student-centred approach. Our talented faculty and small class sizes allow for individual attention so that each student's needs are met. We offer up-to-date programming, state of the art training facilities and a range of support services.

As the College of the Northwest Territories, we also reflect the Territory's Aboriginal roots. Our programming integrates traditional knowledge and a respect for the different cultures of the people of the NWT. We believe that this approach to academics gives our students an unparalleled educational experience from a genuinely Northern perspective.

Over the past year we have aligned our programming into post-secondary

schools, with each school chairperson assisting us to ensure academic quality and integrity for every certificate. diploma and degree program. Whether you take a program at one of our campuses in Fort Smith, Inuvik or Yellowknife, or if you participate in a Community Learning Centre delivery, the standards of academic excellence will be the same. In addition, we now have more transfer and accreditation agreements with universities than ever before. So, whether you are looking for education and training that leads to employment, or whether you are looking to ladder your education within Aurora College or with one of our partner universities, choosing Aurora College will open doors.

We want our students to have a rich college experience founded in excellence in education. We encourage each student to make the most of their time at Aurora College by taking advantage of our guidance and support services as well as our recreational and cultural activities, and student organizations. Whether our students are in their hometown or are away from home to attend school, Aurora College offers the chance to be part of a lifelong community.

As the College of the Northwest Territories, thousands of Northerners have come through our doors and gone on to great careers in teaching, health care, trades, social work, business, politics, public service and beyond.

We look forward to helping you join our list of graduates and to achieving your goals through your education at Aurora College. "I really believe that learning is life-long. There could never be a time when you're too old to learn or do the things you dream of."

> Betty Barnaby, Fort Good Hope Bachelor of Education

Jane Arychuk, President, Aurora College

WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE AURORA COLLEGE

Success Starts Here...

There's a reason why Aurora College is the number one choice for residents of the NWT when it comes to post-secondary education: A focus on student success.



We believe in giving students the tools they need to succeed academically starting with our talented and dedicated faculty and small class sizes which allow for one-on-one time with instructors and interaction with classmates. Our modern facilities, from our recently renovated trades shops, to our classrooms and labs to our state-of-the-art mining equipment simulator give students the training they need.

Our curriculum is developed to meet employer requirements, often combining practicums or workplace experience to better prepare graduates for the realities of the workforce. This includes an emphasis on incorporating relevant Aboriginal culture and knowledge into programming to give students insight and knowledge into life in the North.

Our approach means that we support our students outside of the classroom too. At each campus we have a Student Success Centre with resources and staff offering individualized guidance in academics and career choices.

Aurora College is also part of a network of colleges and universities. Our courses uphold national standards and accreditations and many of our programs are delivered in conjunction with our university and college partners, which allows our graduates to either start a career or further their education at one of these institutions.

Aurora College's unique programs in Education, Health and Human Services, Business Leadership, Land and Environment, Trades, Apprenticeship, Industrial Training and Academic Upgrading offer strong cultural content and handson experience combined with the latest technology and practices.

We work hard to make our programs accessible and relevant to the people of the North. For over 40 years Aurora College has been helping Northerners achieve their educational goals. Start your application process today and find out how we can help you start your journey to a rewarding future.

College of the Northwest Territories...

Aurora College is the cornerstone of the Northwest Territories post-secondary education system. A vibrant Northern college committed to excellence in education and research, Aurora College strives to foster understanding and respect among all Northern people. With three campuses located in Fort Smith, Yellowknife and Inuvik, plus Community Learning Centres throughout the NWT, Aurora College offers a variety of programs designed to meet the needs of Northern learners while giving students the support, skills and training needed to achieve success in their chosen careers.

Aurora College programs are designed with Northerners in mind. That means that our programs prepare you for jobs in the NWT's top industries.

Our graduates have gone on to become teachers, journey persons, social workers, nurses, entrepreneurs and leaders in business, government, and politics.

Check out our list of programs, and read more about them in the Viewbook or visit our website to find out



PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Arts and Science programs

- Bachelor of Circumpolar Studies (Affiliated with University of the Arctic)
- Environment and Natural Resources Technology Diploma
- Environmental Monitoring Certificate
- Contaminated Site Remediation Coordinator Program

School of Business and Leadership

- Business Administration Diploma (Affiliated with the University of Lethbridge)
- Office Administration Diploma
- Office Administration Certificate
- Northern Leadership Development Program

School of Education

- Bachelor of Education (affiliated with the University of Saskatchewan
- Aboriginal Language and Cultural Instructor Diploma
- Early Childhood Development Certificate
- · Certificate in Adult Education

School of Health and Human Services

- Master of Nursing, Nurse Practitioner, Primary Heath Care Stream
 - (affiliated with Dalhousie University)
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (affiliated with the University of Victoria)
- Social Work Diploma (affiliated with the University of Regina)
- Personal Support Worker Certificate
- Community Health Representative Certificate
- Introducation to Advanced Practice

School of Trades, Apprenticeship and Industrial **Training**

- Apprenticeship Carpenter
- Apprenticeship Plumber Gasfitter
- · Apprenticeship Housing Maintainer
- Apprenticeship Heavy Duty **Equipment Technician**
- Apprenticeship Electrician
- Heavy Equipment Operator Program
- Oil Systems Technician Program
- Building Trades Helper Program

- Observer/Communicator Program
- Introduction to Underground Miner Training Program
- Underground Mine Training Program
- Camp Cook Program

Academic Upgrading/Access Programs

- Developmental Studies (ALBE)
- Teacher Education Access
- Nursing Access
- Social Work Access
- Business Administration Access
- · Environment and Natural Resources Technology Access
- Trades Access
- Trades Access II

Additional Opportunities

- Distance Education
- Continuing Education

Looking to go on to further education beyond Aurora College? Visit our website or call us to find out which programs and courses can be transferred to one of our partner universities or other institutions. Aurora College is proud to be part of a national post-secondary education network.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM: THE AURORA COLLEGE COMMUNITY

Student Councils

Each of our campuses has a Student Council that works with campus management to build community. Our student leaders organize all aspects of college life from graduation ceremonies to cultural events. Some examples of Student Council activities include karaoke nights, drum dances, hand games, sports nights, Halloween and Christmas Family parties and organizing speaker events including visiting politicians, authors, community Elders and artists.

Student Services and Registrars

Each campus has a student services department that can help you with everything from finding out about local sports, to assisting you with academic issues to helping you register for classes.

Within the student services department, the Office of the Registrar provides academic support services to applicants and students.

Aurora College offers support services and extra-curricular activities to make your college experience rewarding and yes, even fun. You can make new friends, try new activities and get involved in student-life in ways that will benefit you even after you've graduated. Aurora College is a community where students lead the way.

Student Success Centres

Our approach to success includes an holistic approach where the spiritual, emotional, mental and physical all conribute to our students' wellbeing.

Our Student Success Centres at each campus can help students achieve that balance. These one-stop locations can assist you in navigating the challenges of college life such as settling into a new community or finding academic tutoring. The dedicated staff at each Student Success Centre is there to help you succeed and to make your time at the College successful, fulfilling and rewarding.

Also there to help are our counsellors. At each campus, they are there to support you and help you deal with other challenges that may arise during your time with us.

Sports and Recreation

Healthy bodies help create healthy minds, and Aurora College encourages students to get out and enjoy the recreational opportunities that our campuses and campus communities have to offer. Each campus offers different opportunities to join a local sports team or use local facilities for your activity of choice. We want you to have as many opportunities to stretch your muscles as you will to stretch your mind!

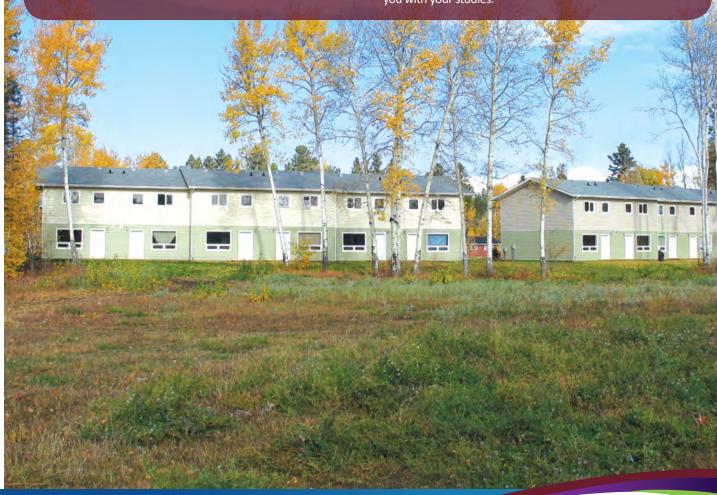
Our campuses are all surrounded by wilderness too, so traditional activities on the land are easily accessible. Many of our programs offer land-based components; just check with our registrars.

Housing

At Aurora College, we have made housing a priority. Whether you're single or need a home for your family during your time at Aurora College, we can offer low-cost housing that works for you. The majority of our accommodations are located within walking distance of our campuses and provide our students with a comfortable place to unwind after a day of classes. Apply for accommodation before the deadline.

Libraries and Computer Labs

Aurora College's modern library facilities and team of librarians are on hand at each campus to support your academic success. Library services such as interlibrary loan and reference further ensure that you find the information you need. In addition to print sources, you will have access to a large number of online full text databases. Each campus also has a computer lab where you'll have access to the internet and programs to help you with your studies.



LIVING AT AURORA COLLEGE:



Three Campuses.

26 communities.

We're where you want to learn.

CLCs

Our Community Learning and programming, often in response to community needs. Your local CLC is a great way to find out more about Aurora College or begin your educational path. Whether you want to take Developmental Studies for individualized high school upgrading or enrol in some of our College-wide courses like Computer skills, **Environmental Monitoring or** our Aboriginal Language and Cultural Instructor Program, drop by your local CLC and speak to our instructor to find out more.

"To be a role model for my kids and my community. People can say, "She did it and she has four kids'. That's going to make changes and somebody will follow me."

Victoria Drybones, Behchoko Bachelor of Education

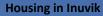
Aurora Campus

Aurora Campus is our most northerly campus located north of the Arctic Circle in the town of Inuvik. Aurora Campus serves as the administrative centre for the Beaufort Delta and Sahtu Community Learning Centres. Inuvik, with 3500 people, is home to the Gwich'in and Inuvialuit and has become a bustling hub, welcoming people from across Canada and beyond.

The surrounding wilderness, where boreal forest and tundra meet, is world-renowned for its beauty and for the outdoor adventure opportunities that exisit there. This allows our Land and Environment programs to experience incredible lakes, rivers and landscapes and affords students a diversity of recreational opportunities

In town, the Midnight Sun
Recreation Complex has a
hockey arena, curling rink,
swimming pool and fitness
facilities. Inuvik also offers
traditional experiences like
drum dancing or dog sledding.
The town is far enough north to
experience constant night for 30
days in winter but on the flipside,
in the summer Inuvik gets 56
days of midnight sun.

Aurora Campus is also home to our Mobile-Trades-Training lab, the College's state-of-the-art training facility that takes our trades and industrial training courses on the road to communities in the region.





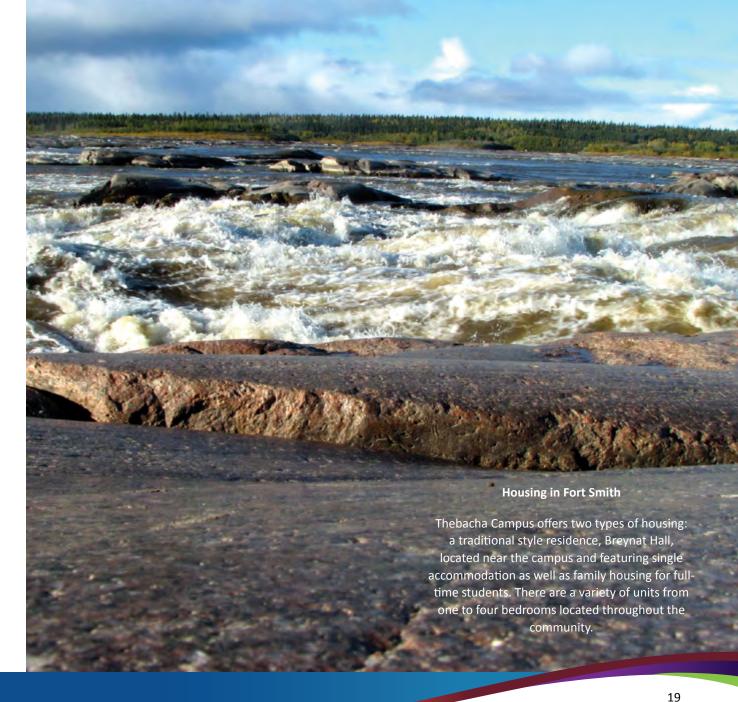
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Thebacha Campus

Located in Fort Smith, Thebacha is our most southerly campus and serves our Community Learning Centres in the South Slave and the Dehcho.

Fort Smith is a friendly, active community on the banks of the Slave River bordering Canada's largest National Park, Wood Buffalo. The area is full of opportunity for outdoor adventure from skiing to sliding/weiner roast parties to camping and hiking. Students have access to the Fort Smith Recreation Centre which features a fitness centre, curling rink, movie theatre, swimming pool and a range of sports activities. Thebacha Campus has Aurora College's first Aboriginal Culture Centre- a devoted meeting place that celebrates the diverse Aboriginal heritage of our students.

Thebacha is also the gateway campus to Aurora College's Tsu Lake Camp where students in our Land and Environment programs spend time learning land-based skills first-hand. Thebacha also houses the Office of the President.



Yellowknife/North Slave Campus

Located in the Northwest Territories' capital city, the Yellowknife Campus serves the North Slave Region and is our most urban campus. The campus buildings are located in downtown Yellowknife with easy access to public transit. With over 20,000 people, Yellowknife offers cultural experiences including plays, concerts and exhibits at facilities like the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre and the Northern Arts Cultural Centre.

Yellowknife is also home to the Territory's Legislature.

While Yellowknife offers a range of urban amenities like fitness clubs, restaurants, shops and even a Tim Horton's, its location on the Great Slave Lake and the surrounding wilderness mean that opportunities to get out on the land are world-class.

Yellowknife is also home to Stanton Territorial Hospital, the Territory's largest medical facility, giving our Health and Human Services students opportunities for first-hand experience in their field.

Housing in Yellowknife Yellowknife Campus has housing ranging from bachelor suites to family housing with up to five bedrooms. Some of the units are located in the heart of downtown Yellowknife, while other units are located in the Frame Lake South area. Photo by: Jiri Hermann/City of YK

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SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

The NWT is a resource-based territory and home to some of the largest tracts of wilderness on earth. This makes it an ideal place to study if you want a career in land and environment related fields. Our programs offer hands-on experience in labs, classrooms and out in the field so that our grads get the skills they need. Your career is wide open in this field and our courses can help set you on the path to success.

Circumpolar Studies Degree (University of the Arctic

Prepares students for advanced study or employment in fields such as sustainable resource management, self-government and arctic engineering.

Environment and Natural Resources Technology Program (ENRTP) Diploma

The ENRTP links course work with lab and field experience to prepare students to work as technicians and officers in natural resource and environmental management careers including wildlife, forestry, marine and freshwater fisheries,

water resources, environmental protection, parks, land claim resource management, oil and gas, and mining.

Environmental Monitor Certificate

This entry level, community-based program provides students with the foundation, knowledge, and skills to work as an environmental monitor. Graduates are prepared for work in areas such as pipeline construction; seismic, fishing, mining, oil and gas operations; and land and water board monitoring. These programs can be expanded to include Contaminated Sites

Remediation Coordinator training and Environmental Site Assessment Assistant training.

Contaminated Site Remediation Coordinator Program

Provides students with the and skills to meaningfully participate in contaminated site remediation activities.



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Business Manager
- Small Business Owner
- Government Officer/ Clerk
- Bookkeeper
- Executive Assistant
- Office Assistant

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND LEADERSHIP

The North needs strong and resilient business and governance leaders now more than ever. We need entrepreneurs who honour the past and are passionate about future opportunities; people who are committed to building a vibrant and healthy Northern economy.

Business Administration

The Office Administration program at Aurora College will train you for an exciting and diverse career as an administrative professional. You will receive hands-on and relevant training in the latest software applications, keyboarding and other high level technological and administrative skills as well as introducing you to the broad range of essential employability skills that are needed to enable effective contribution in today's current, changing, and emerging business environments.

Office Administration

The Business Administration program offers innovative, relevant and exciting learning opportunities that provide the foundational skills and knowledge to meet both the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. Both certificate and diploma level programs are offered as well as opportunities to transfer to universities for degree level programs.

Northern Leadership Development Program (Industry Focus)

This program contains eight three-day modules and is designed to provide employees in "front line" positions in industry with the leadership, communication, team building, critical thinking, conflict resolution and problem solving knowledge and skills. The program objective is to prepare individuals to advance to more senior positions within their organization. This program is also applicable to people new to supervisory or management roles, such as team leaders or front line supervisors.



SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Being a teacher means being a leader in education in your community and beyond. Aurora College has been training teachers in its Northern teacher education programs for over 35 years. A landmark year for our School of Education was 2004, when we began offering our Bachelor of Education Degree. Key to the success of the School and our graduates is programming that supports teaching Aboriginal languages and cultures of the NWT to help shape the future of the next generation of Northerners.



Bachelor of Education Program

Affiliated with the University of Saskatchewan, this nationally-recognized degree program prepares you for a teaching career in the NWT.

Aboriginal Language and Cultural Instructor Program (ALCIP) Diploma

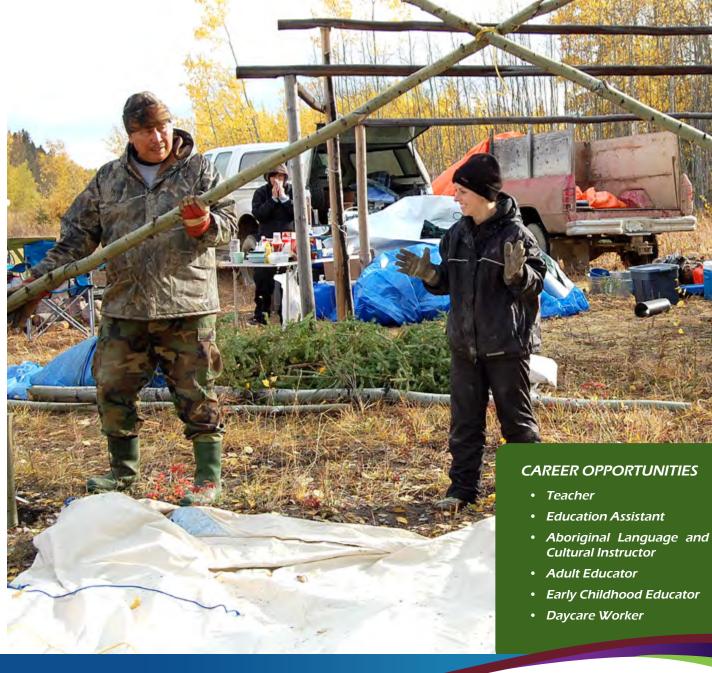
You can pursue a diploma in this teaching field. The Program offers a mix of Aboriginal languages and cultural teaching methodologies which are a vital part of the NWT education system.

Certificate in Early Childhood Development

This distance learning program provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to work with children from infancy to the age of six. Daycare workers and day home operators would benefit from this program.

Adult Education Certificate

Teaching adults requires a unique set of teaching skills. This program is delivered in modules or through distance education, and teaches the specific skills required when working with adult learners.



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Registered Nurse
- Nurse Practitioner
- Practical Nurse
- Social Worker
- Personal Support
 Worker
- Community Health Representative
- Community Health Worker

SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

It's no secret that health and human services professionals are in demand. Education in a health field such as nursing or social work can open the door to jobs throughout the Territory. Aurora College's School of Health and Human Services can provide you with the credentials and skills to work in healthcare or other helping professions with hands-on training that prepares you to deliver expert service and care to clients and other health care providers.

Master of Nursing, Nurse Practitioner Primary Health Care Stream

Delivered in partnership with Dalhousie University, this program prepares students to work as Nurse Practitioners in hospitals and health care centres throughout Canada.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The degree program is affiliated with the University of Victoria and prepares students to work as registered nurses.

Practical Nurse Diploma

This program combines classroom and practical experiences to prepare students for work as beginning practitioners. Students complete national exams and are then eligible to register with the GNWT.

Social Work diploma

The Aurora College Social Work
Program educates students in
a Northern, generalist practice.
Graduates may apply to have their
credits applied toward the Bachelor of
Social Work degree at the University of
Regina or Yukon College.

Personal Support Worker Certificate

The Personal Support Worker Program prepares people to work in a variety of community health care settings. Personal Support Workers work closely with people in their homes as part of a health care team.

Community Health Representative Certificate

The Community Health Representative Program provides the graduate with a sound basic knowledge in community health education, health promotion, injury prevention and community development.

Introduction to Advanced Practice

Introduction to Advanced Practice is an intensive 6 week (180 hrs) program for Registered Nurses who plan to work in isolated communities. This course is offered several times a year, depending on the number of applicants.



SCHOOL OF TRADES, APPRENTICESHIP AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING

Learning a trade opens doors. By studying a trade, you become an expert in a field with access to a great career. Aurora College offers the programs that will prepare you for work in such diverse fields as mining, construction, or the oil and gas industry. Our modern trades' shops and stateof-the-art training equipment ensure that your education meets the latest industry standards and needs. Our new Mobile Trades Training Unit takes our trades-related programming out to communities. Hands-on training on heavy equipment and in the field combines with classroom instruction to make your educational experience an exceptional adventure in learning.

Apprenticeship Programs

Aurora College offers apprenticeship training in five skilled trades:

- Carpenter
- Plumber/Gasfitter
- Housing Maintainer
- Heavy Duty Equipment Technician
- Electrician

Pre-Apprenticeship Program

Aurora College offers preapprenticeship training in the following areas.

- Carpenter
- Heavy Equipment Technicia

Observer/Communicator **Training Program**

This program prepares students to be Observer/Communicators by providing training in radio simulations, radio communications and operating procedures, and weather observing and recording.

Oil Heat Systems Technician

The Oil Heat Systems Technician Program is designed to provide theory and practice in the installation, service, adjustment and repair of high pressure, low pressure, and vaporizing oil burners, associated oil storage tank installations and piping systems. Students will also be taught to troubleshoot electrical, mechanical. airflow, and chimney or combustion malfunctions using testing equipment.

Camp Cook Program

This competency-based, entry-level camp cook program is intended to prepare the student for employment as a camp cook in camp kitchens.

Building Trades Helper Program

The Building Trades Helper Program prepares students for entry-level employment opportunities in the construction industry.

Heavy Equipment Operator

The Heavy Equipment Operator Program is designed to train students to operate Heavy Equipment such as swing rig backhoes, crawler tractors, rubber tire loaders, trucks and motor graders.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES



Aurora College is dedicated to student success and is focused on helping you achieve your goals, no matter where you begin your educational journey. Our Developmental Studies Program can help you get on the right track to enter a certificate, diploma or degree program, write your trades exam or just upgrade your academic skill set. Developmental Studies includes six levels of study ranging from basic literacy to coursework at the grade 12 level. Courses in this program enable participants to learn or relearn skills needed to meet employment, personal or educational goals. Participants take a tailored program of study according to their personal needs and academic level. Because of this, time spent in the program will vary for each individual. A variety of levels are offered at all our campuses and Community Learning Centres.

Contact the Community Learning Centre or campus nearest you to begin your journey toward post-secondary education.



ACADEMIC UPGRADING/ ACCESS PROGRAMS

Developmental Studies

Adult Literacy and Basic Education (ALBE) levels 110 to 160 offer adults the opportunity to upgrade their educational skills.

Teacher Education Access

This program provides students with the academic foundation needed to enter the Bachelor of Education Degree Program.

Nursing Access

This program is for students who would like to work in nursing, but who do not meet the entry requirements for admission to the programs.

Social Work Access

This program is for students who would like to work in the Social Work field and who require additional academic preparation necessary for the rigors of college-level studies.

Business Administration Access

This program is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to enter the Business Administration Program.

Environment and Natural Resources Technology Access

This program is designed to prepare students to meet the academic admission requirements for Aurora College's Diploma level Environment and Natural Resources Technology Program (ENRTP).

Trades Access and Trades Access II

The Trades Access Program prepares students for entry into trades related programs. Students will gain a foundation in physical science and will have the opportunity to improve their skills in communications and technical mathematics. The Trades Access II Program integrates courses from the Trades Access Program with courses incorporating practical, hands on Career and Technology Studies (CTS) modules from Alberta Education. It prepares students with the knowledge necessary to write the Cluster 1, 2 or 3 Trades entrance Exams.

THE BOTTOM LINE:

HOW MUCH DOES AN AURORA COLLEGE EDUCATION COST

It's important to plan your finances before you attend Aurora College. Aurora College has some of the lowest tuition rates in the country, but budgeting for realistic living costs and other expenses is a necessity.

The NWT has many options for financial assistance and there are many opportunities for scholarships, bursaries and awards to help with costs, but each student needs to be aware of deadlines and requirements so that they can line up the money they need in advance.

Our website has links and information about scholarships, bursaries and awards as well as financial aid.

Student Costs not including meals, entertainment and incidentals.

Tuition:

\$245.00 per course up to two courses

\$1200.00 per term

\$1925.00 per delivery for Heavy Equipment Operator program

\$1925.00 per semester for Environment and Natural Resources Technology Program

Housing costs:

Residences start at \$7 day.

Apartment rates are as follows:

- Bachelor \$315.00/month
- 1 Bedroom \$360.00/month
- 2 bedroom \$390.00/month
- 3, 4, or 5 bedroom \$465.00/month

Additional Fees

Student fees: \$25.00 per term Computer Lab use: \$40.00 per term Recreation: \$20.00 per term Materials and Supplies: Cost

recovery bases

As and when required:

Course extension fee: \$30.00 Duplicate documents of recognition: \$15.00

Official Transcripts: \$5.00 Duplicate receipts: \$5.00 NSF cheques: \$30.00

Supplemental examination or

assignment: \$40.00

Prior Learning Assessment: \$70.00

Transfer Credit: \$70.00

Examination sitting fee: \$15.00