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### **Northern Lakes College and Lakeland College Collaborate to Increase Access to Academic Upgrading**

Academic Upgrading is the focus of a new collaboration between Lakeland College and Northern Lakes College. Starting this September, Northern Lakes College will offer its Academic Upgrading program at Lakeland's Lloydminster campus. The Academic Upgrading program is for adults whose education is within the grade 4 to 9 level and who want to prepare for their high school diploma, career training or employment.

"We're excited that we're able to collaborate with Northern Lakes College to bring their program to Lloydminster and help people in our community get the education they need to improve their lives," said Brad Onofrychuk, Dean of Business and Continuing Education at Lakeland.

Glenn Mitchell, Dean of Business and Academics at Northern Lakes College said, "We welcome opportunities to partner with Campus Alberta institutions in order to create new opportunities for students. The partnership with Lakeland College will provide students with access to NLC's Academic Upgrading programming, now offered entirely online."

Courses offered within the Academic Upgrading program include communications; science, social studies, and math. There are two start-up dates for the course offerings, September 4, 2018 through January 31, 2019 and February 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019. Up to 15 students will be accepted into the program; applicants will be assessed and placed in their appropriate grade level. Northern Lakes College education counsellors will work with the students individually to determine their education plan.

While the courses are primarily offered online, students will be required to attend class at the Lloydminster campus from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. Northern Lakes College will have an instructor on-site at the Lakeland campus to assist students.

To learn more about the program, those interested can attend the information session that will be hosted by Lakeland College on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 between noon and 5 p.m. at the Lloydminster campus (Room BK213). The session will provide participants with information on how to apply, available funding options and testing. For more information, contact Raelean Hickson, Coordinator for Continuing Education at Lakeland College at 780.871.5526. For more information about the Academic Upgrading program, please visit [www.northernlakescollege.ca](http://www.northernlakescollege.ca).

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Established in 1913, Lakeland College is a place of possibility that serves more than 7,000 students every year at its campuses in Vermilion, Alta., and Lloydminster, Alta./Sask., and through online and off-site programs and courses. Lakeland offers programming in the areas of agricultural sciences, business, energy, environmental sciences, fire and emergency services, health and wellness, human services, interior design technology, trades and technology, and university transfer. Lakeland's Research Centre is a test-bed for innovations in agriculture, energy, and environmental sciences. For more information, visit [lakelandcollege.ca](http://lakelandcollege.ca)

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Northern Lakes College is a multi-campus college located in northern Alberta and is focused on providing relevant, quality programs through a distributed learning model, serving over 6,000 students annually. To meet regional needs, NLC offers a wide range of certificate and diploma programs in Business, Health Sciences and Allied Health, Human Services, Technology, Trades, University Studies, and Academic Upgrading. The College collaborates with Campus Alberta partners to offer degree completion opportunities throughout its service region, including a Bachelor of Education and a Bachelor of Social Work. Northern Lakes College also provides a wide variety of professional accreditation and certificate programs through its Continuing Education and Corporate Training Department. Northern Lakes College houses the Woodland Operations Learning Foundation (WOLF) to provide Forestry and related post-secondary and professional development programs.

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