



Hit the ground working.



Embark on the path to career-ready.

All great journeys begin with knowing where we stand.



Land acknowledgement

Bow Valley College aims to uphold the intention of the numbered friendship treaties from the perspective of Indigenous Peoples. As an Education institution in Treaty 7 territory, it's our responsibility to support a deeper understanding of this Treaty so that we can respect and honour its terms and respect Indigenous Peoples' legal and inherent rights. As a college, we know we have more to learn and that there is more we can do to deepen our capacity to work alongside Indigenous communities in reciprocal ways.

We acknowledge the Blackfoot Confederacy: which includes the Siksika, Kainai, Piikani, and Amskapi Piikani First Nations; we acknowledge the Tsuut'ina First Nation; we acknowledge the Iyâxe Nakoda First Nations: which include the Goodstoney, Chiniki, and Bearspaw.

We also acknowledge the historical Northwest Métis homeland and the Otipemisiwak Métis Government of Alberta, districts 4, 5, and 6 in Battle River territory.

We acknowledge and express our gratitude to the Indigenous caretakers of this land. We join all Nations in celebrating the unique histories, traditions, and contributions of Indigenous Peoples as we continue our journey of reconciliation together.

Viewbook and you

Think of this as your starting point to discover the career-focused education Bow Valley College offers. Inside, you'll find details about our programs, supports, admissions, and more—and how each plays a part in helping you build skills to succeed in the workforce. For the most up-to-date information, visit bowvalleycollege.ca

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Graduate satisfaction rates are based on surveys conducted by an independent market research firm of Bow Valley College graduates from 2019 to 2021, reporting satisfaction with the overall quality of their educational experience.

Graduate employment rates are based on surveys conducted by an independent market research firm of Bow Valley College graduates from 2019 to 2021, reporting employment in training-related or other roles at the time of the survey.



Hit the ground learning, earning, thriving.

15,000+
students
attend
each year

300+
scholarships
and bursaries
available

94%
graduate
satisfaction

91%
employment rate
within a year
of graduating

50+
programs
aligned with
Calgary's fastest
growing sectors

TOP 50
Research
College in Canada
(Look out, Top 20—
we see you)

Calgary's #1
college overall—and the city's only
community college

How Bow Valley College works for you

Experience that gets you hired

Through **Work Integrated Learning** (capstones, clinicals, practicums, and apprenticeship-style training) you'll graduate with proof you can perform on the job.

Learn smarter, work sooner

Get career-ready in just 8 to 16 months. Study full-time, part-time, online, in person, or a mix of the above.

Support that never clocks out

From your first day to your dream job—we're here for resume reviews, job search help, and interview prep for life.

Quality you can afford

We meet Alberta's highest standards—while offering some of the most affordable tuition in the province.

Employer-approved curriculums

Every program is shaped by industry insight—so you graduate with skills that matter from day one.

A campus that reflects the world

Diverse, inclusive, and global: our students come from 148 countries, and our staff speaks 50+ languages.

Admissions that meet you where you are

Our non-competitive process looks beyond prior grades. If you're ready to start, we'll help you qualify.



We are Calgary's College

In 1963, a small group of adult learners gathered in a basement classroom at SAIT to take prep courses in English, math, and science. That modest beginning sparked a movement—one that's helped hundreds of thousands of students launch careers, change paths, and build better futures.

Today, that movement is Bow Valley College—designated as Alberta's Comprehensive Community College—rooted in Calgary, with a reach that extends across the province and beyond. From global English programs to cutting-edge spaces for digital media, esports, health care innovation, and more, the college delivers practical education aligned with real-world needs.

By closing skills gaps, supporting the economy, and awarding over a million dollars in scholarships every year, Bow Valley College helps students take the next step—wherever their journey begins.

Downtown location

Connected by public transit,
surrounded by opportunity.



Future-ready spaces

Modern labs and advanced research empowering Calgary's future workforce.



Digital Entertainment Nexus (DEN)

Step into Calgary's most advanced space for storytelling, content creation, and immersive media.



Industry partnerships

Internships and connections with Calgary's top employers—launching lasting careers.



Take the leap

Looking for direction?
Start with what lifts you up—
and land where you're meant to be.



Solutions-Oriented Thinkers

You see problems as puzzles—and love cracking the code with smart, strategic moves.

Programs in:

- Business Administration
- Supply Chain
- Human Resources
- Accounting
- Marketing Communications

Chiu School of Business

See all programs on [page 16](#)

Societal Trendsetters

You imagine better systems—and have the passion to build them.

Programs in:

- Justice Studies
- Disability Studies
- Social Work
- Addiction Studies
- Education Assistant
- Child and Youth Care Work

School of Community Studies

See all programs on [page 20](#)

Healers and Feelers

You're guided by compassion—ready to support, empower, and uplift others.

Programs in:

- Practical Nursing
- Social Work
- Addiction Studies
- Education Assistant
- Early Childhood Education

School of Health and Wellness or School of Community Studies

See all programs on [pages 20 and 24](#)

Digital Trailblazers

You're wired for innovation—ready to code, create, and shape what's next.

Programs in:

- Software Development
- Cybersecurity
- UX/UI Design
- Data Analytics
- Digital Marketing

School of Technology

See all programs on [page 28](#)

Visual Visionaries

Your creativity knows no bounds—expressing ideas through movement and imagery.

Programs in:

- Film Production
- 3D Animation
- 3D Modeling
- Visual Effects
- Game Development

Bow Valley College Centre for Entertainment Arts

See all programs on [page 32](#)

Academic Explorers

You're building your foundation, or maybe you're just considering your options—one course at a time.

Programs in:

- University Transfer
- Open Studies
- Extended Education
- Pivot-Ed Microcredentials

Bharwani School of Arts and Sciences

Learn more on [pages 12 and 34](#)

Pathbuilders

You're ready to reset, restart, or rebuild—and this is your moment to claim it.

Programs in:

- Academic Upgrading
- Alberta High School Diploma
- Basic Literacy to Grade 12
- English for Academic Purposes

School of Foundational Learning

Learn more on [page 36](#)

What's next

We'll help you turn these insights into something powerful—with hands-on learning, expert support, and pathways to wherever you want to go.

Take our Course Charter career quiz

Match your interests, values, and strengths to even more Bow Valley College programs.



Hit the ground feeling at home.



Want to see more?
Take our virtual campus tour.

At Bow Valley College, student life is built around connection, creativity, and comfort. Whether you're studying, socializing, or just catching your breath, our campus is designed to support your goals and elevate your experience.

Cool perks, cozy corners. Amenities that make us unique.



Next-gen Campus

From AI to VR and beyond, our full-spectrum digital infrastructure drives learning and transformation.

The Intercultural Centre

A welcoming space for cultural celebration, global perspectives, and inclusive community building.

Esports Arena

Neon lights and pro-level setups—Calgary's only esports arena doubles as your training ground for the future.

Everything you need—right where you need it.



The Market

Hot breakfast and lunch options. Freshly prepared soups, salads, and sandwiches. It's all here.

Bookstore

Your one-stop shop for textbooks, supplies, and must-have Bow Valley College swag.

On-Campus eats

Not just one Tim Hortons—two. Chaiwalla of London. And a barBURRITO Express to keep you fueled.



Health Simulation Lab

No pressure, no patients—just hands-on practice in a high-tech space where health care students prep for the real thing.

RGO Library and Learning Commons

A study sanctuary—quiet, tech-enabled, and full of resources to help you succeed. Big ideas start here.

Student Lounges + Study Zones

Light-filled spaces to collaborate, focus, or relax—your choice.

Lockers, Lounges + Skyline Views

Store your stuff, take a break, and soak in the downtown energy.

Constant Connection

Free Wi-Fi, charging stations, and student tech support when you need it.

Steps from the city

Explore Stephen Avenue eateries, browse The Core's shops, or hop on the C-Train and be anywhere in minutes.

Choose your path

Whether you're starting your post-secondary journey, pivoting careers, sharpening skills, or upgrading previous marks, we offer flexible options and multiple ways to become part of our vibrant student community.



Certificates + Diplomas

Graduate career-ready in 8 to 16 months with programs shaped by real industry needs and hands-on learning. Gain practical experience, build a professional network, and develop the skills employers are looking for—fast.

Open Studies

Explore credit courses across a variety of subjects—no full program required. Work toward a credential with us, boost your admissions eligibility elsewhere, or plan a university transfer (see Bharwani School of Arts and Sciences, pages 34–35). It's like taking your future for a test drive before you commit.

Extended Education

Non-credit courses for professional growth, career certifications, or personal development.

Areas of Study: Accounting, Payroll, Microsoft Office, Business Maintenance Management, Advanced LPN Skills, Human Services.

Pivot-Ed Micro-Credentials

Fast, focused learning—built with industry. Cost-effective, online, self-paced. Upskill and reskill for the changing economy.

Areas of Study: Cloud, Data, Digital Design, HR/People Strategy, Software Development.

Learning that works—literally

At Bow Valley College, education goes beyond the classroom. With Work Integrated Learning as part of your studies, you'll gain hands-on experience that connects directly to your chosen field.

Opportunities include:

- Capstone projects
- Clinicals
- Practicums
- Apprenticeship-style training
- Industry-led challenges

In fact, we are the only post-secondary institution in Alberta where **Work Integrated Learning is mandatory in every program**. That means you'll take on real professional responsibilities, build your resume, and make valuable industry connections—**before you even graduate**.

Admission is not one-size-fits-all

We recognize your story, your education, and your life experience—wherever they come from. With different ways to qualify, we'll help you move forward.

What you'll need to apply:

- Academic Requirements
- Courses, credentials, or experience (varies by program).
- English Language Proficiency
- See pages 42–43 for accepted tests and benchmarks.

Ways to meet academic admission requirements

- Alberta high school or equivalent—even without a diploma
- Courses from other Canadian provinces
- International secondary or post-secondary transcripts
- 15+ post-secondary credits with a "C" average*
- Canadian home-based education*
- Mature student status (21+ and a Canadian resident)*

Additional achievement pathways

We also recognize alternative credentials, including:

- Bow Valley College Admissions Test
- Open Studies and University Transfer courses
- Academic upgrading
- English for Academic Purposes (EAP)
- GED/CAEC exam
- Prior post-secondary credits
- SAT exam
- International Baccalaureate (IB)

* Eligible programs include certificate or diploma programs in the Centre for Entertainment Arts, School of Technology, School of Community Studies, and Chiu School of Business.

Hit the ground thinking big.

Graduate ready to succeed in today's fast-moving business world.

- Social entrepreneurship development
- Business-case competitions
- Programs recognized by industry
- CPHR (Chartered Professionals in Human Resources) and CPA (Chartered Professional Accountant) recognized institution



“

Bow Valley College transformed my life. The education I received was the turning point I needed to get on the successful path I'm on today.”

Damilola Agbaje

Human Resources Management System Analyst, TransAlta

88%
graduate
employment
rate

97%
program
quality
satisfaction

CAREER POSSIBILITIES

- Administrative Assistant
- Executive Assistant
- Office Manager
- Records Clerk
- Customer Service Coordinator
- Business Development Coordinator
- Operations Manager
- Entrepreneur / Small Business Owner
- Project Coordinator
- Esports Event Coordinator
- Esports Business Manager
- Tournament Operations Specialist
- Marketing Coordinator
- Financial Planner
- Investment Advisor Assistant
- Insurance Advisor
- Risk Management Analyst
- Claims Adjuster
- HR Assistant
- Talent Acquisition Coordinator
- Training & Development Assistant
- Benefits Administrator
- Interior Decorator
- Legal Assistant
- Corporate Legal Assistant
- Paralegal Assistant
- Medical Office Assistant
- Unit Clerk
- Veterinary Office Assistant
- Office Operations Analyst

Choose your admission pathway

Program	Start	Duration	Total fees	Alberta high school or equivalent course	Admissions test	Open Studies course*	English for Academic Purposes course**
Administrative Professional Certificate	September January	10 months	\$7,863	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%) Grade 10 Math (credit) (excl. Math 10-4 and Math 16)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts and Grade 10 Math	MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%) MGMT1501 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math is still required.
Business Administration Certificate	September January	8 months	\$7,499	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%) Math 30-1 or Math 30-2 (credit)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts and Grade 12 Math	MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%) MGMT1501 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math is still required.
Business Administration Diploma	September January May	16 months	\$14,998	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%) Math 30-1 or Math 30-2 (credit)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts and Grade 12 Math	MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%) MGMT1501 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math is still required.
Esports Business Management Diploma	September	16 months	\$14,851	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%) Math 30-1 or Math 30-2 (credit)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts and Grade 12 Math	MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%) MGMT1501 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math is still required.
Financial Planning Certificate of Achievement	September	8 months	\$3,617	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%) Math 30-1 or Math 30-2 (credit)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts and Grade 12 Math	MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%) MGMT1501 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math is still required.
Human Resources Certificate	September January	8 months	\$7,499	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%) Math 30-1 or Math 30-2 (credit)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts and Grade 12 Math	MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%) MGMT1501 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math is still required.
Interior Decorating Diploma	September	16 months	\$13,280	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%) Math 10C (60%)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts and Grade 12 Math	MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%) MGMT1501 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math is still required.
Legal Assistant Diploma	September January	18 months	\$13,199	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%) Grade 10 Math (credit) (excl. Math 10-4 and Math 16)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts and Grade 10 Math	MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%) MGMT1501 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math is still required.
Medical Office Assistant and Unit Clerk Certificate	September January May	10 months	\$6,931	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%) Grade 10 Math (credit) (excl. Math 10-4 and Math 16)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts and Grade 10 Math	MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%) MGMT1501 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math is still required.
Risk Management Certificate of Achievement	September	8 months	\$3,005	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%) Math 30-1 or Math 30-2 (credit)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts and Grade 12 Math	MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%) MGMT1501 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math is still required.
Veterinary Office Assistant Certificate	September January	10 months	\$7,115	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%) Grade 10 Math (credit) (excl. Math 10-4 and Math 16)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts and Grade 10 Math	MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%) MGMT1501 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math is still required.

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Hit the ground leading change.

Graduate ready to make
an impact where it matters most.

- Alberta Early Childhood Educator Certifications for Levels 1-3
- Alberta College of Social Workers accreditation
- Practicum projects and international practicums



“

While we are out in the field, we serve vulnerable and marginalized populations. Taking care of ourselves is of the utmost importance, and Bow Valley College has provided me with the resources to further my career and my well-being.”

Curt Blind

Peer Support Worker, Calgary Drop In & Rehab Centre Society

94%

graduate
employment
rate

97%

program
quality
satisfaction

CAREER POSSIBILITIES

- Addiction Counsellor
- Youth Support Worker
- Community Outreach Worker
- Disability Support Worker
- Residential Support Worker
- Inclusive Education Assistant
- Early Childhood Educator
- Preschool Teacher
- Child Care Centre Supervisor
- Family Support Worker
- Rehabilitation Support Worker
- Case Manager
- Justice Services Officer
- Correctional Program Officer
- Probation and Parole Assistant
- Social Service Worker
- Crisis Intervention Worker
- Mental Health Support Worker
- Victim Services Worker
- Community Development Officer
- Program Coordinator (Non-Profit)
- Housing Support Worker
- Settlement Worker
- Health and Human Services Coordinator
- Group Home Worker
- Advocate for Persons with Disabilities
- School Support Worker
- Family Resource Centre Worker
- Youth Justice Worker
- Law Enforcement Support Officer

Choose your admission pathway

Program	Start	Duration	Total fees	Alberta high school or equivalent course	Admissions test	Open Studies course*	English for Academic Purposes course**
Addiction Studies Diploma	September	16 months	\$12,996	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts	ENGL1201 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts.
Child and Youth Care Diploma	September	16 months	\$15,844	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts	ENGL1201 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts.
Disability Studies Certificate NEW	September	8 months	\$6,039	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts	ENGL1201 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts.
Disability Studies Diploma	September	16 months	\$13,230	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts	ENGL1201 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts.
Early Childhood Education and Development Certificate	September January	8 months	\$6,024	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts	ENGL1201 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts.
Early Childhood Education and Development Diploma	September January	16 months	\$12,040	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts	ENGL1201 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts.
Education Assistant Certificate	September January	8 months	\$6,355	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts	ENGL1201 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts.
Justice Studies Diploma	September	16 months	\$12,556	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts	ENGL1201 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts.
Social Work Diploma	September	24 months	\$19,076	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts	ENGL1201 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts.

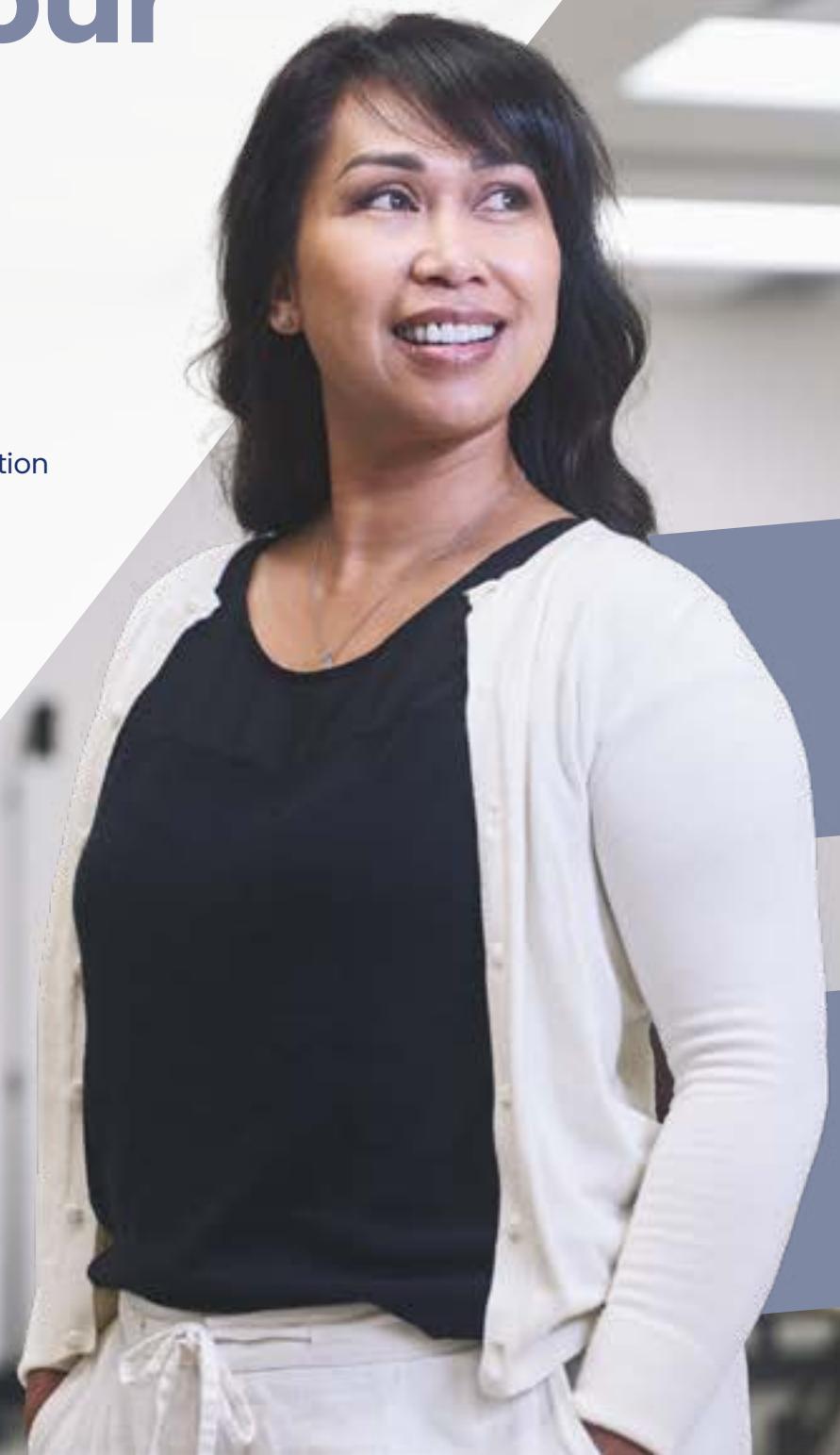
* Open Studies courses are college-level courses that can be used in lieu of an admission equivalent course. Earning advanced standing in a program requires achieving a minimum program passing grade. Course credit eligibility varies on program curriculum, grade earned, and time limitations.

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Hit the ground living your calling.

Graduate ready to support others at every stage of life.

- Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs
- College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta
- Practicums in hospitals and pharmacies
- Hands-on training in labs with cutting-edge technology



“

Bow Valley College empowered me to grow academically and personally. Guided by caring and knowledgeable instructors in the School of Health and Wellness, I gained the skills and confidence to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. I'm excited to keep learning here and encourage others to pursue their dreams.”

Sheila Tabangay-Muyomba

Health Care Aide,
Foothills Country Hospice Society

97%

graduate
employment
rate

90%

program
quality
satisfaction

CAREER POSSIBILITIES

- Health Care Aide
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Perioperative Nurse
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Physical Therapy Assistant
- Speech-Language Assistant
- Recreation Therapist Assistant
- Recreation Therapy Aide
- Pharmacy Technician
- Pharmacy Assistant
- Long-Term Care Aide
- Hospital Unit Clerk
- Home Care Support Worker
- Rehabilitation Assistant
- Pediatric Therapy Assistant
- Geriatric Care Assistant
- Community Health Worker
- Patient Care Technician
- Medical Equipment Technician Assistant
- Clinic Support Specialist
- Therapy Program Coordinator
- Wellness Program Facilitator
- Hospice Care Assistant
- Assistive Technology Support Worker
- Physiotherapy Clinic Assistant
- Occupational Health Assistant
- Special Needs Support Assistant
- Health Promotion Assistant
- Mental Health Support Aide
- Sports Rehabilitation Assistant

Choose your admission pathway

Program	Start	Duration	Total fees	Alberta high school or equivalent course	Admissions test	Open Studies course*	English for Academic Purposes course**	
Health Care Aide Certificate	September January May	8 months	\$9,137	English Language Arts 20-2 (60%)	Equivalent to Grade 11 English Language Arts	Not accepted	Not accepted	
Interdisciplinary Therapy Assistant Diploma	September	24 months	\$20,330	English Language Arts 30-1 (60%) or English Language Arts 30-2 (70%) Biology 30 (60%) Math 10C (credit)	Not accepted	ENGLI201 (Grade C or 64%) ANATI101 (Grade C or 64%)	AE 2 (Grade B or 75%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math and Biology are still required.	
Pharmacy Technician Diploma	September	16 months	\$13,774	Completion of a high school diploma with: English Language Arts 30-1 (60%) or English Language Arts 30-2 (70%) Math 30-1 or 30-2 (60%) Biology 30 (60%) Chemistry 30 (60%)	Not accepted	ENGLI201 (Grade C or 64%)	AE 2 (Grade B or 75%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math, Chemistry, Biology, and a high school diploma are still required.	
Practical Nurse Diploma	September January May	20 months	\$16,712	English Language Arts 30-1 (60%) or English Language Arts 30-2 (70%) Math 20-1 (credit) or 20-2 (60%) Biology 30 (60%)	Not accepted	ENGLI201 (Grade C or 64%) ANATI101 (Grade C or 64%)	AE 2 (Grade B or 75%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math and Biology are still required.	
Recreation Therapy Aide Certificate	September	5 months	\$2,955	English Language Arts 10-1 or 10-2 (credit) AND: Previous education or work experience in health or human services or successful completion of HCSV9102	Equivalent to Grade 10 English Language Arts	ENGLI201 (Grade D or 50%)	Not accepted	
Perioperative Nursing for Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses Post-Diploma Certificate	September	5 months	\$5,534	Applicants must be either actively registered in Canada as a Registered Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse. Applicants must provide proof of College of Registered Nurses of Alberta (CRNA) registration or College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta (CLPNA) licensure.				

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Hit the ground unlocking innovation.

Graduate ready to power today's digital economy—and tomorrow's.

- IT industry-recognized certificates
- Apprenticeship-style technology diploma programs
- Women Pivoting in Tech bursary



“

My program at Bow Valley College was the perfect launchpad for my career. It gave me the solid foundation I needed to grow quickly and build my success in the tech world.”

Bruno Mendonça

Ful Stack Engineer,
Thinkific

CAREER POSSIBILITIES

- Graphic Designer
- Digital Designer
- UX/UI Designer
- Product Designer (Digital)
- UI Prototyper
- IT Support Specialist
- Systems Administrator
- Network Technician
- Systems Analyst
- IT Project Coordinator
- IT Consultant
- Software Developer
- Full-Stack Developer
- Front-End Developer
- Back-End Developer
- Application Developer
- Software Quality Assurance Tester
- Mobile App Developer
- Machine Learning Analyst
- AI Specialist
- Machine Learning Engineer
- Data Analyst
- Business Intelligence Analyst
- Data Engineer
- Data Management Specialist
- Health Data Analyst
- Cloud Solutions Architect
- Cloud Engineer
- Cybersecurity Analyst
- Information Security Specialist

Choose your admission pathway

* Open Studies courses are college-level courses that can be used in lieu of an admission equivalent course. Earning advanced standing in a program requires achieving a minimum program passing grade. Course credit eligibility varies on program curriculum, grade earned, and time limitations.

** English for Academic Purposes courses are English language courses that can be used in lieu of an English Language Arts admission equivalent course. Students are still required to satisfy outstanding admission requirements in subjects outside of English Language Arts when using this pathway.

Program	Start	Duration	Total fees	Alberta high school or equivalent course	Admissions test	Open Studies course*	English for Academic Purposes course**
Cybersecurity Solutions Diploma NEW	September, January	16 months	\$20,000 (approx.)	English Language Arts 30-1 or English Language Arts 30-2 (credit) Math 20-1 or Math 20-2 (credit)	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted
Digital Design Diploma	September	16 months	\$17,719	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts	MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts.
Digital Design – Apprenticeship Style Diploma	September	16 months	\$19,327	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts	MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts.
Health Data Analytics Diploma	September	16 months	\$19,571	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%) Math 30-1 (credit) or Math 30-2 (65%)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts and Grade 12 Math	MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%) MGMT1501 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math is still required.
Information Technology Solutions Diploma NEW	September, January	16 months	\$20,000 (approx.)	English Language Arts 30-1 or English Language Arts 30-2 (credit) Math 20-1 or Math 20-2 (credit)	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted
Information Technology Systems Diploma	September, January	16 months	\$18,578	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%) Math 30-1 or 30-2 (credit)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts and Grade 12 Math	MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%) MGMT1501 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math is still required.
Machine Learning Analyst Diploma NEW	September, January	16 months	\$18,923	English Language Arts 30-1 (60%) or English Language Arts 30-2 (70%) Math 30-1 or 30-2 (50%)	Not accepted	Not accepted	Not accepted
Software Development Diploma	September, January	16 months	\$17,614	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%) Math 30-1 or 30-2 (credit)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts and Grade 12 Math	MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%) MGMT1501 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math is still required.
Software Development – Apprenticeship Style Diploma	September	16 months	\$18,634	English Language Arts 30-1 (credit) or English Language Arts 30-2 (65%) Math 30-1 or 30-2 (credit)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts and Grade 12 Math	MGMT1201 (Grade D or 50%) MGMT1501 (Grade D or 50%)	AE 2 (Grade B- or 70%) as an equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts. Math is still required.
Cybersecurity Post-Diploma Certificate	September	8 months	\$15,688	-	Completion of a Diploma or Degree in Information Technologies, Computer Engineering, Software Development, Management Information Systems or equivalent. Equivalent industry experience can also be considered.		
Data Management and Analytics Post-Diploma Certificate	September	8 months	\$11,169	-	Completion of a Diploma or a Degree in Business Administration, Computer Engineering, Management Information Systems, Information Technology, Engineering, Software Development, or equivalent. Credit in Grade 12 Math or equivalent.		
Digital Marketing Post-Diploma Certificate	September, January	8 months	\$8,234	-	Completion of a Diploma or Degree.		
Software Development Post-diploma Certificate	September	8 months	\$9,189	-	Completion of a Diploma or Degree. Credit in Math 30-1 or Math 30-2 or equivalent.		

Hit the ground making magic.

Graduate ready to bring bold ideas to life—with a portfolio that gets you noticed.

- Leadership from the industry
- Work with industry-standard tools
- Industry mentorship and networking



“

At Bow Valley College, opportunities are everywhere, you just have to take them. My journey here has been one of constant growth, both personally and professionally. I've discovered that when you're open to learning, this school never lets you down.”

Sarah Rubiano

Broadcast Producer,
University of Calgary

36
professional-
grade
applications

24/7
access
to all
software

CAREER POSSIBILITIES

- 3D Animator
- Character Animator
- 3D Modeler
- Character Artist
- Texture Artist
- Lighting Artist
- Rigging Artist
- Storyboard Artist
- Layout Artist
- Digital Compositor
- Visual Effects Artist
- Mocap Technical Artist
- Clean-up Artist
- Rendering Artist
- Technical Artist
- 3D Sculptor
- VFX Technical Artist
- Simulation Artist
- Match-Move Artist
- Digital Matte Painter
- Look Development Artist
- Level Designer
- Game Developer
- Game Programmer
- AI Developer (Games)
- Material Artist
- Assets Artist
- Production Assistant
- Camera Assistant
- Director (Film)

Choose your admission pathway

Program	Start	Duration	Total Fees	Alberta high school or equivalent course	Admissions test
Advanced 3D Animation and 3D Modelling Diploma	September January	24 months	\$45,695	Completion of a high school diploma or English Language Arts 30-1 or 30-2 (credit)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts
Advanced Film Production Diploma	September January	24 months	\$39,826	Completion of a high school diploma or English Language Arts 30-1 or 30-2 (credit)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts
Advanced Game Development Diploma	September January	24 months	\$42,415	Completion of a high school diploma or English Language Arts 30-1 or 30-2 (credit)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts
Advanced Visual FX (Virtual Production) Diploma	September January	24 months	\$46,132	Completion of a high school diploma or English Language Arts 30-1 or 30-2 (credit)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts
Foundation in Entertainment Arts Certificate	September January	12 months	\$23,215	Completion of a high school diploma or English Language Arts 30-1 or 30-2 (credit)	Equivalent to Grade 12 English Language Arts

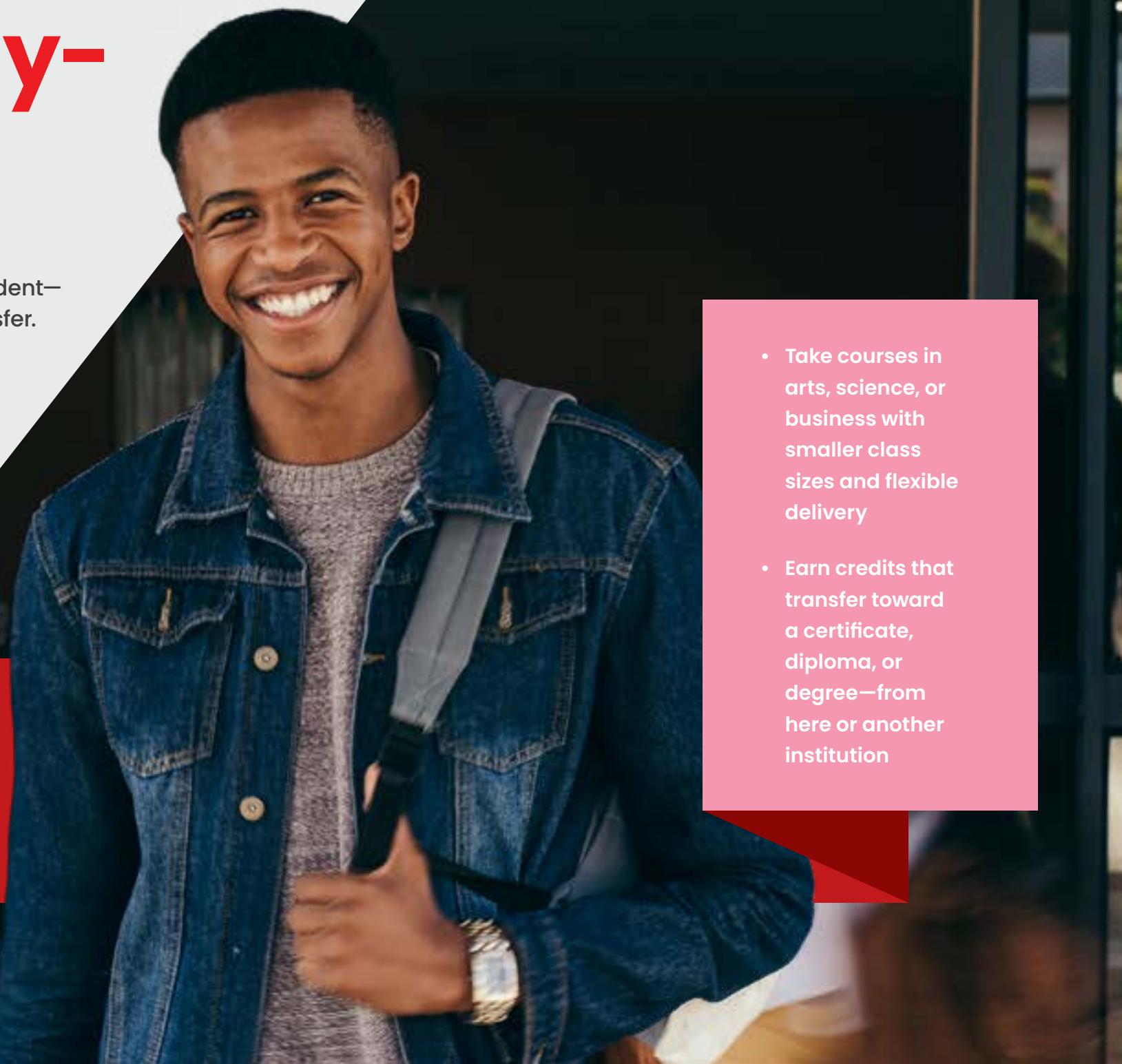
Program portfolio requirements	
Advanced 3D Animation and 3D Modelling Diploma Advanced Visual FX (Virtual Production) Diploma Advanced Game Development Diploma	Portfolio submission of 15-20 pieces of artistic/technical work (e.g., sketches, renderings, games, design variations, code snippets) in digital format. Portfolios should reflect the applicant's personal artistic interests and identity. Successful applicant portfolios will reflect a broad range of techniques, influences, styles, and subject matter.
Advanced Film Production Diploma	Portfolio submission, which should include a written submission (maximum 500 words) or a short video (maximum five minutes) based on one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A short essay about a film you like and why (what makes you enjoy it) • A short essay about the film you want to make • A short essay about a film you saw and how you would change it • An online highlight reel or portfolio of work that you have created
Foundation in Entertainment Arts Certificate	Portfolio submission of 5 to 10 pieces (8+ pieces are recommended) of artistic work (for example, sketches, renderings, design variations) in digital format. Portfolios should reflect the applicant's personal artistic interests and identity. Successful applicant portfolios will reflect a broad range of techniques, influences, styles, and subject matter.

Hit the ground university- bound.

Step out of Bow Valley College confident—and equipped with credits that transfer.

If you have higher post-secondary goals in mind or simply want to explore more directions, we'll help you build a strong academic foundation and a clear path forward.

- Save on tuition while preparing for university-level success



- Take courses in arts, science, or business with smaller class sizes and flexible delivery
- Earn credits that transfer toward a certificate, diploma, or degree—from here or another institution

**START HERE.
GO ANYWHERE.**

- University of Calgary
- Mount Royal University
- SAIT
- University of Alberta
- Athabasca University
- University of Lethbridge
- and many universities, colleges, and professional associations around the world

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

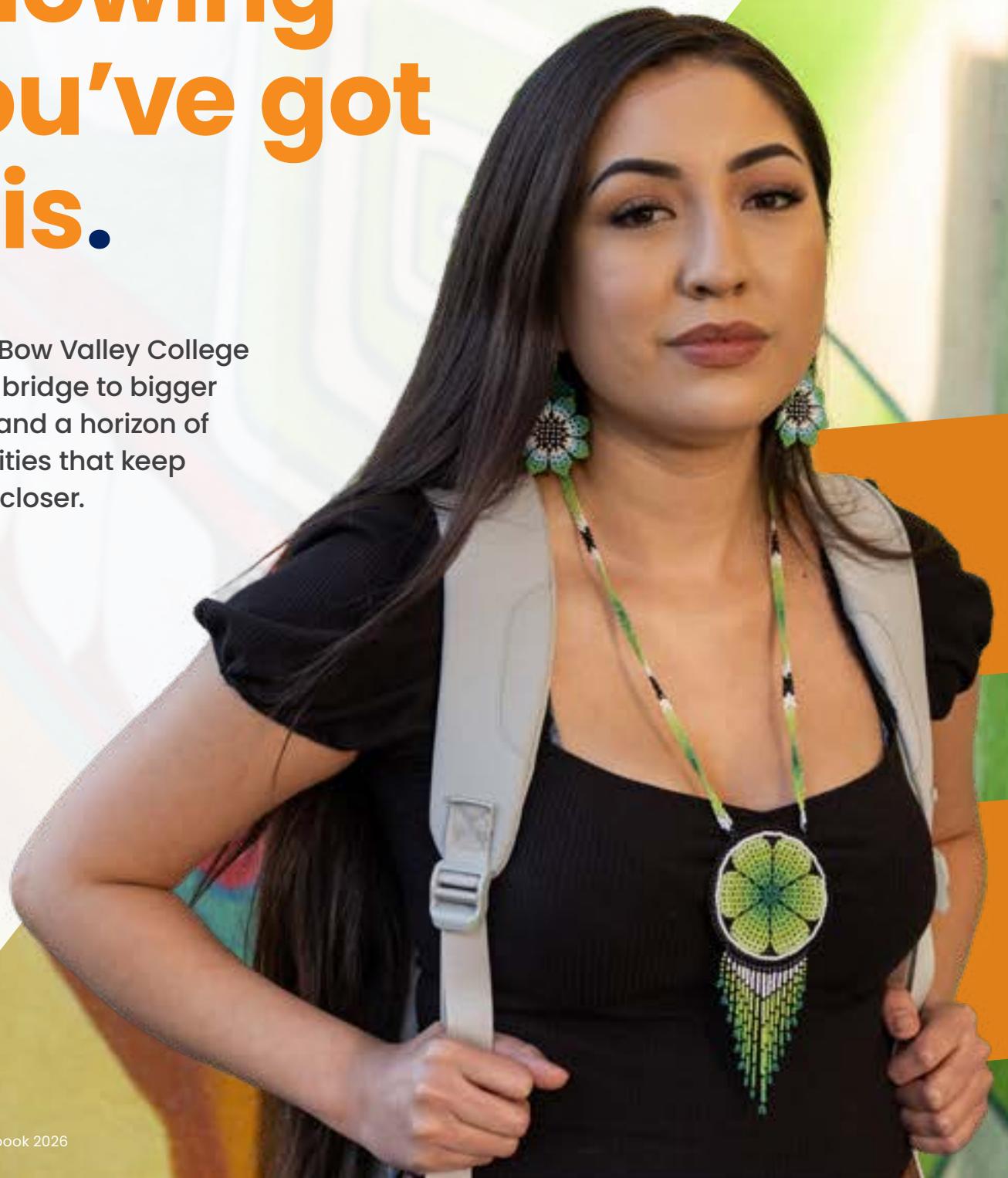
English Language Arts 30-1 or 30-2 (or equivalent), or take the Bow Valley College Admissions Test.

View all transfer agreements:
bowvalleycollege.ca/transfer

Check Alberta-wide transfers:
transferalberta.alberta.ca

Hit the ground knowing you've got this.

Look to Bow Valley College
as your bridge to bigger
goals—and a horizon of
possibilities that keep
getting closer.



- Build a strong foundation in core high school subjects: English, math, science, biology, chemistry, physics, and computer applications
- Strengthen essential skills in reading, writing, and numeracy—especially if you're not yet ready for high school-level courses
- Upgrade to meet entrance requirements for college or university, or to advance your current career

4,000

students
upgrade with us
each year

1:25

average faculty-to-
student ratio in
our classrooms

FLEXIBLE FORMATS THAT FIT YOUR LIFE

Choose a schedule and a setting that works for you:

- Study full-time, part-time, in person, or online
- Government of Alberta–funded courses
- Alberta Education high school credits (some program exceptions may apply)

PROGRAMS

- Academic Upgrading
 - Language Arts
 - Mathematics
 - Science
 - Social Studies
 - Computers and College Preparation
- Alberta High School Diploma
- Basic Literacy to Grade 12
- Indigenous Upgrading
- Indigenous Pathways to Employment
- English for Academic Purposes

Hit the ground working together.

You've got goals. We've got your back.

At Bow Valley College, student success means more than grades—it means you feel seen and empowered.

Here's how we support you every step of the way:



Access cultural resource supports, mentorship, and leadership opportunities

Connect with devoted and passionate employees for support

Find your people

It's not just about coursework—it's about connection. Join a community of people who get you—your drive, your challenges, your wins—inside and outside class.

Get what you need

Financial aid, personal counselling, wellness groups, academic accommodations, lifelong career support, and more. It's all here to keep you moving forward.

Make your mark

Engage in leadership programs, volunteer opportunities, and student events that help you grow, connect, and stand out.

Fund your future

Get help navigating loans, budgeting, and over 300 scholarships and awards—including entrance awards up to \$10,000.

Learn more on pages **40-41**.

Multi-Faith Space

A quiet, inclusive space for reflection, prayer, or simply taking a moment to breathe. Open to all students, all beliefs, and all backgrounds.

Students' Association (SABVC)

SABVC champions your interests while making student life vibrant and inclusive. Get involved through leadership and volunteer opportunities, or join events that build community, fun, and connection.

The Iniikokaan Centre

"The Buffalo Lodge"—where all Nations belong. Self-identified Indigenous students can access cultural connection, mentorship, and leadership opportunities. It's a space to gather, grow, and define success on your own terms.

Funding your future at Bow Valley College

Over \$1.5 million awarded annually.

To more than 900 students—because everyone deserves the opportunity to succeed.

If you're a full-time or part-time domestic student pursuing a career certificate or diploma, you may qualify for Alberta government loans and grants to help fund your education and offset living expenses.

Bow Valley College also offers a wide range of scholarships and bursaries—most of which are one-time, non-repayable awards—available to both new and current students.

There are many ways to qualify—just ask!

"There's an award for that!"

Thanks to our generous donors, we offer funding opportunities for every kind of student:

- **Entrance Awards** – Apply before you start your program
- **Ongoing Awards** – Available while you're studying
- **Specialized Awards** – For Indigenous students, mature students, newcomers, single parents, students with disabilities, and more.



What we look for

Our awards recognize more than just grades. You can apply based on:

- Academic excellence
- Financial need
- Leadership and community involvement
- Career goals and personal growth
- Volunteerism and perseverance

Featured Awards

- **Deb and Scott Thon Bursary** – \$3,000 for single parents showing resilience
- **Mama-Ji Gurbachan Kaur Dhesi Award** – \$1,000 for final-year students making a positive impact
- **TransAlta Women Pivoting in Tech Bursary** – \$5,000/term for women in tech programs



When to Apply

Entrance Awards

Apply here:
bvcawards.awardspring.ca/prospective/signin

Term	Applications Open	Deadline
Spring/Summer	January 1	April 1
Fall	May 1	August 1
Winter	September 1	December 1

Ongoing Awards

Apply here:
bvcawards.awardspring.ca

Term	Applications Open	Deadline
Spring/Summer	May 1	July 1
Fall	September 1	November 1
Winter	January 1	March 1

English language proficiency requirements

Bow Valley College recognizes proof of English language proficiency from several countries for most programs.**

The applicant must have completed three years of full-time secondary education (high school) at a recognized public school, or one year of full-time post-secondary education at a recognized public college or university where the primary language of education is English.

Visit bowvalleycollege.ca/elp for a complete list.

Program	BVC Academic English	CLB	IELTS Academic	TOEFL	Duolingo	PTE A	CELBAN	CELPPIP
All post-secondary programs (except those listed below)	Minimum of Grade B- in AE2	8 in each strand	6.0 with minimum band score of 6.0	83	110	59 - 64	—	—
Health Care Aide Certificate	—	7 in each strand	6.0 overall, with no section score below 5.5	71	95	—	7 in each area	7 general, with no section score below 6.0
Interdisciplinary Therapy Assistant Diploma	Minimum of Grade B in AE2	8 in each strand	6.5 with minimum band score of 6.0	84 with no section score below 21	—	59-64	—	—
Machine Learning Analyst Diploma	—	6.5 with minimum band score of 6.0	6.5 with minimum band score of 6.0	84 with no section score below 21	115	59 with no section score below 56	—	—
Pharmacy Technician Diploma*	—	—	Listening: 7.0 Speaking: 7.0 Reading: 7.0 Writing: 6.5	—	—	—	—	—
Practical Nurse Diploma	Minimum of Grade B in AE2	8 in each strand	Listening: 7.5 Speaking: 7.0 Reading: 6.5 Writing: 7.0	92	—	—	Listening: 9.0 Speaking: 8.0 Reading: 8.0 Writing: 7.0	—
Recreation Therapy Aide Certificate	Minimum of Grade B- in AE1	7 in each strand	5.5 with minimum band score of 5.0	71	—	—	—	—

* Pharmacy Technician Diploma requirements published are provisional pending formal approval. For a complete list of requirements, visit bowvalleycollege.ca/elp

** This recognition applies to all programs except the Pharmacy Technician Diploma and Health Care Aide Certificate due to accreditation rules beyond the College's control.

Test validity: CLB, IELTS Academic, and TOEFL results are valid for two years from the day of testing.

Results that expire prior to the start date of the program cannot be accepted. Official results must be submitted.

Begin your journey

Every big goal starts with a single step. Once you decide to take it, we'll walk you through all the rest.

You're not just completing an application—it's the first page of your Bow Valley College story.

How to get started (it's easier than you think):

1. Find your program

Explore your options online or visit us for a tour. See pages **14-36** for added inspiration.

2. Check the requirements

Review program requirements, English proficiency, and accepted pathways—there's more than one way to qualify.

3. Apply early

Applications open up to 11 months in advance. Students are admitted on a first-qualified, first-admitted basis.

4. Submit your documents

Send us your transcripts or other supporting info.

5. Pay the application fee

This non-refundable \$75 fee confirms your submission. Applications will not be processed without it.

Need help?

Reach out to our Welcome Centre at info@bowvalleycollege.ca or **403-410-1402**

Admissions timeline*



Ready to apply?
Scan to start your application.



FALL 2026

Applications open
October 1, 2025

First day of classes
September 1, 2026

WINTER 2027

Applications open
February 2, 2026

First day of classes
January 7, 2027

SPRING 2027

Applications open
June 1, 2026

First day of classes
May 4, 2027

FALL 2027

Applications open
October 1, 2026

First day of classes
September 1, 2027

WINTER 2028

Applications open
February 1, 2027

First day of classes
January 10, 2028

SPRING 2028

Applications open
June 1, 2027

First day of classes
May 8, 2028

* Exceptions apply. Application closure dates vary by program.
Visit bowvalleycollege.ca for details.



Hit the ground looking around.

There's no better way to picture your future than by stepping into it.

Fall Open House

October 4, 2025

Winter Open House

March 7, 2026

RSVP today at choose.bowvalleycollege.ca/open-house and have the \$75 application fee waived when you enrol in a program at the event.

Or take a tour—your way:

- In-person guided tours
- Self-guided options
- Virtual tours from anywhere

Explore our spaces, meet our people, get answers to your questions, and experience what life at Bow Valley College is really like.

Visit us

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Calgary, AB T2G 4V1

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