

Post-Secondary / Continuing Education



Colleges and Universities

At colleges, you can take career-focused programs that lead you to a job in technology, health, business, hospitality, tourism and other occupations. You can take a certificate program or a diploma program.

- Certificate program – usually one year of study
- Diploma program – usually two or three years of full-time study

At universities, you can take academic undergraduate (bachelor's) and graduate (master's and PhD) programs in arts and sciences. You can also take professional programs in education, medicine, dentistry, law and engineering.

- More information about Manitoba colleges and universities:
<https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ie/study/post-sec.html>
<http://www.immigratemanitoba.com/study-in-manitoba/institutions/>

Admission

Generally, you need a high school or secondary school diploma if you want to get into a college or a university. If you did not graduate from high school, there are two options:

- Apply to college or university as a mature student. Your experience sometimes counts as part of your education. You must be 19 years or older to be a mature student. You also must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident.
- Learn more:
<https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/policy/mat-student.html>
- Get your high school diploma as an adult. Many school divisions in Manitoba offer free high school diploma programs for adults. You can find more information on the website of your local school division. You can also complete your secondary school diploma online.

You can ask for credit for courses you took at an overseas college or university. Every college and university has its own rules.

- Information about distance learning:
<https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/dl/index.html>
- More information about post-secondary education:
<https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ald/index.html>

Financial Assistance

If you are a student at a Manitoba college or university, you can ask for financial help from Manitoba Student Aid.

- More information:
<https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/msa/applying-for-student-aid/>

You can also apply with the federal government for a loan from the Canada Student Loans program.

- More information:
www.canlearn.ca/
<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/education/student-aid/grants-loans.html>

The Manitoba Scholarship and Bursary Initiative

You can apply for scholarships, grants or bursaries that you do not need to pay back. Your high school has lists of all the scholarships so you must ask.

- More information:
<https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/msa/msbi/index.html>



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Apprenticeship Training

An apprentice is a person who learns a skilled trade while they do the job. Experienced workers supervise apprentices. As an apprentice, you are an employee and earn a salary while you learn and work. You can choose from many different skilled trades if you want to become an apprentice.

How Does Apprenticeship Work In Manitoba?

There are over 50 trades and sub-trades listed in the Manitoba Apprenticeship and Certification Act. You can work as an apprentice to develop practical skills and technical training. There are usually four levels of apprenticeship training.

What are the Four Main Apprenticeship Areas?

There are four areas of skilled trades.

- Construction
 - Industrial
 - Motive Power
 - Service
- Learn more:
<https://www.gov.mb.ca/wd/apprenticeship/index.html>
www.gov.mb.ca/tce/apprent/forms/pdf/app_viewbook.pdf
- Manitoba Youth Apprenticeship Program for High School students:
<https://www.gov.mb.ca/wd/apprenticeship/discover/youth/index.html>

Did You Know?

Private career colleges in Manitoba are not regulated by the government. This means they can charge higher fees than public colleges. You must research your options carefully.

Continuing Education

Continuing education is also called adult education. You can take continuing education courses after you finish your education at university or college. Take these courses if you want to:

- develop your personal interests (such as a hobby)
- improve your skills for work (such as computer skills)

You can take continuing education courses through the school division near you or at a college or university. The courses are usually in the evenings or on weekends. You can also choose an independent study option where you take high school credit courses online.

- Find your local school division:
<https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/schools/index.html>
https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/schools/sb_contacts.html
- Find Manitoba colleges and universities:
<https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/ald/index.html>
<http://www.immigratemanitoba.com/study-in-manitoba/institutions/>
- Learn about improving your reading, writing and math skills:
<https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/all/learners/index.html>
- Find a free high school diploma program (must be over 18):
https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/policy/mat_student.html
https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/policy/grad_require.html
- For information about the Independent Study Option:
https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/dl/iso/what_is_it.html