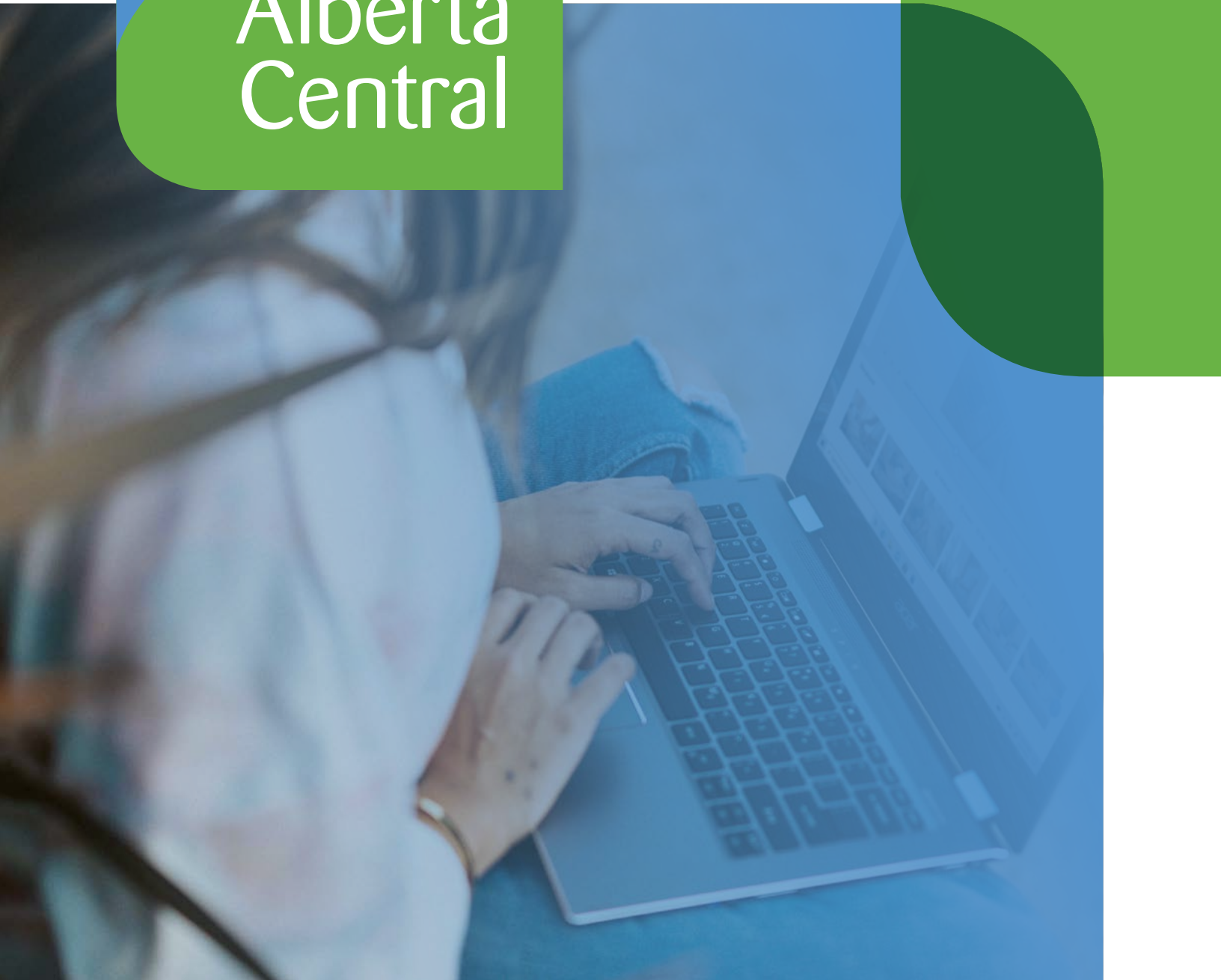


2020-2021
HIGHLIGHTS

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CAC PARTNERSHIPS

Campus Alberta Central (CAC) works closely with partner organizations in communities across the region. Partner organizations provide student support services and information about CAC programs. CAC has agreements in place with twelve regional Community Adult Learning Programs (CALPs) as well as eight other community organizations that include learning within their mandate. Services are available at twenty four locations with outreach services in two additional communities. In four communities, Drumheller, Ponoka, Rocky Mountain House and Stettler, local CALPs work in partnership to operate CAC community learning centre facilities. Community-based programs may be extended to other locations in the region where local resources are available.

CAC Partner Organizations

- Bashaw & District Community Adult Learning Council
- Carstairs Public Library
- Neutral Hills Community Adult Learning Society (Consort)
- County of Lacombe Lifelong Learning Association
- Cremona Community Engagement Site
- Didsbury Municipal Library
- Drumheller Community Learning Society
- Greenwood Neighbourhood Place (Sundre)
- Hanna Learning Centre (Hanna, Cessford Outreach)
- Henday Association for Lifelong Learning (Bowden, Innisfail, Sylvan Lake)
- Kneehill Adult Learning Society (Three Hills)
- Mountain View Communities Adult Learning Society (Didsbury)
- Olds Municipal Library
- Ponoka & Rimbey Adult Learning Society
- Rocky Community Learning Council (Rocky Mountain House, Nordegg Outreach)
- Rocky Native Friendship Centre
- Paintearth Community Adult Learning Council (Castor, Coronation)
- Spruce View Community Engagement Site
- Stettler & District Community Adult Learning Council
- Town of Sundre



2020-2021 ACHIEVEMENTS

In the 2020-2021 academic year, CAC supported online programs in 25 subject areas. Community-based programs were offered in two subject areas (Health Care Aide and Practical Nurse), using a blend of face-to-face and online learning, in six communities.

Online Programs

Olds College

- Rural Finance (Agribusiness Finance Certificate)
- Agricultural & Heavy Equipment Technician Certificate, Blended
- Beef Production Certificate
- Cannabis Production Program
- Hospitality & Tourism Diploma
- Introduction to Brewing
- Pre-Apprenticeship Exam Training
- Veterinary Medical Receptionist Certificate

Red Deer Polytechnic

- Administrative Professional Certificate
- ASCHA Activity Coordinator Certificate
- ASCHA Site Manager Certificate
- Adult and Higher Education Instructor Post-Diploma Certificate
- Business Administration Diploma
- Early Learning and Childcare Certificate
- Early Learning and Childcare Diploma
- Educational Assistant Certificate
- eLearning Post-Diploma Certificate
- Health Care Management Post-Diploma Certificate
- Human Resources Management Graduate Certificate
- Kitchen Management (Management Skills for Commercial Kitchens)
- Management Skills for Supervisors
- Management Certificate
- Pre-Health Science
- Professional Bookkeeping
- University Transfer Courses

Community Programs

- Health Care Aide Certificate (Red Deer Polytechnic) Ponoka, Rocky Mountain House, Sundre
- Practical Nurse Diploma (Red Deer Polytechnic) Drumheller, Rocky Mountain House, Stettler

In 2020-2021

- Students continued to receive quality programming with an 86% successful completion rate.
- 326 unique learners enrolled in CAC supported courses, 71 of them in community-based programs. This equates to 214 full time learner equivalents (FLE).
- CAC partners received a total of 1187 inquiries regarding post-secondary education and 3630 support services were delivered with total of 6529 regional contacts. Restrictions resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic resulted in programming and student services being delivered through online and remote technology throughout the academic year. Despite this, the total student services and inquiries declined only marginally, primarily due to the cancelation of exam invigilation. **Program planning services more than doubled (286 to 599)** during this period with site leaders providing services through video conference and telephone.

Regional Stewardship in 2020-2021

The 2020-2021 academic year was challenging due to the impact of COVID-19 health restrictions. Despite this, all planned community-based programs took place although with a greater online delivery emphasis. In-person classes continued as current policies and the curriculum dictated. Although a slight drop in full-time learner equivalents occurred, the average number of courses that each unique learner took increased significantly.

Eleven new online programs were promoted in the region providing learners with a wider range of options. Site leaders excelled at continuing to provide program planning services. During this period there was a doubling of learner contacts in this area. Innovation allowed potential learners to get information through online "open houses" and frequent program information sessions offered by college departments. Throughout an unprecedented period of operation, CAC continued to make good progress in regional stewardship goals.

ABOUT CAC

Campus Alberta Central (CAC) is a joint venture between Olds College and Red Deer Polytechnic that provides post-secondary learning opportunities in communities throughout central Alberta.

Vision

Campus Alberta Central will be a national leader contributing to vibrant communities through learning.

Mission

Campus Alberta Central will provide stewardship to meet the learning needs of the communities of Central Alberta.

Values

Inclusiveness | Accessibility | Collaboration
Integrity | Responsiveness | Accountability

Outcomes

- Learners have access to technology-enabled learning and personalized support services within 45 minutes of their home community.
- Learners are successful in accomplishing their goals.
- Communities are committed to and invested in regionally-based centres of learning.
- Partnerships among stakeholders and learning providers are built and stewarded.

Advisory Council

The CAC Advisory Council works with the joint venture colleges to advise, assist, support and advocate for CAC on matters of regional stewardship.

2020-2021 Advisory Council Members:

- Stuart Cullum, Chair (President, Olds College)
- Jim Brinkhurst, Vice-chair (Interim President, Red Deer Polytechnic)

Community Members:

- Stacey Benjamin (Stettler)
- Shannon Boyce-Campbell (Ponoka)
- Tammy Burke (Rocky Mountain House)
- Mark Fox (Stettler)
- Curtis LaPierre (Drumheller)
- Michael Love (Drumheller)
- Barbara Murray (Drumheller)
- Lynne Paul (Ponoka)
- Pam Taylor (Stettler)
- Greg Wedman (Rocky Mountain House)
- Joyce Wicks (Sundre)

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