



Student Career News



News

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1. **[Young Worker Readiness Certificate Course \(YWRCC\)](#)** is a mandatory requirement for all 14 and 15-year-old workers in Saskatchewan. Many teachers are incorporating it into their PAA, career education and CWEX classes. This is an interactive online course with instructions, tests, learning modules and certificates of completion.
2. Along with the YWRCC, you will want to look into the **[Career Safety Education](#)** (CSE). This is a fantastic opportunity if you are currently on your way to building your resume and wanting to look like a star candidate for your future employers. Now you can receive safety training for FREE. Safety training looks great on resumes and post-secondary applications, as well as [scholarship applications](#). The program is available to all students ages 14-21. For more information, please email the [Saskatchewan Safety Council](#) or call 306-757-3197 or toll free 1-855-280-7115.
3. **Apprenticeship Opportunities:**
 - The **[Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship](#)** (SYA) program helps students explore opportunities in the skilled trades. Students complete required assignments and earn 100 hours of trade time credit per each level completed (3 levels = 300 hours!). Other benefits include the waiver of registration fee (currently \$175), the waiver of first level of technical training tuition (approx. \$600) and the opportunity to win a \$1000 scholarship (over 100 were awarded last year).
 - The **[Apprenticeship Credit](#)** is an opportunity for students to earn a wage and up to 4 credits (Apprenticeship A20, B20, A30 and B30). Students need to secure employment with an approved journeyman and work 100 hours to earn the credit. The 100 hours of trade experience count towards the required apprenticeship hours.
4. **[Trade Up Saskatchewan](#)** is a website for people who are interested in the construction trades. It includes apprenticeship, related jobs, and over 35 different sector trades.
5. **[See Your Future](#)**, a large virtual career fair will take place Nov. 3, from 9:45 – 3:00 pm. Contact 306.260.1314.
6. Interested in a post-secondary career fair? **[SUTIL](#)** (Saskatchewan Universities and Technical Institutes Liaison) will be offering virtual career fairs this fall to allow you to check out Saskatchewan and some Alberta post-secondary institutions. Each school division has been given a specific date. Prairie South's date is **November 5**, although you can attend any of the scheduled dates. You can view the videos before attending the session. You need to have Zoom downloaded, but you don't need a Zoom account, in order to participate. Presentations are 30 minutes long with a 15-minute question and answer session at the end. Check out the PDF attachment titled "SUTIL Best Practices" for more information.

7. [The Duke of Edinburgh Award Program](#) offers a non-competitive program of extra-curricular activities that encourages personal growth, perseverance, responsibility, and service within our communities. This program of goal setting, confidence & responsibility looks great on a resume or scholarship application, and it is fun to do. In addition, students can receive a Special Project Credit for each of the 3 levels they complete.
8. Are you teaching CWEX or Career Education this year? The [Ready for Work Program](#) is a project that the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour runs in co-operation with the Workers' Compensation Board and Saskatchewan Labour. It is designed to reach as many new workers as possible, including high school students and workplaces across the province. The presentation is FREE and they have adjusted it to be a virtual presentation if required. Contact the Ready for Work Co-ordinator Erin Cibart at 306-519-8517 or e.cibart@sfl.sk.ca.
9. [myBlueprint](#) has a ton of resources, webinars, and videos to assist teachers in using the program more effectively with students. It's free, and the division website has [links](#) to the site as well as information for students and parents to login.

Post- Secondary Information

UNIVERSITY OF REGINA:

- Students pondering their options as future university students will want to attend the [2020 Fall Open House](#) on **October 3, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm**. It is an excellent opportunity for students and parents to tour the campus and attend informational sessions.
- The very popular **Admissions on the Spot** events are being replaced by a virtual version of the same thing. They are called [Early Admission Days for High School Students](#) and the first round of early admission days will take place between **October 4 and October 13**. The reduced application fee of \$50 will be available to those students applying these days. Note: There will be more of these early admission days.
- Want to learn more about engineering? The U of R and U of S partner with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan to host the very informative event on the engineering profession and the various program offered at each institution. [What is Engineering?](#) will be held in Regina on **November 8, from 8:30 am to 2:45 pm**. Please see link for registration.
- [Campion College Information Night](#) will be hosted virtually on **September 30, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm**.
- [Luther College Information Night](#) will be hosted on **October 1, at 7:00 pm**. Information on Learn about pre-professional programming, scholarships, picking a degree, the benefits of registering through Luther, and more.
- [First Nations University of Canada](#) welcomes the opportunity to meet with classes, teachers and administrators. FNUUniv is open to all students regardless of heritage and has some unique programs.
- [Faculty of Nursing](#): Applications for the Saskatchewan Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing program will be accepted by [Sask Polytechnic](#) from **October 1 to February 15**.
- If you are interested in nursing, check out the [Nursing Sessions for Prospective Students](#) on the first Thursday of the month for the next five months. **October 1, November 5, December 3, January 7, and February 4**. All events are at **6:00 pm**.

GREAT PLAINS COLLEGE:

- There are numerous [webinars](#) available to anyone interested in finding out more about the college's programs and courses, application processes, scholarship opportunities and specific college locations. Presenters include recruiters, program coordinators and student advisors. Participants of the webinars will be eligible to win a \$100 or \$50 gift card from a business/shop of their choice. Contact Eric for more information at behere@greatplainscollege.ca, call or text 306-816-0009.

MEDICINE HAT COLLEGE:

- MHC [applications](#) for Winter 2021 open on October 1. Applications for fall 2021 open on November 1. Use [Apply Alberta](#).
- Most of their programs are First Qualified, First Admitted, which means you should apply as soon as possible. The competitive entrance programs include Nursing, Practical Nursing, and Paramedic. They also offer many pre-professional programs such as pre-dental hygiene, pre-dentistry, pre-medical laboratory science, pre-medicine, pre-nutrition, pre-pharmacy and pre-veterinary medicine.
- There is a new program called [Agroecology Technician](#), which will accept applications starting November 1, 2020.
- Check out the [Viewbook](#) for more information on programs and general MHC information.
- Keep an eye out for more information on the MHC Open House on **November 18**.

LAKELAND COLLEGE:

- Lakeland's [Open House](#) on **October 23 and 24** gives students an opportunity to learn about their programs, participate in a Career Fair, experience classes, meet instructors, and if they apply during the Open House, they will save the \$90 application fee. Use [Apply Alberta](#) to apply for Lakeland. [Registration](#) for the Open House is open.
- There are three virtual tours that parents and students can watch on our YouTube channel. [Lloydminster Campus](#), [Vermilion Campus](#), [Farm tour](#), [Vermilion Campus, ETC tour](#)

SASKATCHEWAN POLYTECHNIC:

- [Sask Polytechnic Open House](#) dates will be on **October 19 to October 22** from 4:00-9:00 pm.
- [Career Counsellors' Update](#) will take place October 6 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and October 7 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- Grade 12 students wanting to attend one of Saskatchewan Polytechnic's **First Qualified-First Admitted Programs** (most of their programs), should [apply](#) as soon as possible. As long as high school students are enrolled in the grade level that will qualify them for admission, they can apply.
- [Women in Trades and Technology Exploratory Sessions](#): Regina, Oct 3-Nov. 20. \$300 This hands-on career exploration course for women 15 years of age and up offers an introduction to a variety of basic trade skills. Each workshop is led by a female trades professional and course content includes basic skills in: Auto Body, Automotive Servicing, Building Systems (Regina only), Carpentry (2-day Saskatoon only), Electrical, Machining, Plumbing, and Welding.

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN:

- There is an [early admission deadline of December 1](#) for the competitive ranking-based colleges of Education, Kinesiology and Bachelor of Science in Animal Bioscience. Eligible applicants with an admission average of 90%+ will be offered conditional admission and will not need to wait for the competitive ranking to take place in February. The final application deadline for these colleges is still **February 15**. Remaining applicants will be ranked competitively, and spaces will be offered from the top down according to admission average.
- The [Best and Brightest Scholarships](#) require students to apply for admission by **December 1**. The application for Best and Brightest Entrance Scholarships is due **December 15** and consist of the following scholarships:
 - [George and Marsha Ivany President's First and Best Scholarships](#)
 - [Chancellors' Scholarships](#)
 - [U of S Entrance Scholarships](#)
 - [Edwards Undergraduate Scholarships](#)
 - [College of Agriculture and Bioresources Renewable Entrance Scholarships](#)
- The application deadline for the [Competitive Entrance Awards](#), Scholarships, and Bursaries is **February 15th**. All students applying to the University of Saskatchewan are encouraged to apply.

- The College of Engineering is changing the [first year](#) for its students. It includes a structured schedule, revitalized curriculum, and a stronger foundation.
- The U of S is moving into a new building in its Prince Albert campus. Check out the [programs](#) available in PA.
- There are opportunities to [meet with U of S recruiters](#), among other events.
- Applications for 2021-2022 to the U of S and St. Peter's College is now open.

ST. PETER'S COLLEGE:

- St. Pete's awarded over \$90,000 in scholarships, in addition to the thousands of dollars their students received from U of S as well.
- They have a new [programs page](#) that shows all the programs offered, tuition breakdown, registration deadlines, what the program is about, and more.
- They are offering a new [Diploma in Writing and New Media](#) for 2021-2022. This is SPC-exclusive and is only offered with them, and students interested in a 4-year degree can take this simultaneously.
- SPC is offering a 20 – 30 minute [virtual information session](#) on **October 4 and 5 at 6:30 PM**. Students, parents, teachers, and all others are welcome to join.
- We help students identify which degree they are interested in studying.
- They are open for in-person meetings with students upon request, or they will set up a Zoom session where they will walk students through the new U of S application. Students can book an appointment through our [online system](#), by email admissions@stpeters.sk.ca or by phone 306-682-7886.

OLDS COLLEGE:

- [Open House](#) will be held on **Friday, October 16, 1:00-7:00 pm**. There will be virtual tours, program sessions and an opportunity to meet students, staff, and faculty. There will be program-specific information for you to watch. Live chats with different representatives will be available. If you apply online using Apply Alberta during the hours of the virtual open house, there is no application fee.

BRIERCREST COLLEGE AND SEMINARY:

- [Webinars](#) have taken the place of campus tours. Call (306)756.3200 or email info@briercrest.ca for more information about Briercrest.

Looking for contact information for certain colleges and universities? [Here is a guide](#) to help you find what you are looking for with phone numbers and email addresses.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 30	<u>Campion College Information Night</u>	University of Regina, Regina
	This information session is for prospective students and parents.	
Oct. 1	<u>Luther College Information Night</u>	University of Regina, Regina
	This information session is for prospective students and parents.	
Oct. 1, Nov. 5 Dec. 3	<u>Nursing Sessions for Prospective Students</u>	SK Polytechnic, University of Regina, Regina
	This information session is for prospective students and parents.	
Oct. 3	<u>2020 Fall Open House</u>	University of Regina, Regina
	The U of R will host informative virtual seminars and tours for students and parents.	
Oct. 4 & 5	<u>St. Peter's College Virtual Information Sessions</u>	St. Peter's College, Muenster, SK
	The U of R will host informative virtual seminars and tours for students and parents.	
Oct. 4-13	<u>Early Admission Days for High School Students</u>	University of Regina, Regina
	The first round of early admission days will take place between Oct. 4 and 13. A reduced application fee of \$50 will be available to students applying in that time period.	
Oct. 16	<u>Olds College Open House</u>	Olds, Alberta
	There will be Informative sessions and campus tours showcasing their unique programming in areas such as Horticulture, Land and Environment, Agriculture, Equine and Animal Sciences.	
Oct. 19-22	<u>Sask Polytechnic Open House Days</u>	University of Regina, Regina
	For this week, there will be a variety of opportunities for students and parents to connect with representatives from a variety of programs through live sessions and question and answer sessions via live chat.	
Oct. 23-24	<u>Lakeland's Open House</u>	Vermillion and Lloydminster, Alberta
	Students, parents and teachers can learn about Lakeland's unique programs and virtually tour the campus. Students applying through Apply Alberta during the hours of the open house will not pay an application fee.	
Nov. 5	<u>SUTIL Virtual Career Fair</u>	
	Meet virtually and view presentations from the members of SUTIL (Sask Apprenticeship, Saskatchewan Polytechnic, U of R, U of S) and over 30 other post-secondary institutions.) You may attend other dates if November 5 does not work for you.	

Nov. 8	What is Engineering? The U of R and U of S partner with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan will provide an overview of what engineering is, what engineers do, and the exceptional educational opportunities and programs offered in Saskatchewan.	University of Regina, Regina
Nov. 18	Medicine Hat College MHC will hold its open house with information for prospective students and their parents.	Medicine Hat College, Medicine Hat, AB
Dec. 1	Early Admission at the U of S Deadline to apply for the competitive ranking-based colleges of Education, Kinesiology and Bachelor of Science in Animal Bioscience. The Best and Brightest Scholarships require students to apply for admission by Dec. 1.	University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon

Scholarship Spotlight

The [Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship](#) has changed to a needs-based award. Students must apply for Canada-Saskatchewan student loans. It is \$500 per year up to a lifetime maximum of \$2,000.

[Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship Industry \\$1000 scholarships](#) are rewarded each year to about 100 students who complete the Youth Apprenticeship passport. Each school nominates a potential candidate and winners are announced in June. Many Prairie South students have won this scholarship. Check with your school administrator, PAA teacher or guidance counsellor for information on how you can earn 300 hours towards an apprenticeship trade along with the chance to win a \$1000 scholarship.

[Our Way – Employment and Social Development Canada](#) can help with financial assistance of scholarships and grants; saving, planning, and paying for your education is within reach. Included are links to Colleges and Universities, post-secondary program search, repayments assistance estimator, career tool, and information on studying abroad.

Don't forget that the [Scholarship and Loans](#) section of the PSSD website has some documents to assist you in your scholarship search such as scholarship cover letter examples, a downloadable organizer, and financial/scholarship information including:

- Post-Secondary Finances
- Scholarship Search Engines
- Post-Secondary Institution Scholarship links

Due Date	Scholarship	Amount	Criteria
Oct. 1	SaskTel Métis Scholarship	8 X \$2,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Awarded to self-declared Métis students studying in a field directly related to telecommunications. Programs include engineering (electrical, electronic, telecommunications), business administration/business and computer science. → Must demonstrate financial need and submit a statement about leadership skills and community involvement.
Oct. 30	Morehead-Cain Scholarship	Four year fully funded university degree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Leaders with an ability to influence, energize, and inspire others to make an impact. → Must be nominated by a teacher or principal. → Must apply to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
Oct. 15 (sponsored) Oct. 22 (direct)	Loran Award	30 X \$9,000 + tuition waiver 54 X \$5000 50 X \$2,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Applicants must have a minimum average of 85%. → Selection criteria include service and leadership, strong moral character and demonstrated academic excellence.
Oct. 26	Horatio Alger Canadian Scholarships	160 X \$5000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Applicants must demonstrate critical financial need, be involved in co-curricular/community service activities and display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity.
Nov 1	Indspire Awards: Building Brighter Futures	Various amounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → These bursaries and scholarships are for Indigenous students. → Students can apply for various financial awards depending on their area of study.
Nov. 13	TD Scholarships for Community Leadership	20 X up to \$70,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Must demonstrate consistent and outstanding dedication in solving a community problem or in making it a better place. → This scholarship rewards students who have shown leadership in the areas of local employment programs, environmental cleanup, support group creation, and family services. → Call 1-800-308-8306 for more information.
Dec. 1	SaskTel & Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies	3 X \$1500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Preference is given to Aboriginal students who pursue post-secondary education in fields directly related to telecommunications. Business administration, accounting, and marketing will also be considered.