

EDUCATION

To capitalize on opportunities in the marketplace, businesses require a well-educated, highly skilled workforce, able to meet the needs of today and exceed the expectations of tomorrow. The ability to sustain and advance innovation in traditional industries and to exploit opportunities in emerging sectors is a tradition in the province and is one that we continue to build on through our educational institutions.

Manitoba provides a high standard of basic, academic and vocational instruction and offers comprehensive education from kindergarten to Grade 12 in English as well as various language immersion programs. At the post-secondary level, four universities, three colleges, and numerous technical schools educate and train Manitobans in a multitude of disciplines, equipping them with the knowledge required to be successful in an ever-changing labour market. Manitoba's educational institutions work closely with industry in setting curriculum and providing specialized training for corporate needs.

Each year, more than 40,000 Manitobans attend the University of Manitoba, University of Winnipeg, Brandon University, Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface and University College of the North. The province's three vocational colleges – Red River, Assiniboine and University College of the North – work with industry to produce skilled workers in various trades and professions, as do a dozen or more private training colleges. In addition, businesses regularly make use of government training programs to upgrade the skills of their employees, especially in high-technology areas.

The University of Manitoba

Established in 1877, The University of Manitoba is Western Canada's oldest university. It is currently the most research-intensive university with 24 faculties and schools, including all the professions. The university is a major provider of continuing education and professional development courses and programs, and works with the college system to develop programs targeted at specific needs.

The University of Manitoba has had over 177,000 students graduate from its programs throughout the years and in a typical year has an enrollment of approximately 22,000 undergraduate students and 3,000 graduated students. The university offers over 90 degrees, more than 60 at the undergraduate level.

The I.H. Asper School of Business has gained an international reputation for developing programs that enhance skills relevant for current and future managers in organizations operating in a global environment. The school offers a variety of undergraduate and graduate programs, including both a full-time and part-time MBA program, and a Ph.D. program. The I.H. Asper School of Business was accredited by the Association of Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) in 1999 and was reaccredited in 2009. Less than 5% of business schools worldwide earn this international recognition.

The University of Manitoba is also home to a wide range of research centres and institutes, and Smartpark Research and Technology Park, a community of innovators that forges collaborations between university and industry.

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The University of Winnipeg

The University of Winnipeg is the only university in Canada with a high school located on campus. The Collegiate at the University of Winnipeg offers courses at the Grade 9, Grade 10, Grade 11, and Grade 12 levels. Located in the heart of downtown, the intimate campus has more than 9,000 undergraduate students and 550 high school students. For more than 130 years the university has maintained a tradition of excellence and has been consistently ranked among the top 10 universities in Canada by both Maclean's magazine and The Globe and Mail. Large enough to offer range and variety, yet small enough to provide personalized attention, the University of Winnipeg specializes in undergraduate education, providing a variety of Arts, Business and Economics, Science, Education, Theology and Pre-Professional programs. Over 400 courses in 40 different subject areas are offered.

Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface

Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface was established in 1818, and is today not only the oldest but the only French-language post-secondary educational institution in Western Canada. Located in the community of St. Boniface in the heart of Winnipeg, it offers university (Arts, Business Administration, Science and Education) as well as vocational programs. The Collège is affiliated with the University of Manitoba and offers U of M degrees.

Red River College of Applied Arts, Science and Technology

Red River College is the largest and most comprehensive applied learning institute in the province and provides high-quality education and training to 32,000 full and part-time students each year. With a main campus located near the Winnipeg James Armstrong Richardson International Airport, a downtown digital media campus and various regional locations, Red River College is committed to staying current and responsive to the demands of the marketplace.

Red River College is Manitoba's only full-service training provider and has a proven track record of responding aggressively to industry with workforce ready graduates. The College responds to the specialized education and training needs of business, labour, industry, government, professional associations and community organizations through custom-designed training and modified college programs. For example Red River College trained more than 1,000 employees for the aerospace division of a major company within an eight-month period. Flexibility, innovation, quality and responsiveness are key components in the program's ability to meet the needs of its clients.