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### **Northern Lakes College and the University of Calgary Enter into Agreement for Bachelor of Education Degree**

The University of Calgary's Werklund School of Education and Northern Lakes College have entered into an agreement that will allow NLC University Studies students to transfer courses towards the fulfilment of a Bachelor of Education degree at the University of Calgary.

"Northern Lakes College is thrilled to enter into this agreement with the University of Calgary. Providing our students with local access to opportunities, such as the Bachelor of Education degree, is at the foundation of our core values, that include accessibility, community, and collaboration," stated Ann Everatt, President and CEO of Northern Lakes College.

Starting in 2020, NLC students will be able to transfer courses from NLC in partial fulfillment of UCalgary's Community-Based Bachelor of Education program. This will provide students living in rural or remote areas with an opportunity to complete the majority of their program requirements in their community. Courses will be completed through in-person and online offerings enabling students to take courses at home or at any NLC campus and field placements will be completed in and around students' local communities. This course of studies prepares students to teach at the elementary and secondary levels. As part of a blended program where students are connected to the Werklund School of Education from the beginning of their studies, students will complete a two-week summer residency on-campus at the University of Calgary in each of the four years that they are enrolled.

"The Werklund School values deeply the educational community across the province and this partnership is a stellar example of the accessibility, collaboration and innovation that comes of working together," said Dr. Amy Burns, the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs at the Werklund School. "We're dedicated to ensuring teacher education programs that are built on a foundation of excellence and innovation and we are excited to learn alongside Northern Lakes College."



#### **About Northern Lakes College**

Northern Lakes College (NLC), located in northern Alberta, provides quality programs through distributed learning to over 6,000 students annually. NLC offers certificate and diploma programs in Business, Health Sciences and Allied Health, Human Services, Technology, Trades, University Studies, and Academic Upgrading. The College collaborates with partners to offer degree completion opportunities, including a Bachelor of Education and a Bachelor of Social Work. NLC provides professional accreditation and certificate programs through its Continuing Education and Corporate Training Department.

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#### **About the University of Calgary**

The University of Calgary is a global intellectual hub located in Canada's most enterprising city. In our spirited, high-quality learning environment, students thrive in programs made rich by research, hands-on experiences and entrepreneurial thinking. Our strategy drives us to be recognized as one of Canada's top five research universities, engaging the communities we both serve and lead. This strategy is called *Eyes High*, inspired by the university's Gaelic motto, which translates as 'I will lift up my eyes.' For more information, visit [ucalgary.ca/eyeshigh](http://ucalgary.ca/eyeshigh).

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