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VIEWBOOK

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**COLLEGE OF
THE ROCKIES**
BC | CANADA



BEGIN YOUR ADVENTURE. COME STUDY HERE.

For nearly half a century, we've been shaping possibilities, defining paths and helping students gain the skills, confidence and futures they need. Every year, more than 10,000 students transform their lives through everything from skilled trades and early childhood education to health care, business and tourism. Through smaller class sizes and big opportunities, students are ready to make their mark on the world.

THE PEAK OF WORLD CLASS LEARNING

We are a college of great adventurers. Engaged, curious, passionate and action-oriented, we are a compass for students who are navigating the wilderness of life. While we support the dreams and aspirations of our adventurers, we have created an inclusive, diverse and supportive environment for them to succeed in. Students get the education they need, and our partners, and businesses in our region get the talent they need.

WHY CHOOSE COLLEGE OF THE ROCKIES?

- With more than 60 programs, we've got something for you.
- Gain international experience by taking part in field schools, field trips, and semesters abroad.
- Real life. Real learning. Whenever possible, we take the learning out of the classroom and into real-life situations.
- Explore your chosen program and discover student life through our Student for a Day program.
- Gain academic and student support through our free academic tutoring, writing support, and peer mentors.
- We're committed to student wellness. Our counsellor is available to talk if you're feeling stressed or anxious.



University Bound?
There are lots of good reasons to start your education at College of the Rockies, including saving thousands of dollars and experiencing greater success* when you do transfer.

*2020 British Columbia Council on Admission and Transfer (BCCAT) report.



VIBRANT STUDENT LIFE

Beyond curriculum and classrooms, student life is dynamic, inclusive and supportive - both on and off campus. We have a diverse mix of students coming from over 40 countries and honour the heritage of the Ktunaxa and Kinbasket peoples, on whose territory we live, study, and learn.

Fun is part of campus life too, with everything from snowshoeing and hiking to biking, live theater, coffee shops and a rich art scene. We are a great place to learn, and a great place to live too.

SERVICES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Student Services that matter

From academic success and health and wellbeing to peer support and job resources, we're here to help. We offer workshops and resources to help you adjust to academic life and gain confidence and skills as you work towards your life goals.

Our commitment to Indigenous Education

Our Indigenous Student Navigator and Indigenous Academic Advisor are available to assist Indigenous students in achieving their greatest educational success.

Your home away from home

Our Cranbrook student housing is adjacent to a forest, with hiking, biking and ski trails right outside the door. It fills up fast; get your application in early!



2300
FULL-TIME
(EQUIVALENT)
STUDENTS



15%
OF OUR STUDENTS
ARE INTERNATIONAL



3 DEGREE PROGRAMS

- Bachelor of Business Administration in Sustainable Business Practices
- Bachelor of Education (with University of Victoria)
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (with University of Victoria)

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY



82% would recommend the College to another student

83%

would recommend their program to another student



81% felt instructors were interested in their success in the course

81%

say the College provided a learning experience that helped students succeed



Source: 2022 College of the Rockies Student Experience Survey

Our job is to prepare you for your job

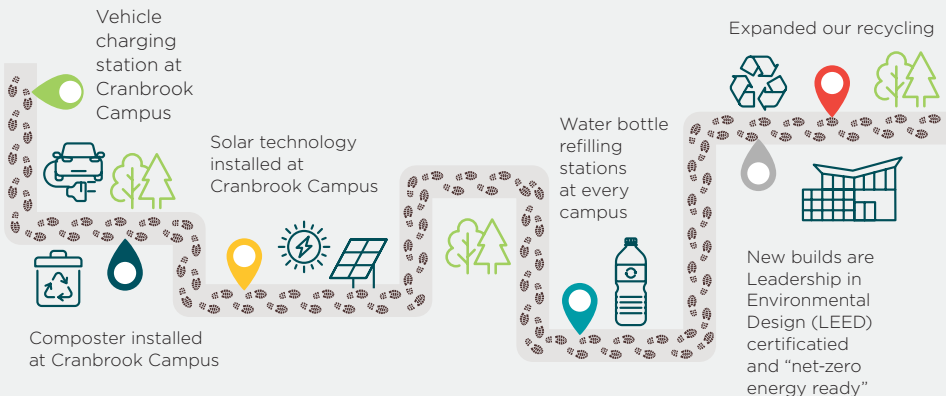
One of the best ways to prepare you for your career is through work-integrated learning. It combines learning and practical work experience, and can include Apprenticeship, Co-op Education, and Practicum placements. Program coordinators are available to provide one-on-one support to students in resume and cover letter development, and interview and job search skills. It's just one extra way to help students find their dream jobs.

Go Avalanche!

We've been playing, watching and cheering on our own varsity sport teams for 25 years, and the action will continue. The Avalanche women's volleyball team earned a spot in the National Championship in 2016 and several Avalanche players have earned recognition as CCAA student athletes, which is a huge accomplishment. Whether you participate in our varsity sport program or cheer from the sidelines, it's a big part of campus life.

A COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability is very important at College of the Rockies - so much so, we have an entire four-year degree dedicated to Sustainable Business Practices. We are also a member of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, an association of colleges and universities working to create a sustainable future. Some of our recent sustainability initiatives include:





WIDE OPEN SPACES.

I love the area for the biking, skiing, rock climbing, etc. I couldn't imagine living anywhere else.

- Andrew Skaien,
Bachelor of Business
Administration in
Sustainable Business
Practices

PROGRAM LIST

DEGREE PROGRAMS

- Bachelor of Business Administration in Sustainable Business Practices
- Bachelor of Education*
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing*

ARTS AND SCIENCES

- Associate of Arts (AD)
- Associate of Science (AD)
- Associate of Science – Environmental Sciences (AD)
- Biology and Medicine Pre-Major (AD)
- Criminal and Social Justice (C) (D)
- Economics Pre-Major (AD)
- Engineering (C)
- Environmental Studies (C)
- Fine Arts (C)
- Pre-Education (C)
- Social Work Pre-Major (AD)
- University Arts
- University Science

** At our Cranbrook Campus in partnership with University of Victoria*

(C) CERTIFICATE

(D) DIPLOMA

(AD) ASSOCIATE DEGREE

BUSINESS

- Bachelor of Business Administration in Sustainable Business Practices
- Business Management (C)
- Accounting (D)
- Financial Services (D)
- General Management (D)
- Marketing (D)
- Post-Degree in Sustainable Business (C) (D)

CHILD, YOUTH AND FAMILY STUDIES

- Aboriginal Education Support Worker (D)
- Child, Youth and Family Studies (D)
- Education Assistant (C)
- Early Childhood Education (C)
- Early Childhood Education – Infant/Toddler (D)
- Early Childhood Education – Special Needs (D)
- Human Service Worker (C) (D)

HEALTH

- Dental Assistant (C)
- Health Care Assistant (C)
- Kinesiology (C) (D)
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Practical Nursing (D)



TOURISM, RECREATION AND HOSPITALITY

- Adventure Tourism Business Operations (C) (D)
- Hospitality Management (D)
- Mountain Adventure Skills Training (C)
- Recreation Management (C) (D)
- Tourism Management (C) (D)

TECHNOLOGY

- Fire Training (C)
- Wireless Systems Technician (D)
- Office Administration (C)
- Administrative Assistant Specialty (C)
- Bookkeeping Specialty (C)

TRADES

- Automotive Service Technician
- Carpenter
- Electrician
- Heavy Duty Equipment Technician
- Hairstylist
- Industrial Mechanic (Millwright)
- Plumber (Apprenticeship only)
- Professional Cook
- Welder

UPGRADING FOR ACADEMIC AND CAREER SUCCESS

- Various courses available

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ARTS AND SCIENCES



Kickstart your future with in-demand programs within the field of arts and science. From first-year engineering to fine arts, there's a major that's perfect for you.

- Associate of Arts
- Associate of Science
- Associate of Science – Environmental Sciences
- Biology and Medicine Pre-Major
- Criminal and Social Justice Certificate
- Criminal and Social Justice Diploma
- Economics Pre-Major
- Engineering Certificate
- Environmental Studies Certificate
- Fine Arts Certificate
- Pre-Education Certificate
- Social Work Pre-Major
- University Arts
- University Science

START HERE, STAY HERE, OR GO ANYWHERE

University Arts and Sciences programs expand your mind and are your avenue to excellent career opportunities. In addition, many of the programs ladder into our Bachelor of Business Administration in Sustainable Business Practices enabling you to earn a full degree right here!

DID YOU KNOW

- You can take first-year engineering courses at the College, earn a certificate, and then transfer to one of our partner universities.
- Studying here for two years saves you money on tuition and small class sizes provide a personalized experience.
- Many of our program courses are available online making it a flexible choice for learning.
- Our Peer Mentorship program, the writing lab, and free tutors are just a few ways we help you succeed.
- Don't have a specific direction? Get started with arts and science courses. They'll count towards another credential – ask an academic advisor!
- Students in grades 11 and 12 can take college courses and earn dual credit towards high school and post-secondary at the same time!



Students can earn Associate Degrees in Arts, Science, Environmental Science, Economics, Social Work, and Biology and Medicine.





BUSINESS



The future of business is exciting, and our programs are designed to meet the demands of today's complex world. Want to become a Chartered Professional Accountant? We got your path. Want to be a marketing wizard - we got that too!

- Bachelor of Business Administration in Sustainable Business Practices
- Business Management Certificate
- Accounting Diploma
- Financial Services Diploma
- General Management Diploma
- Marketing Diploma
- Post-Degree Certificate in Sustainable Business

NOT YOUR AVERAGE BUSINESS PROGRAM

We recognize that protecting the needs of our future is important in our everyday lives and in our business environment. Our business programs focus on sustainable business practices – those that have minimal negative impact on the global or local environment, community, or economy – while also preparing you for the fast-paced, competitive business world.

DID YOU KNOW

- Graduates of the BBA Accounting track are eligible to enter directly into the Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) professional education program.
- The Financial Services diploma is completely online which provides flexibility to fit your educational aspirations into your everyday life.
- A co-op work term option is another way to put knowledge into practice.
- You can take advantage of a semester abroad or field school as part of your program.
- The BBA capstone project provides the opportunity for you to carry out independent research creating an innovative solution for a real-world problem.
- Students in grades 11 and 12 can take college courses and earn dual credit towards high school and post-secondary at the same time!



Students routinely have earned top honours at provincial business competitions.





When it comes to working with passion and purpose, our Child, Youth and Family Studies prepares you for careers where you can make a difference.

- Aboriginal Education Support Worker Diploma
- Child, Youth and Family Studies Diploma
- Education Assistant Certificate
- Early Childhood Education Certificate
- Early Childhood Education Infant/Toddler Diploma
- Early Childhood Education – Special Needs Diploma
- Human Service Worker Certificate
- Human Service Worker Diploma

LOVE TO HELP OTHERS?

A career as a Human Service Worker, Education Assistant or Early Childhood Educator may be perfect for you. From childcare workers and mental health professionals to community service workers and education assistants, you can enjoy a fulfilling career making a positive difference in the lives of children, adults and families.

DID YOU KNOW

- Employers in our college region tell us there is currently a significant need for qualified Early Childhood Educators and Education Assistants.
- The current need will only grow. An estimated 30,000 new regulated early learning and childcare spaces for children under the age of six will be created over the next five years.
- Although the theory in the programs can be completed online, students take part in hands-on and in-person learning experiences through community-based practicums.
- Local students can begin their CYFS education while still in high school with a special dual credit semester – it counts as college credit!



Our CYFS programs, including Aboriginal Education Support Worker, are available completely online.





Put your heart into health care and you'll reap the rewards. From nursing and kinesiology to dental assistant, our health programs have opportunities for you.

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Practical Nursing Diploma
- Health Care Assistant Certificate
- Dental Assistant Certificate
- Kinesiology Certificate
- Kinesiology Diploma

A CAREER WITH PURPOSE

We offer hands-on training in many healthcare disciplines. Gain valuable learning experiences in leading edge health care programs designed to meet the needs of today's employers.

DID YOU KNOW

- BC Labour Market Outlook places nurses and health care assistants in their list of the highest opportunity occupations over the next 10 years, while there is also significant demand for dental assistants.
- Strong employment growth is also expected for physiotherapists and chiropractors – careers which can be accessed via a Kinesiology pathway.
- The Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is a partnership with the University of Victoria, and all four years take place at our Cranbrook main campus.
- Nursing students can take part in study abroad opportunities in Ireland and Switzerland.
- Kinesiology students are eligible for CSEP Certified Personal Trainer certification at the end of their second year – a year ahead of students at many other institutions.



Our Dental Assistant students gain valuable, real-world experience through community practicums and in our own on-campus clinic.





TECHNOLOGY



Are you wired for a career in technology? This exciting industry is filled with rewards, opportunity, and plenty of challenges.

- Fire Training Certificate
- Wireless Systems Technician Diploma
- Office Administration
 - Certificate
 - Administrative Assistant Specialty
 - Bookkeeping Specialty

TAKE YOUR TECH SKILLS TO THE NEXT LEVEL

From wireless systems and office administration to fire training, you can find the program that's right for you, and get the tools, support and training you need to be successful.

DID YOU KNOW

- The Wireless Systems Technician diploma program prepares students for the rapidly transforming resource and manufacturing industry, particularly in the field of automation.
- Wireless Systems Technicians provide maintenance and repairs for wireless devices and help develop wireless networks and solve network problems.
- Students in our Fire Training program gain both classroom and hands-on experience, including live burn training and working in a community-based firehall.
- Our Fire Training program is ProBoard Certified.



Our Office Administration programs are offered online and through continuous intake, meaning you can start the program at the beginning of most months.





TOURISM, HOSPITALITY AND RECREATION MANAGEMENT



Explore a world of opportunities by studying tourism, hospitality and recreation management. Build an exciting career in a variety of sectors within adventure tourism, hotels, restaurants, and recreation centres.

- Adventure Tourism Business Operations Certificate
- Adventure Tourism Business Operations Diploma
- Hospitality Management Diploma
- Mountain Adventure Skills Training Certificate
- Recreation Management Certificate
- Recreation Management Diploma
- Tourism Management Certificate
- Tourism Management Diploma

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

The tourism, hospitality, and recreation industries offer tremendous potential for employment and entrepreneurial opportunities. Our programs provide hands-on training and experience and many offer industry certifications.

Sustainability knowledge is in high demand by employers. Use these programs to scale your knowledge by creating a pathway to earn a Bachelor of Business Administration in Sustainable Business Practices*.

**Except Hospitality Management*

DID YOU KNOW

- Tourism in BC is a \$15 billion industry with close to 20,000 tourism-related businesses. Job opportunities are plentiful and growing.
- Recreation Management focuses on leisure recreation in communities. It is completely online, making it flexible to learn from anywhere.
- You can put your knowledge into practice with our Co-op work term option.
- Students in grades 11 and 12 can take college courses and earn dual credit towards high school and post-secondary at the same time!



Our adventure programs get you out of the classroom and into the field. ATBO and MAST offer at least 50% outdoor adventure experience.





TRADES



If you love a good challenge and are good with your hands, the trades may be right for you. There are nine exciting programs available, and many paths to your bright future.

- Automotive Service Technician
- Carpenter
- Electrician
- Heavy Duty Equipment Technician
- Hairstylist
- Industrial Mechanic (Millwright)
- Plumber (Apprenticeship only)
- Professional Cook
- Welder

GET THE TOOLS OF THE TRADES

With foundation-level and apprenticeship opportunities, we have successfully trained more than 8,000 trades students to do valuable work that fuels the economy and the community. We help you master all the right skills.

DID YOU KNOW

- Over the past 5 years, we've acquired approximately \$2.5 million in trades equipment to make our programs better.
- According to B.C.'s Labour Market Outlook: 2021 Edition, a variety of industries are expected to have thousands of job openings in the skilled apprenticeable trades over the next 10 years.
- The trades most in demand over the next 10 years will include cooks, automotive service technicians, hairstylists, carpenters, electricians, welders, plumbers, industrial mechanics, and heavy duty mechanics.
- Local grade 11 and 12 students can earn high school graduation credits and get a jump start on skilled trades training at the College by enrolling in a Youth Train in Trades program.



The College's apprenticeship programs train to Red Seal Canadian Interprovincial Certification standards and to BC Certification of Qualification Standards.



PATTERSON HALL



What is Education Quality Assurance (EQA)?

EQA is a quality assurance designation that identifies and promotes public and private post-secondary institutions that have met or exceeded government recognized quality assurance standards and consumer protection mechanisms.

TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

College of the Rockies serves the communities of the East Kootenays. All of the College's campuses are located in the traditional territory of the Ktunaxa people which is also home to the Kinbasket people. Five First Nations bands are located in the regional boundary of the College: Four of which are Ktunaxa and one is Shuswap. Additionally, the College partners with the Kootenay Regional Office of the Métis Nation, BC. We are thankful for all our Indigenous partners and are constantly seeking new ways to support the development of our community.

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