

Grande Prairie Regional College Mandate

Grande Prairie Regional College is a public, board-governed college operating as a comprehensive community institution under the *Post- Secondary Learning Act* of Alberta. The College offers regional learners instruction and support services that are learner-centred and responsive to the lifelong educational needs of full-time and part-time students of diverse, multicultural and Aboriginal backgrounds.

As a comprehensive community institution, Grande Prairie Regional College is committed to expanding access to post-secondary education in our service area by responding to community and regional demand for both credit and non-credit programming. The College has developed a portal access delivery model that encourages other post-secondary institutions to deliver programming on site, enabling the establishment of collaborative partnerships that rapidly and effectively meet the varied needs of regional learners.

The College offers university transfer, diploma and certificate programs; apprenticeship and pre-employment training; and adult high school completion. Credit programs are offered in the areas of, Liberal Arts, Education, Health and Wellness, Human Services, Fine Arts, Business, Technology, Academic Upgrading, Trades and Technical training, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences. The College also offers baccalaureate degrees, primarily as collaborative degrees.

In response to regional, community and industry demand, Grande Prairie Regional College provides a range of customized non-credit pre-employment programming, skills development, safety, English as a Second Language and community interest courses. The College meets community and industry demand for responsive and specific industry training through the provision of customized programming.

As an educational facility in northwest Alberta, Grande Prairie Regional College helps meet the cultural, recreational, athletic and conferencing needs of the region in partnership with service area, community and regional stakeholders. The College offers athletic, music, art and science summer camps, and the Douglas J. Cardinal Performing Arts Centre is frequently the site of community music festivals, dance recitals, speakers' series and industrial seminars.

The College encourages and supports applied research and scholarly activities, and innovation activities that complement and enhance teaching and learning in program areas and in industry sectors where our academic expertise enables such a contribution.

Grande Prairie Regional College is dedicated to providing learners in northwest Alberta with access to high quality and diverse lifelong learning opportunities, and to the responsible educational, fiscal and environmental stewardship of resources.

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