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2026-27 Viewbook



OLDS COLLEGE
OF AGRICULTURE & TECHNOLOGY



ABOUT OLDS COLLEGE:

DEEP ROOTS. BOLD FUTURES.

At Olds College of Agriculture & Technology, everything we do is guided by a single purpose: advancing agriculture for a better world. Our programs, partnerships and research all align to this mission – it's the why behind everything we do.

For more than a century, we've delivered hands-on, high-impact education to learners across Alberta and beyond. Founded in 1913, Olds College remains deeply committed to serving the needs of our province while shaping the future of agriculture at both national and global levels.

We're not just passionate about agriculture – we specialise in it. From precision ag and environmental stewardship to horticulture, agribusiness, trades and animal welfare, our programs are built to meet the real-world needs of today's evolving industries. Through applied research, immersive learning and close industry collaboration, our graduates don't just adapt – they lead.

With certificate, diploma, degree, apprenticeship and post-diploma options, we offer accessible, practical and purpose-driven education that's tailored to your goals.

We are Canada's Smart Agriculture College – with deep roots and a future focused on growth.

Identity

Olds College **EXISTS TO** educate and train learners to become the next generation of agricultural professionals, leaders, entrepreneurs and innovators.

Vision

Advancing agriculture for a better world.

Mission

Olds College creates the next generation of agriculture leaders by developing talent, advancing knowledge and championing stewardship and sustainability.

Land Acknowledgement

Olds College of Agriculture & Technology is located in the traditional territories of the Niitsitapi (Blackfoot) and the people of the Treaty 7 region in Southern Alberta, which includes the Siksika, the Piikani, the Kainai, the Tsuut'ina and the Stoney Nakoda First Nations. The area is also home to the Métis Nation of Alberta, District 3.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO



Welcome to Olds College of Agriculture & Technology

When your roots run as deep as ours do at Olds College, it is our responsibility, and honour, to steward tradition while engaging with and preparing for a dynamic and changing world.

At Olds College, learning is more than lectures and textbooks. It is hands-on, real-world and built to keep pace with constantly evolving industries. Whether your path is in agriculture,

animal health, technology, business, trades or beyond, you'll find a place here where innovation and tradition come together in synergy.

Since 1913, we have equipped students with the practical skills they need to succeed, and more than a century later, that mission continues – with the added power of smart technology, applied research, and strong industry partnerships that give our students a head start.

We believe that education should prepare you not just for a job, but for a career, and a life you are proud of. That is why we work closely with employers, researchers and community leaders to ensure your experiences within our learning environments have a real impact. That is also why our students graduate with confidence, knowing they have the tools, skills and support to thrive.

As you explore your future, I invite you to discover what makes Olds College different. Here, you'll join a passionate, welcoming community of learners and leaders who are shaping what comes next – for agriculture, for our communities and the world.

The future isn't something we wait for. At Olds College, it's something we create.

Dr. Debbie Thompson

President & CEO, Olds College of Agriculture & Technology

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📍 YOU ARE HERE – TOWN & CAMPUS

DISCOVER OLDS

Small Town Vibes. Big Adventures.

Olds brings you the best of both worlds – cozy small-town feel with everything you need close by, and epic mountain views just a drive away. With 9,500+ residents, it's a hotspot for ag innovation, energy services and light industry.

Chill out or get active at the Aquatic Centre, Sportsplex, Splash Park or curling club. Hit the trails to discover skateparks, ball diamonds, soccer fields and more.

Wander historic Uptowne Olds for cool shops, local eats, murals and heritage buildings.

Bonus: Olds was Alberta's first Fair Trade Town, meaning it supports ethical farming and sustainability around the world.



1 hour away from Calgary.

2 hours away from Edmonton.

2 hours away from Banff, Canmore and the Rocky Mountains.

A day's drive to Vancouver.

DISCOVER CAMPUS

1. Bob and Carollyne Collier Student Commons: A space for studying, networking and relaxing in the Werklund Agriculture and Technology Centre.

2. Smart Farm: A 3,000+ acre hub advancing ag technologies and offering hands-on learning.

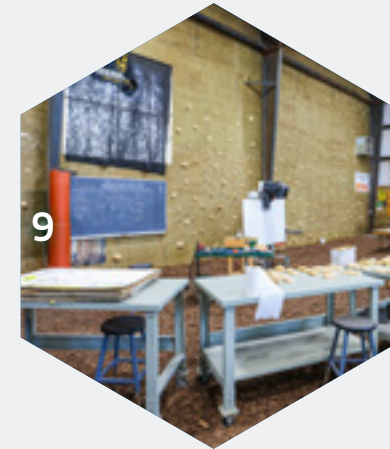
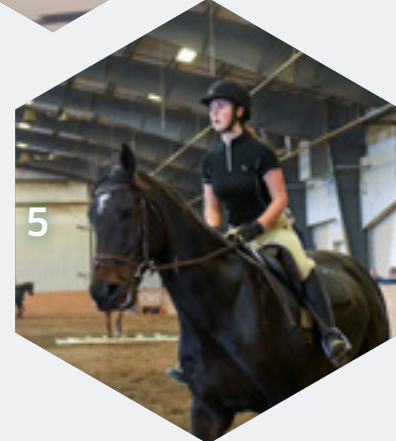
3. Animal Health Education Centre: A state-of-the-art facility with instructional spaces, a small animal hospital, animal housing and the National Meat Training Centre.

4. W.J. Elliott Building: Features four large labs with modern ag and construction equipment, plus classrooms and tool room. Currently under renovation.

9. Arboriculture Lab: Located in the Landscape Pavilion with a 2,500 sq. ft. adjacent irrigation lab.

10. The Brewery: Enjoy a variety of student-crafted and seasonal beers, including four signature brews.

11. Learning Commons: Offers free resources and services, including a library, Makerspace and the Technology and Learning Centre of Innovation (TLCI).



5. Equine Riding Arenas: Brawn and McClellan Arenas house 76 horses, with tack rooms and wash bays.

6. The Atrium: A bright, plant-filled glass space in the Land Sciences Building, often used for events.

7. Landscape Pavilion: A 12,000 sq. ft. heated indoor space for landscaping, irrigation and golf course construction.

8. Greenhouses: Controlled environments for education, research, botanic gardens and plant sales.



12. Elements Dining Fusion: A dining hall serving comforting classics and global flavours, led by our in-house chef.

13. Retail Meat Store: Shop high-quality, student-processed local meat, overseen by expert staff.

14. Botanic Gardens and Wetlands: A living classroom and research site promoting sustainability, including a 15-acre constructed wetland.

HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT - STUDENT LIFE & SUPPORT

Turn Your College Years into an Unforgettable Adventure

Living on campus at Olds College means more than just having a place to stay – it's about being part of something bigger. From academic success to personal growth and lasting friendships, campus life puts you at the centre of it all.

Live Where It All Happens

Stay close to classes, events and your community. With everything you need just steps away, our student-focused campus makes it easy to make the most of your college experience.



All-In Pricing
Furnished rooms with utilities and Wi-Fi included.

Instant Community
Friends and fun right outside your door.

Fun Built In
BBQs, pet nights, games – always something going on.

Study Strong
Live-in students succeed and graduate more often.

Walk Everywhere
Five-minute walk to class. Sleep in, stress less.

LIVING ON CAMPUS

Centennial Village

Your own space, with 400 potential new best friends – in Centennial Village, you'll have all the privacy you need in your single occupancy room, while still having access to a thriving community. This apartment-style building offers thoughtful design elements, including a double bed, ample closet space, a spacious desk, a private washroom and reliable wired internet connection. In the common areas, you'll find a student lounge, fitness centre, study rooms, outdoor gear storage, on-site labs and WiFi connections for the full college experience.



Accessibility and Inclusion

We prioritize comfort, convenience and accessibility with wheelchair-accessible suites, gender-neutral washrooms and three spacious elevators. Your well-being is our priority.

College Court Townhouses

There are currently 180 townhouse rooms available* in College Courts. Each townhouse features four private bedrooms with a bed, desk, chair and closet, two shared bathrooms and a common kitchen and living area with a stove, fridge, freezer, living room furniture and kitchen table and chairs.

Just steps away from Centennial Village, you'll have all the independence of living with roommates while being able to embrace the campus community on your own terms.

[*Click here for Townhouse eligibility.](#)

All-inclusive Meal Plans

For our Centennial Village residents, a meal plan is required, but they can be tailored to be as unique as your appetite. Whether you're an early morning coffee on the run or an evening study snacker, choose from our Flex Pass or AYCE to find the plan that's right for you.

Meal Plan 1

All You Care to Eat

Includes unlimited entry to Elements Dining Hall.

Meal Plan 2

Digital Flex Pass

Flex Pass dollars can be spent at all Chartwells locations on campus, including Elements Dining Hall, Tim Hortons and Centre Court. Flex dollars can be topped up, but are nonrefundable.



STUDENT SUPPORTS

WE'VE GOT YOU

From mental health to career help, we support your whole journey, not just the classroom part.



Equity, Diversity, Inclusion & Belonging

We're all about creating a campus where everyone feels safe, seen and supported. Led by staff and faculty, the EDI crew runs events and learning for real impact.

OC Pride

A space to connect, be yourself and feel at home. OC Pride brings together LGBTQIA2S+ students, staff and allies for support, socials and good vibes.

Career Services

Student jobs that work around your class schedule, summer placements, work-integrated learning, even resume building and advising - Career Services is available to assist you every step of the way. Check out [CareerConnect](#) to get started or email careerservices@oldscollege.ca.

Health & Wellness

We've got your back - mind, body and beyond. Our team supports your wellness journey every step of the way.

Student Counselling

Free, confidential support through one-on-one sessions, workshops and online tools.

Nurse on Campus

Weekday care for illness, injuries, vaccines and more - no appointment needed.

Doctor Visits

Doctor available on campus for checkups, referrals and health advice.

ACADEMICS SUPPORTS

From your first day to graduation, we've got your academic support covered the whole way round!



INDIGENOUS SERVICES

Oki, Tannishi, Tawâw

Olds College is located on Treaty 7 territory and within District 3 of the Métis Nation of Alberta. We recognise and respect Indigenous Peoples as the first peoples of this land.

In the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation, we're committed to creating a campus where Indigenous learners feel welcomed, heard and supported. Together, we're working to reflect Indigenous culture on campus, build meaningful relationships with Indigenous communities and honour diverse ways of knowing.

We're listening, learning and walking forward – in respect, trust and partnership.



Gathering Room

A dedicated space for ceremony, conversation and knowledge sharing – located in the Learning Commons.



STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (SAOC)

Your voice, your vibe. SAOC builds community, offers student services and advocates for what matters to you. Ready to make a difference?



Students
Association of
Olds College

Follow us to
stay connected.



@saoldscollege

Our Services

Health & Dental Coverage

Stay covered with plans that include checkups, physio, naturopathy and more.

Pantry

Need a hand? Grab what you need – no questions asked. Powered by SAOC.

Marketplace

Find housing, buy or sell textbooks, and connect with others through SAOC's Facebook groups.

Join a Club

Build skills, make connections and find your people with program-based clubs that go beyond the classroom.

Academic Appeals

Need to appeal a grade or decision? We're here to guide you through it – fair, clear and stress-free.

Our Spaces

The Crossing

Your campus hangout. Meet friends, catch a show, dance or grab lunch between classes.

Bloom

Coffee, snacks, good vibes. Stop by the Atrium to refuel on the go.

Multi-Faith Room

A quiet space to pray, reflect or just breathe – open to all.



FITNESS & RECREATION

CLC Fitness Centre

Hit the gym, run the track or join a league. With three gyms, workout spaces and gear rentals, staying active is easy.

Aquatic Centre

Dive in! Enjoy lane swims, early morning laps, adult swims and public swim times – all on campus.



CAMPUS SAFETY



Your safety matters. From 24/7 security to Safe Walk escorts, we're here to help you feel secure on campus. Using the Olds College Alert App, you'll have instant access to:

- Emergency Contacts
- Emergency Plans
- Report a Safety Issue
- Friend Walk Location Sharing
- Safety Toolbox
- Maps

BRONCOS ATHLETICS



Built on hustle, heart and team spirit. Whether you play or cheer, Broncos sports are all about growth, grit and game-day pride.

We are proud to compete in six sports through the ACAC and ride strong in the CCRA rodeo circuit.

Want to let your skills and competitive nature shine? Become a Bronco!

Mixed Sports:

- Rodeo

Men's Sports:

- Basketball
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Futsal

Women's Sports:

- Basketball
- Hockey
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Futsal

Get in the Game

Join fall tryouts or spring ID camps to show your skills and meet the coaches.

Game Day Crew

Not playing? Be part of the action behind the scenes – help run events and keep game day hype alive!

Intramurals

Love to play, just for fun? Join co-ed leagues in basketball, volleyball, rodeo and more – open to students, staff and the community – through the Community Learning Campus.

Show your Team Spirit

Are you more of a cheer from the stands type Bronco? Then get excited! Bring your student ID to any Broncos home game or event and receive FREE admission.



WORK-INTEGRATED LEARNING

Experiential Learning is more than just a phrase at Olds College; it's a cornerstone of all our teaching practices. Our classrooms can't be contained to four walls; they're in the lab, in the field, on the farm and beyond. Get real-world experience before ever setting foot into your future workplace. Work-Integrated Learning gives students the opportunity to take what they learn in class and apply it in real-world career placements.

Types of Work-Integrated Learning (WIL)

Directed Field Study

In the final year of your applied degree, you'll dive into an eight-month industry placement. It's your chance to go deep, get hands-on and build serious career experience.

Mandatory Professional Practicum / Clinical Placement

Some programs require work experience for certification – your professional practicum placement will prepare you for your real-world career..

Community Service

Give back while you learn. Blend volunteer work with your studies to build community connections and real-world skills.

Field Placement

Short and focused, field placements give you on-the-ground experience in your area of study – plus insider insights and networking.

Internships

Work alongside industry pros in your field. Apply what you've learned in class to real challenges in a real workplace.

Entrepreneurship

Got big ideas? Use college resources and expert mentors to launch a business, solve real-world problems or explore a new idea – and earn credit while doing it.

Applied Research / Capstone Projects

Team up with industry or campus partners on real projects. Sharpen your problem-solving skills and make a real impact.

Each program at Olds College has a different WIL opportunity for you. Check with your School what type of WIL you'll be participating in during your program of study



FINANCES

TUITION, FEES & SCHOLARSHIPS

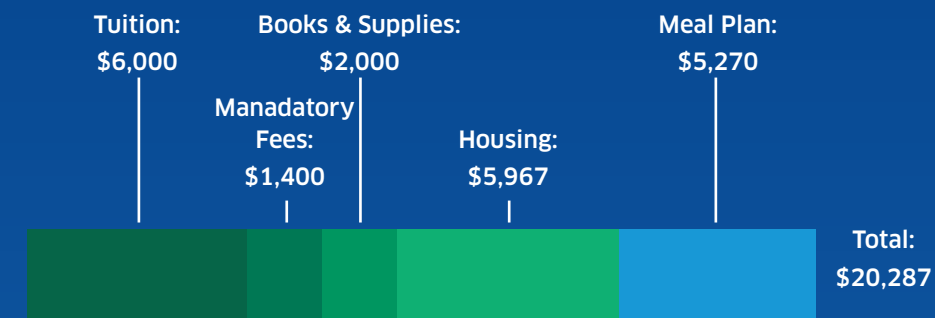
Funding your success doesn't have to break the bank; in fact, Olds College offers convenient payment plans, awards and scholarships.

STUDENT FUNDING OPTIONS:

- Government student loans for full-time and part-time students
- Government grants for full-time and part-time students
- Employment Insurance for Registered Alberta Apprentices
- Alberta Foundational Learning Assistance for Transitional Employment (TEP)
- Registered Education Savings Plans (RESP)
- RRSPs (Lifelong Learning Plan)
- Third-party sponsorship
- Employment while in school

475+
awards, valued at
\$1,000,000
in scholarships, bursaries
and prizes each year!

Domestic *This example uses the estimated costs for a domestic (Canadian citizen or permanent resident) first-year student in our Business Management Diploma program for the first two terms.*



International *This example uses the estimated costs for an international first year student in our Business Management Diploma program for the first two terms.*



OUR SCHOOLS, YOUR EDUCATION

ONE CAMPUS. THREE SCHOOLS. ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES.

At Olds College, our campus is home to three distinct schools, each offering specialised, hands-on programs designed to launch your career. In the Werklund School of Agriculture Technology, you'll take ag innovation to the next level. The School of Life Science & Business gets you up close with everything living – from plants to animals to profit. And in the School of Trades & Skills, you'll learn how to build, fix and create what keeps the world moving.



WERKLUND SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGY

Think big, grow smart. Werklund is where hands-on ag meets cutting-edge tech. You'll explore real-world challenges and build solutions through teamwork, innovation and design-based learning.

Choose from certificates, diplomas, applied degrees and post-diploma certificate options in agriculture and environmental studies.

We're all about purpose-driven learning – because agriculture, land and the environment shape everything. At Werklund, you'll become a problem-solver, a change-maker and a global thinker.

PROGRAMS

Agriculture

Agriculture Communications Certificate

Agricultural Management Diploma

Agricultural Sales & Customer Service Certificate

BASc Agribusiness

Indoor Agriculture Certificate

Agriculture Technology

Bachelor of Digital Agriculture

Precision Agriculture – Techronomy Diploma

Land & Environment

Environmental Science & Technology Diploma

AGRICULTURE

CULTIVATE YOUR FUTURE

Get hands-on with the latest ag tech and gear up for a career in the fast-moving world of food, farming and agribusiness.

Agriculture Communications

Credential: Certificate

Length: 1 year

Delivery Method: Online

Program Intake: Fall

Learn professional writing, marketing, videography, photography and audio production skills with this flexible online program that culminates with a 14-week paid field placement for practical experience.

*Coming soon.

Agricultural Management

Credential: Diploma

Length: 2 years

Delivery Method: On-campus

Program Intake: Fall

Gain essential business skills and build a strong foundation in agricultural technology and sustainability, with the option to major in Production or AgriCommerce.

Agricultural Sales & Customer Service

Credential: Certificate

Length: 10 months

Delivery Method: Online

Program Intake:

Continuous Enrolment

Developed alongside industry, the Agriculture Sales and Customer Support certificate program arms you with the skills, knowledge and on-the-job training to ensure you are set up for success.

[*This credited program is offered through Industry Training & Continuing Education.](#)

Indoor Agriculture

Credential: Certificate

Length: 1 year

Delivery Method: Online

Program Intake:

Continuous Enrolment

Designed to meet Canada's growing demand for sustainable, high-tech agriculture and the revolutionary field of Controlled Environment Agriculture (CEA), this cutting-edge program is your gateway to a rewarding career in vertical farming, hydroponics and more.

[*This credited program is offered through ITCE.](#)

Agribusiness

Credential: Applied Degree

Length: Diploma + minimum 16 months

Delivery Method: On-campus + directed field study

Program Intake: Fall

Learn by doing with industry-focused training, networking and an eight-month Directed Field Study that sets you up for success in global ag.



AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGY

AGTECH INNOVATORS

Embark on a transformative learning experience where cutting-edge technology and sustainable agriculture converge – preparing you to lead the next generation of innovation in farming and food production.

Digital Agriculture

Credential: Degree

Length: 4 years

Delivery Method: On-campus

Program Intake: Fall

Lead the Future of Ag – drive real change through leadership, tech, data and sustainability, all with a global impact in mind.

Precision Agriculture Techgromony

Credential: Diploma

Length: 2 years

Delivery Method: On-campus

Program Intake: Fall

This is where tech meets ag head-on. Learn to connect cutting-edge tech with crop production and make smart, data-driven decisions for a sustainable future.

LAND & ENVIRONMENT

FIND YOUR PURPOSE & DRIVE CHANGE

Embrace land, water and wildlife in our land & environment studies. Build real skills for careers in land reclamation, stewardship and rural planning, while considering the impact on our world.

Environmental Science & Technology

Credential: Diploma

Length: 2 years

Delivery Method: On-campus

Program Intake: Fall

Hands-on learning with real-world impact. Explore soils, water, vegetation, wildlife and ag through field trips, labs and applied projects. Build skills in GIS, GPS, drone tech and sampling – and level up your experience with a work placement before you graduate.



SCHOOL OF TRADES & SKILLS

Get career-ready with hands-on training from certified Journeypersons and industry pros. Learn by doing – in modern shops, with the latest tools, on real projects.

With strong industry connections and a focus on practical experience, you'll graduate ready to work, lead and make an impact from day one.

PROGRAMS

Trades

Agricultural & Heavy Equipment Certificate

Agricultural & Heavy Equipment Diploma

Farrier Science Certificate

Heavy Equipment Operator Certificate

Apprenticeships

Agriculture Equipment Technician

Heavy Equipment Technician

Landscape Horticulturist

Welder

Pre-Employment

Heavy Equipment Technician Certificate

Welder Certificate

Motorcycle Mechanic Certificate

The WJ Elliott building is currently undergoing a modernization. These renovations will result in the Olds College School of Trades & Skills being one of the largest trades learning facilities in Canada.

TRADES

Step into high-demand careers with practical, hands-on training. From day one, you'll work with real tools, real projects and industry pros who know what it takes to succeed.

Agricultural & Heavy Equipment

Credential: Certificate

Length: 1 year

Delivery Method: On-campus

Program Intake: Fall

Master the skills to diagnose, repair and maintain ag and heavy equipment using the latest tech – built on a strong foundation of safety and clear communication.

Heavy Equipment Operator

Credential: Certificate

Length: 12 weeks

Delivery Method: On-campus

Program Intake: Fall / Winter / Spring

Build your skills through real-world, industry-standard projects with maximum seat time on the equipment. Online learning supports hands-on training, giving you the experience you need to operate with confidence.

Agricultural & Heavy Equipment

Credential: Diploma

Length: Certificate + 1 year

Delivery Method: On-campus

Program Intake: Fall

Train alongside industry-experienced instructors in a fully equipped workshop. This one-year program builds on your Agriculture & Heavy Equipment certificate with a choice of two majors: Agricultural Equipment Technician or Heavy Equipment Technician.

Farrier Science

Credential: Certificate

Length: 1 year

Delivery Method: On-campus

Program Intake: Fall

An age-old tradition that has stood the test of time. Learn the art of farriery through hoof care, forge work and blacksmithing. Build your knowledge of equine anatomy and sharpen your client communication skills to thrive in the equine industry.



APPRENTICESHIPS

Earn while you learn. Apprenticeships combine classroom theory with paid, on-the-job experience – setting you up with the skills, knowledge and credentials to thrive in your trade.

Agriculture Equipment Technician

Credential: Apprenticeship
Length: 4 periods of 8 week classroom instruction
Delivery Method: On-campus
Program Intake: Various Intakes

Train with the latest agricultural machinery while learning to repair and service engines, transmissions, hydraulics, electrical systems and equipment used for tilling, spraying and harvesting.

Heavy Equipment Technician

Credential: Apprenticeship
Length: 4 periods of 8 week classroom instruction
Delivery Method: On-campus
Program Intake: Various Intakes

Learn to service and repair both on- and off-road equipment – from transport haulers to excavators – focusing on engines, transmissions, hydraulics and electrical systems used in heavy industries.

Landscape Horticulturist

Credential: Apprenticeship
Length: 4 periods of 8 week classroom instruction
Delivery Method: On-campus
Program Intake: Various Intakes

Build practical skills and a strong foundation in botany, landscape design, operating machinery and basic surveying, irrigation, horticulture marketing and greenhouse production.

Welder

Credential: Apprenticeship
Length: 3 periods of 8 week classroom instruction
Delivery Method: On-campus
Program Intake: Various Intakes

Develop the technical knowledge and welding skills needed for construction, manufacturing and innovation – including Electric Arc, MIG, TIG and Gas Welding techniques.

PRE-EMPLOYMENT

New to the trades? Pre-employment programs give you the head start you need – building core skills, confidence and experience to land that first apprenticeship opportunity.

Motorcycle Mechanic

Credential: Certificate
Length: 12 weeks
Delivery Method: On-campus
Program Intake: Winter

Dive into motorcycle assembly, maintenance, repair, restoration, engine theory, electrical systems, brakes and wheel care – fueling your path to a successful career or skilled hobbyist level.

Heavy Equipment Technician

Credential: Certificate
Length: 12 weeks
Delivery Method: On-campus
Program Intake: Summer

Train in maintenance, diagnostics and repair with instruction that aligns with first-year apprenticeship standards – preparing you for entry-level roles in the heavy equipment industry.

Welder

Credential: Certificate
Length: 12 Weeks
Delivery Method: On-campus
Program Intake: Fall

Start your welding career by learning core techniques in metalwork, fabrication, equipment repair and manufacturing – all taught by experienced industry professionals.



SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCE & BUSINESS

Explore hands-on learning at top facilities like the National Meat Training Centre, Botanic Gardens & Wetlands, Prairie Turfgrass Research Centre and Canadian Equine Centre of Innovation. Our expert faculty will guide you through programs in animal health, business, equine studies, horticulture and meat processing.

Earn your certificate, diploma or applied degree – and tailor your education to fit your career goals – to open the door to endless possibilities.

PROGRAMS

Animal Health

Veterinary Medical Receptionist Certificate

Veterinary Technical Assistant Certificate

Veterinary Technology Diploma

Business

Business Management Certificate

Business Management Diploma - General Management Major

Business Management Diploma - Sports Management Major

Equine

Equine Care & Management Certificate

Equine Massage Therapy Certificate

Equine Reproduction Technician Certificate

Horticulture

Arboriculture Technician Certificate

BASc Golf Course Management

BASc Horticulture

Horticulture Technologist Diploma

Turfgrass Management Diploma

Meat Processing

Meat Processing Certificate

ANIMAL HEALTH

Unleash your potential in the field of animal health. Alongside expert instructors in state-of-the-art facilities, you'll explore innovative technologies and in-demand programs in the field of animal health.

Veterinary Medical Receptionist

Credential: Certificate

Length: 1 year

Delivery Method: On-campus

Program Intake: Fall / Winter / Spring

Learn key skills in office administration, client care and veterinary practices to become a vital part of any animal health team.

Veterinary Technical Assistant

Credential: Certificate

Length: 4 months

Delivery Method: On-campus

Program Intake: Fall / Winter / Spring

Gain practical experience in patient prep, animal handling and clinical procedures to support veterinary teams with skill, confidence and professionalism.

Veterinary Technology

Credential: Diploma

Length: 18 months

Delivery Method: On-campus

Program Intake: Fall / Winter / Spring

Build skills in animal care, diagnostics, surgical support and client communication, in this accelerated program, to prepare for a rewarding career in the animal health industry.



BUSINESS

Fuel your ambition. With expert mentorship and future-focused programs, we'll help you become the visionary leader, strategist or entrepreneur you're meant to be.

Business Management

Credential: Certificate
Length: 1 year
Delivery Method: On-campus
Program Intake: Fall

Master the essentials of business – from management and marketing to accounting – and get the skills to lead, grow and make an impact in today's fast-paced business world.

Business Management - General Management Major

Credential: Diploma
Length: 2 years
Delivery Method: On-campus
Program Intake: Fall

Master the fundamentals of business through hands-on projects that build strategic thinking, leadership and communication skills – preparing you to succeed across a wide range of industries.

Business Management - Sports Management Major

Credential: Diploma
Length: 2 years
Delivery Method: On-campus
Program Intake: Fall

Combine your passion for sports with business know-how. Build skills in strategy, resource management and communication to thrive in the world of sport management.

EQUINE

From passion to profession – turn your love for horses into a rewarding equine career! Learn from industry experts, gain hands-on experience and build the skills you need to thrive.

Equine Care & Management

Credential: Certificate
Length: 1 year
Delivery Method: On-Campus
Program Intake: Fall

Build core skills in equine care and management – covering horse behaviour, herd dynamics, first aid and communication – to succeed in a range of equine industries.

Equine Massage Therapy

Credential: Certificate
Length: 1 year
Delivery Method: On-campus
Program Intake: Fall

Guided by industry experts, you'll learn practical techniques to enhance equine comfort, performance and recovery.

Equine Reproduction Technician

Credential: Certificate
Length: 1 year
Delivery Method: Blended
Program Intake: Fall

Master modern equine breeding techniques while managing breeding facilities and caring for pregnant mares and foals.



HORTICULTURE

Rooted in excellence – grow your skills and expertise in horticulture with hands-on learning, industry insights and endless opportunities to thrive.

Arboriculture Technician

Credential: Certificate
Length: 4 months
Delivery Method: On-campus
Program Intake: Winter

Build expertise in urban tree care through practical training in arboriculture, risk assessment, safety protocols and plant health, preparing you for a dynamic and evolving industry.

Golf Course Management

Credential: Applied Degree
Length: Diploma + 2 years
Delivery Method: Blended
Program Intake: Fall

Combine your passion for being on the greens with advanced technical training and business knowledge to manage the complex ecosystems of golf courses. Sharpen your critical thinking, communication and ethical decision-making to excel in the turf management industry.

Horticulture

Credential: Applied Degree
Length: Diploma + 2 years
Delivery Method: Blended
Program Intake: Fall

Turn your green thumb into a career by combining scientific knowledge, technological tools and business insight. Build expertise in pest management, sustainability, problem-solving and ethical practices to thrive in the horticulture industry.

Horticulture Technologist

Credential: Diploma
Length: 2 years
Delivery Method: On-campus
Program Intake: Fall

Grow practical skills in landscape design, entrepreneurship and greenhouse production that respond to market demands, while exploring how horticultural decisions affect the environment, economy and society.

Turfgrass Management

Credential: Diploma
Length: 2 years
Delivery Method: On-campus
Program Intake: Winter

Build expertise in turfgrass management by developing skills in renovation, construction, irrigation design and water conservation practices.

MEAT PROCESSING

Get skilled. Get certified. Get hired. Master meat processing from slaughter to store at Canada's leading training centre.

Meat Processing

Credential: Certificate
Length: 15 weeks
Delivery Method: On-campus
Program Intake: Fall / Winter / Spring

Master the skills needed for success in the meat processing industry, including humane livestock slaughter, retail meat cutting, food safety, sanitation, value-added production and professional communication. Studies are broken into the specializations of Livestock Slaughter and Full Service & Retail Meat Cutting. A specialization must be chosen at the time of application.



BEYOND THE SCHOOLS

Transitional Employment Program

Length: 11 months

Delivery Method: On-campus

Program Intake: Late Summer

Since 1981, the Transitional Employment Program (TEP) has supported adults with developmental disabilities as they transition into the workforce. Through courses in financial management, workplace communication, consumer skills and more, students build the confidence and practical skills needed to secure and maintain employment. With ongoing instructional support, they set goals, track progress and celebrate achievements.

Open Studies

Length: Students may study full-time (9+ credits) or part-time

Delivery Method: On-campus

Program Intake: Fall/Winter

Whether you're exploring career options, adding to your current skills, meeting admission requirements or boosting employability – Open Studies is a smart way to start.

Post-Diploma Certificates

Designed to enhance your previously obtained post-secondary education with practical skills in an area of specialization. Post-diploma certificate programs are suited for recent graduates who have earned a diploma or degree in a general field like business or science and are looking to round out their education with focused and career-ready skills.

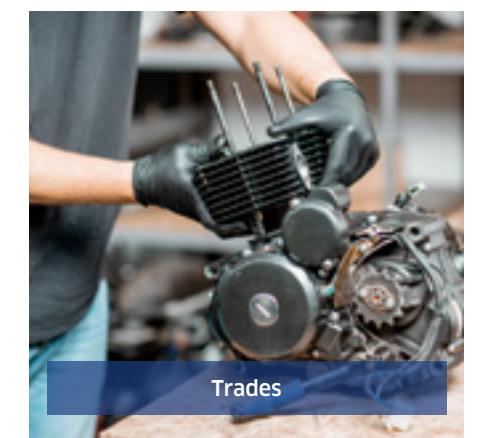
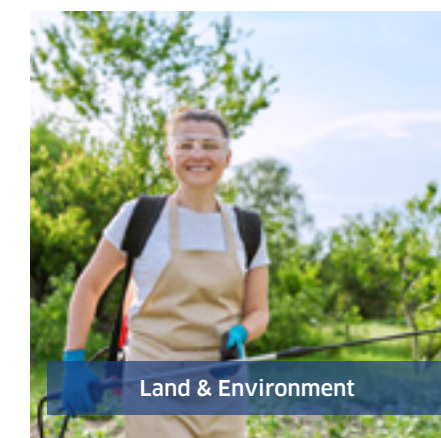
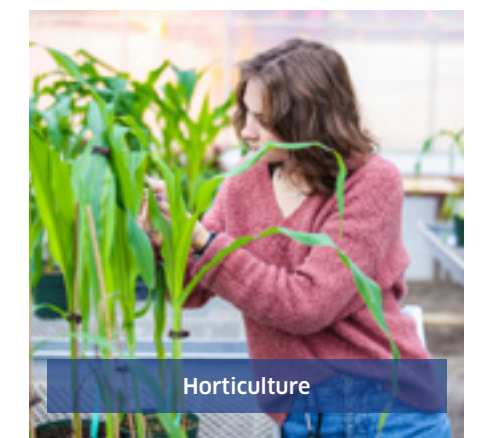
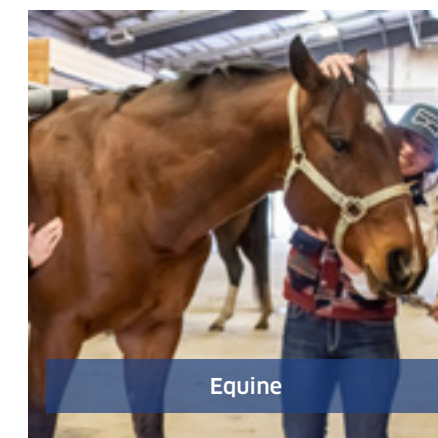
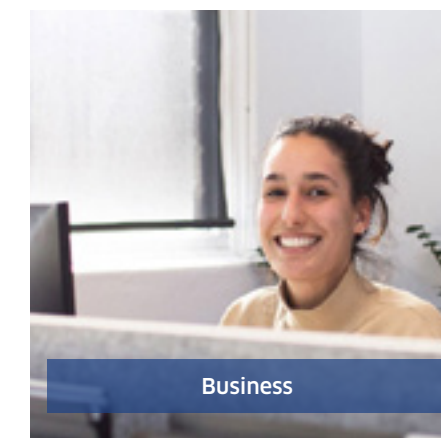
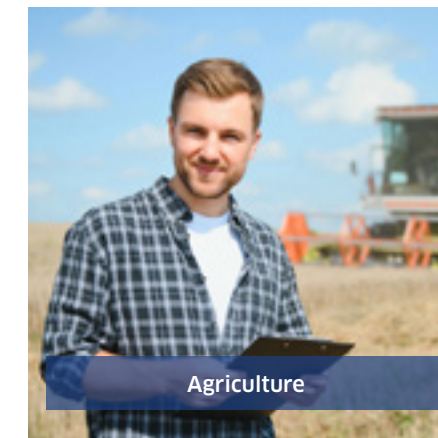
Speak with an academic advisor to learn more.

INDUSTRY TRAINING & CONTINUING EDUCATION

Our [Industry Training & Continuing Education](#) (ITCE) programs are designed to upgrade your skills and explore new opportunities with flexibility. Whether it's short courses, online classes, evenings or hands-on certifications, we offer options to fit your busy life. Designed with industry experts, our programs deliver practical knowledge and real-world experience to help you succeed professionally and personally.

Subscribe to ITCE's monthly newsletter to stay informed on new offerings.

Our programs are always growing and developing to keep up with industry needs. Current areas of study include:



ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

* All prospective students must meet the English Language Proficiency Requirement

Program Name	Credential Type	Length of Program	Delivery Method	Work Integrated Learning	Admission Requirements			Admission Requirements			
					English*	Math	Science	Additional 1	Additional 2	Post-secondary	Alternate Admission*
Agriculture and Heavy Equipment Certificate	Certificate	1 year	On-Campus	Yes	50% in English 30-1 or 30-2	50% in Math 20-1 or 20-2					Yes
Agriculture and Heavy Equipment Diploma	Diploma	Certificate + 1 year	On-Campus							2.0 GPA in the Olds College Agriculture & Heavy Equipment Certificate program or its equivalent.	
Agriculture Equipment Technician Apprenticeship	Apprenticeship	8 weeks per Period (4 Periods)	On-Campus	Yes							
Agricultural Management	Diploma	2 years	On-Campus	Yes	50% in English 30-1 or 30-2	55% in Math 20-1 or 20-2	50% in two: Biology 20, Chemistry 20, Science 20 OR 50% in one of: Biology 30, Chemistry 30, Science 30				Yes
Agriculture Sales & Customer Support Certificate	Certificate	10 months	Online	Yes				16 years of age or older	Alberta High School Diploma or equivalent		Yes
Arboriculture Technician	Certificate	4-months	On-Campus	Yes	50% in English 30-1 or 30-2	50% in Math 20-1 or 20-2	50% in two of: Biology 20, Chemistry 20, Science 20 OR 50% in one of: Biology 30, Chemistry 30, Science 30				Yes
Bachelor of Applied Science - Golf Course Management	Applied Degree	Diploma + 2 years	Blended	Yes					Certified Journeyperson Landscape Horticulturist with a Red Seal	2.5 GPA in the 60 credits from the Olds College Turfgrass Management Diploma, or an equivalent program, or a degree in a closely related area.	
Bachelor of Applied Science - Horticulture	Applied Degree	Diploma + 2 years	Blended	Yes					Certified Journeyperson Landscape Horticulturist with a Red Seal	2.5 GPA in the 60 credits from the Olds College Horticulture Technologist Diploma, or an equivalent program, or a degree in a closely related area.	
Bachelor of Applied Science Degree - Agribusiness	Applied Degree	Diploma + 2 years	On-campus	Yes					Journeypersons with a diploma or advanced diploma	Minimum 2.5 GPA in a diploma or degree (including journeypersons with a diploma or advanced diploma) from a field of study in agriculture, agriculture technology/mechanics, land, environment, or other agriculturally related fields of study.	Yes
Bachelor of Digital Agriculture Degree	Degree	4 years	On-Campus	Yes	60% in English 30-1	60% in Math 30-1 or 30-2	60% in one of Group A: Biology 30 OR Chemistry 30 OR Physics 30 OR Science 30	60% in one additional of Group A or of Group B (30 level Humanities OR 30 Level Language OR Math 31)	65% or better in any 5-credit grade 12 course (excluding Special Projects courses), or a combination of two 3-credit grade 12 courses, or 5 credits of advanced career and technology courses (Group C)	Or 2.7 GPA (72-76%) in a two year diploma or degree (60 credit) from a related program area.	
Business Management Certificate	Certificate	1 year	On-Campus	Yes	50% in English 30-1 or 30-2	50% in Math 20-1 or 20-2					Yes
Business Management - General Management Major	Diploma	2 year	On-Campus	Yes	50% in English 30-1 or 30-2	50% in Math 20-1 or 20-2					Yes
Business Management - Sports Management Major	Diploma	2 years	On-Campus	Yes	50% in English 30-1 or 30-2	50% in Math 20-1 or 20-2					Yes
Environmental Science and Technology	Diploma	2 years	On-Campus		50% in English 30-1 or 30-2	50% in Math 20-1 or 20-2	50% in Chemistry 20	50% in Biology 20 OR Science 30			Yes
Equine Care & Management Certificate	Certificate	1 year	On-Campus	Yes	50% in English 30-1 or 30-2	50% in Math 20-1 or 20-2	50% in one of: Biology 20, Chemistry 20, Science 20				
Equine Massage Therapy Certificate	Certificate	1 year	On-Campus	Yes	50% in English 30-1 or 30-2	50% in Math 20-1 or 20-2	50% in one of: Biology 20, Chemistry 20, Science 20				

Program Name	Credential Type	Length of Program	Delivery Method	Work Integrated Learning	Admission Requirements			Admission Requirements			
					English*	Math	Science	Additional 1	Additional 2	Post-secondary	Alternate Admission*
Equine Reproduction Technician Certificate	Certificate	1 year	Blended	Yes	50% in English 30-1 or 30-2	50% in Math 20-1 or 20-2	50% in Biology 30		120 hours of paid and/or volunteer job shadowing and/or employment in an equine related business	Completion of the Olds College Equine Science or the Animal Health Technology/Veterinary Technology Diploma with a program GPA of 2.0 or higher. An equivalent diploma or degree in equine studies or animal health, or a degree in veterinary medicine may also be considered	
Farrier Science	Certificate	1 year	On-Campus	Yes	50% or better in English Language Arts 20-2	50% in Math 20-3	50% in Science 10	50 hours of industry experience	Applicant Questionnaire		Yes
Heavy Equipment Operator Certificate	Certificate	12 weeks	On-Campus	Yes				High School Diploma, Class 5 Driver's Licence, 18 years of age or older by program start date	Personal Profile		Yes
Heavy Equipment Technician Apprenticeship	Apprenticeship	8 weeks per Period (4 Periods)	On-Campus	Yes							
Horticulture Technologist	Diploma	2 years	On-Campus	Yes	50% in English 30-1 or 30-2	50% in Math 20-1 or 20-2	50% in two of: Biology 20, Chemistry 20, Science 20 OR 50% in one of: Biology 30, Chemistry 30, Science 30				Yes
Landscape Horticulturist Apprenticeship	Apprenticeship	8 weeks per Period (4 Periods)	On-Campus	Yes							
Meat Processing	Certificate	15-weeks	On-Campus	Yes				18 years of age or older and in good physical condition			Yes
Open Studies	Certificate	Varies	On-Campus								
Post-Diploma Certificate	Certificate	1 year	On-Campus							GPA of 2.5 in a previous diploma or degree. Additional requirements may apply. Please speak with an academic advisor for more information	
Pre-Employment Heavy Equipment Technician	Certificate	12-weeks	On-Campus	Yes				Completion of Grade 11			Yes
Pre-Employment Motorcycle Mechanic	Certificate	12-weeks	On-Campus	Yes				Completion of Grade 11			Yes
Pre-Employment Welder	Certificate	12-weeks	On-Campus	Yes				Completion of Grade 10	16 years of age or older upon completion of the program.		Yes
Precision Agriculture - Techonomy	Diploma	2 years	On-Campus	Yes	50% in English 30-1 or 30-2	55% in Math 20-1 or 20-2	50% in two of: Biology 20, Chemistry 20, Physics 20, Science 20, OR one of: Biology 30, Chemistry 30, Physics 30, Science 30				
Transitional Employment Program	Certificate	11 months	On-Campus	Yes				Admission based on interview upon submission of required documentation	18 years of age or older by program start date		
Turfgrass Management	Diploma	2 years	On-Campus	Yes	50% in English 30-1 or 30-2	50% in Math 20-1 or 20-2	50% in two of: Biology 20, Chemistry 20, Science 20 OR 50% in one of: Biology 30, Chemistry 30, Science 30				Yes
Veterinary Medical Receptionist	Certificate	1 year	On-Campus	Yes	50% in English 30-1 or 30-2	50% in Math 20-1 or Math 20-2	50% in one of: Biology 20, Chemistry 20, Science 20				Yes
Veterinary Technical Assistant	Certificate	4-months	On-Campus	Yes	50% in English 30-1 or 30-2	50% in Math 20-1 or Math 20-2	50% in one of: Biology 20, Chemistry 20, Science 20				
Veterinary Technology	Diploma	18 months accelerated	On-Campus	Yes	65% in English 30-1 or 30-2	65% in Math 30-1 or 30-2	65% in Biology 30 AND 65% in Chemistry 30	Complete 40 hours of job shadowing and/or employment		Meet the minimum admission requirements in the four academic requirements for the Veterinary Technology Diploma program; AND successfully complete the Veterinary Medical Receptionist Certificate program with a 3.5 GPA or higher.	Yes
Welder Apprenticeship	Apprenticeship	8 weeks per Period (3 Periods)	On-Campus	Yes							

TAKING THE NEXT STEP

APPLICATION GUIDE

- 1 Starting your academic journey? We're here to help. Our Admissions Officers can guide you through every step of the application process.
- 2 Steps, checklist or map – whatever works for you. We've laid it all out to keep things simple. Just follow along!
- 3 Select a program and review the admissions requirements.
- 4 Visit oldscollege.ca/apply, complete the application and pay the application fee.
- 5 For those applying outside of Alberta, send us your most recent high school or post-secondary transcript.
- 6 After you've been accepted and accepted your offer, pay your tuition deposit by the deadline.
- 7 Apply for residence and scholarships.
- 8 **Get excited!**

One-size does NOT fit all Applicants.

Missing a requirement?

You might qualify for Alternate Admission by submitting transcripts, a letter of intent, your resume and optional certificates or references.

**Alternate Admissions may not be applicable for all programs.*

**The submission of Alternate Admission material does not guarantee admission.*

**Apprentices must apply through Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board (AIT).*



VISIT US

Campus Visits

Experience the programs before applying!

When you visit our campus, you'll get the chance to explore our incredible facilities firsthand, have engaging conversations with current students and even meet some of your future instructors!

Come and experience it all for yourself - we can't wait to welcome you!

Virtual Campus Tours

Experience campus life from the comfort of home with our virtual tour! See your future unfold as you explore our campus and discover all that we have to offer.

Campus Tours

To register for a campus tour, scan the QR code above and complete the form. Someone will reach out to you within two business days to finalize the arrangements. Please note that pre-booking is required for all campus tours.



Prospective Student Webinar Dates

For upcoming student webinars and information sessions oldscollege.ca/admissions/future-students/information-sessions.html.

Open House

Explore a world of possibilities in agriculture, environment, technology, animal health, business and more! This event is designed to help you find your path to success with hands-on experiences and in-person sessions. Students, parents, teachers and Alumni are all welcome to this annual event, showcasing all that Olds College has to offer.

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OCVIP

Get the VIP treatment at Olds College with OCVIP. Each February and March, we roll out the red carpet for prospective students to enjoy a personalized tours, campus perks and swag and no application fee – all on us! This is a great way to take your Olds College experience to the next level.

FEB
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Every Friday

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Discovery Day

High school students are invited to join us on campus to explore our high-tech programs. Take guided tours, attend engaging demos and gain valuable insights into the application process and campus life.

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OUR PROGRAMS

AGRICULTURE

- Agriculture Communications Certificate
- Agricultural Management Diploma
- Agriculture Sales & Customer Service Certificate
- BAsC - Agribusiness
- Indoor Agriculture Certificate

AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGY

- Digital Agriculture Diploma
- Precision Agriculture - Techonomy Diploma

ANIMAL HEALTH

- Veterinary Technology Diploma
- Veterinary Medical Receptionist Certificate
- Veterinary Technical Assistant Certificate

BUSINESS

- Business Management Certificate
- Business Management Diploma
- Sports Management Diploma

EQUINE

- Equine Care and Management Certificate
- Equine Massage Therapy Certificate
- Equine Reproduction Technician Certificate

HORTICULTURE

- Arboriculture Technician Certificate
- Horticulture Technologist Diploma
- Turfgrass Management Diploma
- BAsC - Horticulture
- BAsC - Golf Course Management

LAND AND ENVIRONMENT

- Environmental Science & Technology Diploma

MEAT

- Meat Processing Certificate

TRADES & APPRENTICESHIPS

- Agricultural and Heavy Equipment Certificate
- Agriculture Equipment Technician Apprenticeship
- Agricultural and Heavy Equipment Diploma
- Farrier Science Certificate
- Heavy Equipment Operator Certificate
- Heavy Equipment Technician Apprenticeship
- Landscape Horticulturist Apprenticeship
- Welder Apprenticeship
- Pre-Employment Heavy Equipment Technician
- Pre-Employment Motorcycle Mechanic
- Pre-Employment Welder

ADDITIONAL STUDIES

- Industry Training & Continuing Education
- Open Studies
- Post-Diploma Certificates
- Transitional Employment

Lifelong Bronco

Once a Bronco, always a Bronco! Whether you're from the Class of 1913, 1967, 2025 or anywhere in between, our roots, our foundation and the cornerstones of why we do what we do are punctuated by our Alumni. Innovators in their fields, Changemakers around the world and Passionate Professionals making their mark - our alumni, out in the world, were once Olds College students, just like you.

Learn more about how your legacy, too, will one day live on through our [Alumni Association](#) and [Development opportunities](#).



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