

Aurora College

Quality Education in the North
Aurora College offers unique learning experiences

For more than 50 years, Aurora College has delivered quality post-secondary and adult education to students in Canada's far north through a network of three campuses and 21 Community Learning Centres spread across the Northwest Territories. Our mission is to demonstrate leadership in the delivery of relevant and meaningful education and research rooted in strong connections to Northern land, tradition, community and people.

Over the next several years, we are building on that legacy to transform into a modern polytechnic university that will offer high quality programs with a distinctly Northern influence. We will continue to engage with a wide variety of stakeholders, including Indigenous governments and organizations, to determine and develop programs that meet the labour market and educational needs of our learners, communities and economies. Stay tuned for the grand opening of our northern polytechnic university in 2025!

In the interim, we will continue to offer our mix of both one-of-a-kind programs and programs with a uniquely Northern perspective. We respect and care for each other, the land, water, air and animals by endeavouring to incorporate Indigenous ways of knowing, being and doing in our classrooms, our daily operations and in the values of the institution. Land-based learning isn't just an outdoor education program, it's about reflecting on our connection to the land and animals and allowing them to inform our education.

Wherever possible we integrate land-based learning and Indigenous Traditional Knowledge into our curriculum and our student supports. Many programs feature Elders steering important lessons, others work with Elders and Knowledge Holders to include Indigenous learning and teaching in lessons and assignments.

Land-based learning plays an important role in creating authentic opportunities for our students to learn the significance of local plant life for traditional medicines and ceremonies, animal tracking and hunting techniques, survival skills and much more. Aurora College is committed to maintaining these opportunities in our courses and programs.

Learn and live your adventure North of 60

Aurora College's Environment and Natural Resources Technology Diploma program (ENRTP) allows students to experience the far north, including one of the world's largest and most remote national parks, while learning about some of Canada's most unique flora, fauna and geography.

Set deep in the Canadian wilderness north of the 60th parallel and on the banks of the mighty Slave River, the College's Thebacha Campus ("by the rapids" in the Dëne Sųłíné language) in Fort Smith, Northwest Territories is home base to this exceptional program.

ENRTP's unique combination of multi-day, multi-season field camp experiences, on-the-land learning with local Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Holders, scientific theory, laboratory and classroom work is unlike any other program currently offered by other colleges and universities in Canada. Developed and delivered in Canada's far north, the program incorporates both western-based scientific method and Indigenous Traditional Knowledge into the curriculum.

The program prepares graduates for careers in natural resources and environmental management with private industry, non-profit organizations, government agencies and Indigenous organizations. In addition, agreements with several Canadian post-secondary institutions allow students and graduates to transfer credits earned towards bachelor degrees and other programs.

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