

Manitoba Institute of Trades & Technology

● Balancing safety, student success

Tech adaptations, strict adherence to public health orders guide college campus re-opening

The mid-March suspension of in-class learning at Manitoba K-12 schools prompted a swift response by Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology (MITT). In a matter of days, all the college’s programs transitioned to remote delivery. In the weeks and months that followed, a campus re-integration plan, developed in lockstep with federal and provincial public health orders, was developed to strike a balance between campus safety and student success through blended delivery (in-class and online) of programs and student resources and a flexible matrix of campus activity levels.

Central to the plan, which was announced on May 29, 2020, was MITT’s purchase and college-wide implementation (slated for completion in fall 2020) of D2L’s Brightspace learning management system, which provides a single platform for continuous program delivery, assessment, as well as student-instructor interactivity during blended or fully online learning.

By early June, public health guidelines in Manitoba had eased enough that MITT could bring limited numbers of students and instructor back to campus for “intensives,” short-term in-class sessions to ensure they met graduation requirements and demonstrated skills required for various program-specific accreditations. While academic teams handled modified program delivery, the facilities team redefined MITT’s campus spaces with social distancing-specific wayfinding, revised class/lab capacities, while ensuring program-specific, as well as any new, PPE requirements were met.

At the same time that MITT modified how it could safely deliver learning to students on campus or online, similar adaptations took place within other key teams across the organization. Recruitment, domestic and international, student services, and career development services switched to virtual delivery of webinars and one-on-one consulting (via phone, email, and Zoom), while the Registrar’s Office created dedicated FAQs and updates on mitt.ca regarding program status and intakes, as well as other essentials of the application process.

MITT anticipates its blended delivery of in-class and online programs will ebb and flow according to public health orders. At the same time, the college continues adding tech adaptations to enhance the student experience, such as virtual delivery of MITT’s Intro to College and Work program (previously developed for incoming international students) to all students.



Help your students plan their career or education path at MITT.

Our programs are developed with industry and most have graduates career ready in a year.

Blended online and in-class delivery provides learners as much hands-on experience as is safely possible.

And our student success and career development advisor teams are available by phone, email, Zoom or Skype to help students achieve their academic and career goals.

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