



COLLEGIATE PATHWAYS

What is Collegiate Pathways?

Collegiate Pathways is a career-focused education program designed to provide students with real-world skills and post-secondary opportunities while still in high school. Through hands-on learning, industry partnerships, and dual-credit options, students gain valuable experience, certifications, and a competitive edge for their future careers.



Who Can Enrol?

The Collegiate Pathways program is open to students entering Grade 12 or those choosing to return for a fourth year.

To be eligible, students must have successfully completed:

- English Language Arts 20-2
- Five credits in a related 20-level Career and Technology Studies (CTS) course or equivalent work experience (to be approved prior to acceptance).

Where Are Programs Held?

Collegiate Pathways is not a single brick-and-mortar school but a network of specialized learning locations and online programs.

Some in-person programs will be offered at high schools in Sherwood Park and Fort Saskatchewan, while others will be accessible online.

For students in rural areas, hybrid and online options will provide greater accessibility, though some programs may require in-person attendance.

Program-specific locations will be regularly updated on our website.

Pathway Programs

The Collegiate Pathways program offers a range of career pathways, each designed to provide students with relevant skills and a direct path to further education or employment.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Animal Sciences

Develop foundational knowledge in veterinary sciences, including animal care, health management, and medical procedures.

PATHWAYS: VETERINARIAN, ANIMAL HEALTH TECH

Behavioural Sciences

Explore human behaviour, psychology, and sociology, preparing students for careers in social sciences.

PATHWAYS: PSYCHOLOGY, SOCIOLOGY

Culinary Arts

Learn professional cooking and baking techniques by beginning an apprenticeship.

PATHWAYS: COOK, BAKER

Early Childhood Education

Prepare for roles in childcare and education with foundational training in early childhood development.

PATHWAYS: EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT, LEVEL ONE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR

Hairstyling and Esthetics

Train in hairdressing, barbering, and esthetics for careers in beauty and personal care.

PATHWAYS: HAIRSTYLIST, BARBERING, ESTHETICS

Health Sciences

Gain experience in patient care, nursing support, and health care services.

PATHWAYS: HEALTH CARE AIDE, LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE, INDIVIDUAL HEALTH & WELLNESS, HEALTH CARE

Recreation and Tourism

Gain the skills to create unforgettable experiences and inspire adventure in recreation and tourism.

PATHWAYS: HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT, SPORTS MANAGEMENT

Social Work and Community Services

Learn how to support individuals and communities through social services, public health programs, and advocacy.

PATHWAYS: SOCIAL WORK, PUBLIC HEALTH, EDUCATION



EARN COLLEGE-LEVEL CREDITS & CERTIFICATIONS

Students can complete coursework that counts toward both high school and post-secondary. Depending on the program, students may earn:

- Industry-recognized certifications that support career advancement
- Dual credits that transfer to post-secondary institutions
- Workplace experience that enhances employability



CAREER-FOCUSED, HANDS-ON LEARNING

Students gain practical experience through:

- Specialized labs, workshops and job-shadowing opportunities
- Partnerships with local businesses and industry leaders
- Internship and apprenticeship opportunities



REDUCED COSTS & TIME TO CREDENTIAL COMPLETION

Collegiate Pathways covers tuition costs, meaning students only pay for materials. By enrolling in these programs, students may be able to reduce the time needed to complete a post-secondary credential or professional certification—saving time and money.

BUILDING & INDUSTRIAL TRADES & TECHNOLOGIES

Building Trades

Gain hands-on experience in construction and skilled trades through practical training and real-world applications.

PATHWAYS: CARPENTER, PLUMBER, ELECTRICIAN, CABINETMAKER, FRAMER

Cybersecurity and IT

Learn to secure networks, manage IT systems, and protect digital infrastructure.

PATHWAYS: NETWORK SUPPORT, NETWORK SECURITY, IT SPECIALIST, SECURITY ANALYST

Industrial Safety

Gain practical knowledge in occupational health and workplace safety while working towards skilled trades certification.

PATHWAYS: INDUSTRIAL SAFETY CERTIFICATION, SKILLED TRADES, OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY

Intro to Industrial Trades

Details coming soon!

PATHWAYS: INSTRUMENTATION & CONTROL TECH, STEAMFITTER-PIPEFITTER, MILLWRIGHT, ELECTRICIAN

Power Engineering

Gain practical knowledge and earn a Power Engineering Fourth Class Certification.

PATHWAYS: POWER ENGINEERING

Transportation Trades

Train in automotive and heavy equipment mechanics for careers in transportation industries.

PATHWAYS: AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECH, HEAVY EQUIPMENT TECH, AGRICULTURE EQUIPMENT TECH

Welding

Develop precision skills in welding and metalwork for industrial applications.

PATHWAYS: WELDER, BOILERMAKER, IRONWORKER

How Does It Work with a Traditional High School Schedule?

Half-day Blocks: In-person programs are scheduled into half-day blocks to allow students to balance commuting and coursework.

Online & Hybrid Online: and hybrid courses provide flexibility for students managing multiple commitments.

Integrated Schedules: Dual-credit opportunities integrate with a student's regular high school schedule while earning post-secondary credits.



Next Steps

Interested students and families should:

Visit Our Website

Stay updated on finalized program locations, schedules and application deadlines.

Attend an Open House

Learn more about the pathways, meet instructors and explore opportunities.

Apply Early

Space is limited in some programs, so students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.



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www.eips.ca/schools/collegiate

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