

# ABOUT CAC

Campus Alberta Central is a joint venture between Olds College and Red Deer College that provides post-secondary learning opportunities in communities throughout central Alberta.

## VISION

Campus Alberta Central will be a national leader contributing to vibrant communities through learning.

## MISSION

Campus Alberta Central will provide stewardship to meet the learning needs of the communities of Central Alberta.

## VALUES

Inclusiveness | Accessibility | Collaboration | Integrity  
Responsiveness | Accountability

## OUTCOMES

- Learners have access to technology-enabled learning and personalized support services within 45 minutes of their home community.
- Learners are successful in accomplishing their goals.
- Communities are committed to and invested in regionally-based centres of learning.
- Partnerships among stakeholders and learning providers are built and stewarded.



## HIGHLIGHTS OF 2017-2018

# THE CAC PARTNERSHIPS

CAC works with community organizations across the central region to increase access to programs and services for adult learners. CAC has partnership agreements with 18 organizations including all 13 Community Adult Learning Councils (CALPs) in the region. These organizations provide local support and CAC program information for learners seeking to transition to post-secondary education in 24 service locations. In three communities: Drumheller, Rocky Mountain House and Stettler, CAC supports learning centres which provide facilities for community-based programming. In spring of 2018, CAC signed an agreement with the Ponoka/Rimbey Adult Learning Society to extend the learning centre model to the community of Ponoka and area.

## 2017-2018 GOVERNANCE TEAM MEMBERS

- Joel Ward, Chair (President, Red Deer College)
- Stuart Cullum, Vice Chair (President, Olds College)
- Angela Aalbers (Mountain View County)
- Chad Bunch (Community Member, Rocky Mountain House)

- Shirley Cire (Community Member, Ponoka)
- Mona Crocker (Community Member, Rocky Mountain House)
- Mark Fox (Community Member, Stettler)
- Coleen Gordon (Community Member, Drumheller)
- Lawrence Hrycan (Community Member, Lacombe)
- Barbara Murray (Community Member, Drumheller)
- Krista Schultz (Community Member, Ponoka)
- Rachele Peters (Associate Member, Central Alberta Economic Partnership)

## CAC PARTNER SERVICE LOCATIONS

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|--------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| • Bashaw     | • Hanna                | • Rocky Native Friendship Centre |
| • Bowden     | • Innisfail            | • Stettler                       |
| • Carstairs  | • Lacombe              | • Spruce View                    |
| • Castor     | • Nordegg              | • Sundre                         |
| • Cessford   | • Olds                 | • Sylvan Lake                    |
| • Consort    | • Ponoka               | • Three Hills                    |
| • Coronation | • Rimbey               |                                  |
| • Cremona    | • Rocky Mountain House |                                  |
| • Didsbury   |                        |                                  |
| • Drumheller |                        |                                  |

# 2017-2018 ACHIEVEMENTS

In the 2017-2018 academic year, CAC supported a wide variety of online programs as well as community-based programs using a blended delivery of face-to-face and online learning. A total of thirteen online programs and 4 community-based programs were supported. The following were offered with CAC support:

## ONLINE PROGRAMS WITH LOCAL SUPPORT

### Olds College

- Accommodation Guest Services Certificate
- Accommodation Management Certificate
- Agricultural & Heavy Equipment Technician Certificate
- Pre-Apprenticeship Exam Training
- Rural Finance & Entrepreneurship Certificate
- Tourism Business & Services Management Certificate
- Veterinary Medical Receptionist Certificate

### Red Deer College

- Administrative Professional Certificate
- Business Administration Diploma
- Early Learning & Child Care Certificate
- Early Learning & Child Care Diploma
- Educational Assistant Certificate
- Management Certificate

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

- Health Care Aide Certificate – Drumheller (Red Deer College)
- Heavy Equipment Operator Certificate – Drumheller (Olds College)
- Practical Nurse Diploma – Stettler/Rocky Mountain House (Red Deer College)

## IN 2017-2018

- CAC extended services to two new locations as part of outreach initiatives.
- CAC partners received a total of 4788 inquiries regarding post-secondary education, 1737 community members engaged at information events or attended CALP programs at CAC supported centres and 911 student support services were delivered for a total of 7430 contacts.
- CAC supported foundational learning in the region through agreements with partner organizations



- who provide foundational education services. This includes all Advanced Education funded CALPs in the region. CAC provided partners with video conference equipment which is now being used to access foundational programming offered through an Alberta Works contracted organization.
- CAC has expanded online programming in areas that prepare students for a credit program. In 2017-2018, CAC approved the development of a new RDC Kitchen Management Certificate that will ladder to the Journeyman Cook Program.
- CAC worked with other college departments to provide coordinated services to Indigenous learners in the region. The Red Deer College Practical Nurse program offered in Rocky Mountain House and Stettler allocated two spots at each location for Indigenous learners.
- Needs assessment reports received from partner organizations formed an important part of the program selection process. Sixteen partner organizations participated in this process.

## AS A RESULT

- 95%** of learners successfully completed their program
- 98%** were satisfied with the support they received at CAC sites
- 347** unique learners attended CAC supported programs, constituting 134 full time learner equivalents (FLE)

## REGIONAL STEWARDSHIP

In 2017-2018 CAC continued with the directions that were established in the previous years to bring greater opportunity to central region learners. Successful partnerships allowed CAC to reach a wide range of communities and learners and to deliver programs that were in demand. Working strategically allowed CAC to meet and exceed goals for the year.

