

Program Comparison Chart

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Grant Funded Programs	Program Name	Duration	Entry Requirements	Cost	Schedule	Practicum	Start Dates
	Academic Upgrading	Up to 50 Months	Gr. 1-12	Grant	Mo to Fri (9:00am - 3:00pm)	5 weeks (if applicable)	January, May, September
	Accounting Assistant	12 Months (48 Weeks)	CLB 6, Math Gr. 8	Grant	Mo to Thu (9:00am - 2:30pm) Fri (9:00am - 1:00pm) Fri Tutoring (1:30pm - 2:30pm)	5 weeks	January, May, September
	Accounting Assistant	8 Months (32 Weeks)	CLB 7+, Math Gr. 9	Grant	Mo to Thu (9:00am - 2:30pm) Fri (9:00am - 1:00pm) Fri Tutoring (1:30pm - 2:30pm)	5 weeks	January, May, September
	Child Care Assistant	12 Months (48 Weeks)	CLB 4, Math Gr. 4	Grant	Mo to Fri (9:00am - 2:00pm)	5 weeks	January, May, September
	Child Care Assistant	8 Months (32 Weeks)	CLB 5+, Math Gr. 5	Grant	Mo to Fri (9:00am - 2:00pm)	5 weeks	January, May, September
	English as an Additional Language	Up to 50 Months	CLB 4-7	Grant	Mo to Fri (9:30am - 2:00pm)	N/A	January, May, September
	EAL Pathways to HCA	12 Months	CLB 7	Grant	EAL Portion: Mo to Fri (9:30 am - 2:00pm) HCA Portion: Mo to Thu (8:00am - 12:00pm) Fri Tutoring (12:00pm - 5:00pm)	8 weeks	January, August
	Trades Entrance Exam Preparation	8 Months	English, Math Gr. 9+	Grant	Mo to Fri (9:00am - 2:30pm)	8 weeks	January, May, September
	Transportation and Warehouse	8 Months (32 Weeks)	CLB 4	Grant	Mo to Fri (9:00am - 2:00pm)	5 weeks	January, May, September
Transportation and Warehouse	4 Months (16 Weeks)	CLB 5+	Grant	Mo to Fri (9:00am - 2:00pm)	5 weeks	January, May, September	

Student Loan/Self-Pay	Education Assistant Certificate	6 Months	CLB 8	\$6,773	Mo/Wed or Tu/Thu (5:30pm - 9:30pm) Sat (8:00am - 5:00pm)	150 hours	January, May, September
	Health Care Aide Certificate	8 Months	CLB 7	\$9,290	Mo to Thu (8:00am - 12:00pm) Fri Tutoring (12:00pm - 5:00pm)	8 weeks	June, October
	Dental Assistant Diploma	7 Months	CLB 8	\$21,322	Mo to Fri (between 8:00am - 4:30 pm)*	4 weeks	April, October
	Social Services Diploma	12 Months	CLB 8	\$13,959	Mo to Fri (8:30am - 12:00pm) Fri, 2 per-month (8:30am -12:30pm)	300 hours	January, May, September
	Practical Nurse Diploma	20 Months	CLB 8, Math Gr. 11	\$41,778	Mon to Fri (7:30am - 4:00pm)	722 hours	January, May, September

***Note: students attend classes mostly ½ days, to permit time for pre-class/clinic learning**

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	Program Name	Duration	Entry Requirements	Cost	Schedule	Practicum	Start Dates
Self-Pay Programs	Academic Upgrading	4 Months	Gr. 1- 12	\$495/ course+ textbooks	Mo to Fri (between 9:00am - 3:00pm)	N/A	January, May, September
	English as an Additional Language	8 Weeks (40 hours)	CLB 3 - 7	\$350/course (textbooks incl.)	Mo/Wed or Tu/Thu (5:30pm - 9:30pm)	N/A	January, April, September
	IELTS Preparation Course	10 Weeks (120 hours)	CLB 6	\$1,980 + \$85 for textbooks	Mo to Thu (6:00pm - 9:00pm)	N/A	January, May
	Alberta Basic Security Training Course (<i>Part-Time</i>)	3 Weekends (38.5 hours)	CLB 5	\$299	Sa/Su , 3 weekends (10:00am – 4:30pm)	N/A	Monthly
	Alberta Basic Security Training Course (<i>Full-Time</i>)	1 Week (38.5 hours)	CLB 5	\$299	Mo to Fri (9:00am – 4:30pm)	N/A	Monthly
	Alberta Basic Security Training Course	38.5 Hours + Final Exam	CLB 5	\$130 + \$25 exam fee	Work at your own pace (up to 1 year to complete)	N/A	Continuous Intake
	Professional Investigator Training Course	50 – 60 Hours	CLB 5	\$275 + \$25 exam fee	Work at your own pace (up to 1 year to complete)	N/A	Continuous Intake
	Pressure Point Control Tractics Training Course	38 Hours + Final Exam	CLB 5	\$450 (incl. exam fee)	Mo to Fri (Times TBD)	N/A	Continuous Intake
	Strategic De-escalation	24 Hours + Final Exam	CLB 5	\$175	Work at your own pace (up to 1 year to complete)	N/A	Continuous Intake

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