

## **Lakeland College Mandate**

Lakeland College is a board-governed public college operating as a Comprehensive Community Institution under the authority of the *Post-secondary Learning Act* of Alberta. The College prepares students to enter the workforce, advance their career or further their education.

Lakeland College offers credit programming in the areas of academic upgrading, agricultural sciences, apprenticeship and pre-employment trades training, business, emergency services and public safety, energy, environmental sciences, health and wellness, human services, interior design technology, tourism and university transfer. The College awards certificates, diplomas and applied degrees and may offer baccalaureate degrees, primarily in collaboration with degree-granting institutions.

Lakeland College's commitment to the collaborative principles of Campus Alberta is demonstrated through partnerships within the post-secondary system that strengthen its programming and service capacity.

Lakeland College provides integrated emergency response, prevention and leadership training at the provincial, national, and international levels. Areas of specialty include fire service, emergency medical services, incident command and emergency preparedness training for pre-employment, municipal, industrial, and public sector clients.

To enhance the college experience for its students, the College provides a people-centred learning environment with access to a full range of services including advising, athletics, cafeteria, child care, clubs, financial aid, health, library, learning, recreation, residence, and student employment.

As a Comprehensive Community Institution, Lakeland College works cooperatively with adult learning partners, school jurisdictions, organizations, business, industry and other community stakeholders to respond to learning needs in its regional service area. Through a partnership agreement between the Alberta and Saskatchewan governments, the College provides training and educational opportunities for Saskatchewan residents.

As an extension of mandated programs, Lakeland College offers continuing education credit and non-credit courses, and customized workforce development training for business and industry in Alberta, in Canada, and internationally. By using face-to-face, blended and distance learning technology delivery methods the College is able to maximize learner access to high-quality and affordable lifelong learning opportunities.

Lakeland College promotes community economic development by providing workforce training and development, and conducting applied research. The College participates in applied research and innovation activities that are relevant to its program areas, complement teaching and learning, and advance innovation-based rural community economic development. The focus of applied research is primarily in the agriculture, emergency services, energy, environment and manufacturing sectors.

Through its services and facilities at its campuses in Vermilion and Lloydminster, Lakeland College helps support the recreational, cultural, fitness, child care and conferencing needs of the communities it serves. The College has numerous specialized facilities such as multiple music studios, two community theatres, two recreation centres, a swimming pool, and an indoor riding arena that are often the site of community events and activities.

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