



The Town of Drayton Valley is excited to introduce a Zero Fee Tuition pilot program at the Clean Energy Technology Centre (CETC) in Drayton Valley beginning in September 2019.

Offered through the Town of Drayton Valley, the Zero Fee Tuition concept aims to increase post-secondary opportunities for students and provide options for extended studies for mature students and those looking to upgrade or considering a new career path.

This opportunity is open to all Canadians (permanent residents or citizens), however, preference will be given to local students and those in the surrounding region.

#### **GOALS OF THE ZERO FEE INITIATIVE**

- Create hope and opportunities to residents
- Grow and diversify the local economy
- Increase local, provincial and national student enrollment

#### **ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS**

There will be 3 programming streams available for students.

The first stream, Arts & Science Certificate Program, creates a pathway for students who plan to continue to further post-secondary study.

The Health Care Aide program provides students with a pathway to the work place.

Power Engineering Prep provides an opportunity to upgrade Mathematics and Physics grades to meet the pre-requisites for Level 4 Power Engineering.

**Program details can be accessed through [www.norquest.ca](http://www.norquest.ca).**

### **ARTS & SCIENCE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

This eight-month program will focus on the Social Sciences so students can enter year two of a General Arts program at a university. The program is made up of 10 3-credit courses, earning the student 30 university transfer credits. In addition to transferring to a university, students can also receive advance credit for courses toward NorQuest College diploma programs.

### **HEALTH CARE AIDE PROGRAM**

This 8-month program is designed to prepare learners for certification as unregulated care providers to work in a variety of care settings including, but not restricted to, continuing care (home, facility, and supportive), community living, stable acute care, and mental health programs. The new curriculum ensures students are equipped with the required knowledge and skills of current health trends and standards to provide safe and effective care.

### **POWER ENGINEERING PREPARATION**

This one-term program, offered 2 evenings per week, allows learners to upgrade their Mathematics 0301 and Physics 030 marks to enter Power Engineering at NAIT. The current competitive entry is an average of 70% or higher in English 30-1/0301, Math 30-1/0301, Physics 30/030, and Chemistry 30/030.

**Questions or general inquires can be directed to: [zerofee@draytonvalley.ca](mailto:zerofee@draytonvalley.ca)**

## Zero Fee Tuition is coming to Drayton Valley

As Alberta's economy enters its fourth year of depressed economic activity primarily driven by low oil prices (and a historically high spread between Canadian and American oil prices), we are faced with further uncertainty and the erosion of jobs.

**The question is:** how do we mitigate these cycles of uncertainty, diversify our economy in order to remain relevant and sustainable?

Most people living in Alberta wouldn't be surprised to find out that many rural municipalities have economies driven from the energy sector, and as that sector struggles, so too does their local community.

The Town of Drayton Valley is no exception to the statement above. As Drayton Valley continues to fight for the hard-working women and men of the energy industry, we are taking the future into our own hands by seeking to diversify our economy and thereby becoming resilient and self-sustaining.

A C.D. Howe Institute estimates that 45.8% of employment is possibly automatable, while 33.8% is highly susceptible to automation. With that said, even with relatively high unemployment rates there is still 42,000 jobs vacant in Alberta, with that number expected to rise to 49,000 by 2025. In the coming years people will lose jobs to automation, but we will continue to see a rise in vacant jobs, why is that? The simple answer is that we are not **upskilling and educating** ourselves well enough, or fast enough to adapt to the changing world.

Even the Government of Alberta predicts that over half of the new jobs created in the next two years will require some type of post-secondary education.

What does this mean for the Town of Drayton Valley? The Town of Drayton Valley is currently home to the Clean Energy Technology Center (CETC), which houses NorQuest College and the Community Learning Center, and is currently offering post- secondary education as well as career upskilling and advancement courses.

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In light of the above we ask the question why prospective students would want to come to Drayton Valley for their education. In short: we are doing what nobody else is, - offering free tuition!

The Town of Drayton Valley, through NorQuest will be offering a pilot project this fall (September, 2019) that will allow students to enroll in: first year Arts & Science Certificate Program, Health Care Aide Program, and Power Engineering Preparation courses all with no tuition. Further to that, we are continuing our conversations that will bring permanent tuition free programs to the CETC which will be sustainable without the input from the Town.

Investing in education will help drive Drayton Valley to a sustainable future. Studies have shown a connection between increased education and lower poverty, increased economic growth, and an increase standard of living.

As a community we will look to continue to offer free tuition programs to help eliminate barriers for people that may not otherwise afford post secondary education, all the while increasing the economic spinoff for our community. By bringing in students from across Alberta to Drayton Valley, they will help fill empty rental complexes, shop at our stores, and fuel up at our gas stations.

We will continue to lobby the Federal and Provincial government to support our energy industry while Drayton Valley takes its future into its own hands by offering education that will grow and benefit our community both economically and socially.

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# Arts & Science University Transfer Certificate in Drayton Valley

## **Fall Term - Social Sciences and Humanities**

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ENGL 2550 Introduction to Composition  
ANTH 1000- Introduction to Anthropology\*\*  
SOC1 1000 Introduction to the Study of Society  
HEED 1000 Health Education  
PSYC 1040 Intro to Psychology

## **Winter Term - Social Sciences and Humanities**

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ENGL 1011 - Introduction to Literary Analysis  
SOC1 2025 - Criminology  
POLS 1010 Canadian Politics  
PSYC 1050 Foundations of Human Behaviour  
PSYC 2450 - Abnormal Psychology

## **NorQuest Advance Credit:**

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Social Work Diploma: 8 courses  
Practical Nurse: 2 courses  
Therapy Assistant: 2 courses  
Pharmacy Technician: 2 courses  
Business Administration: 1 course

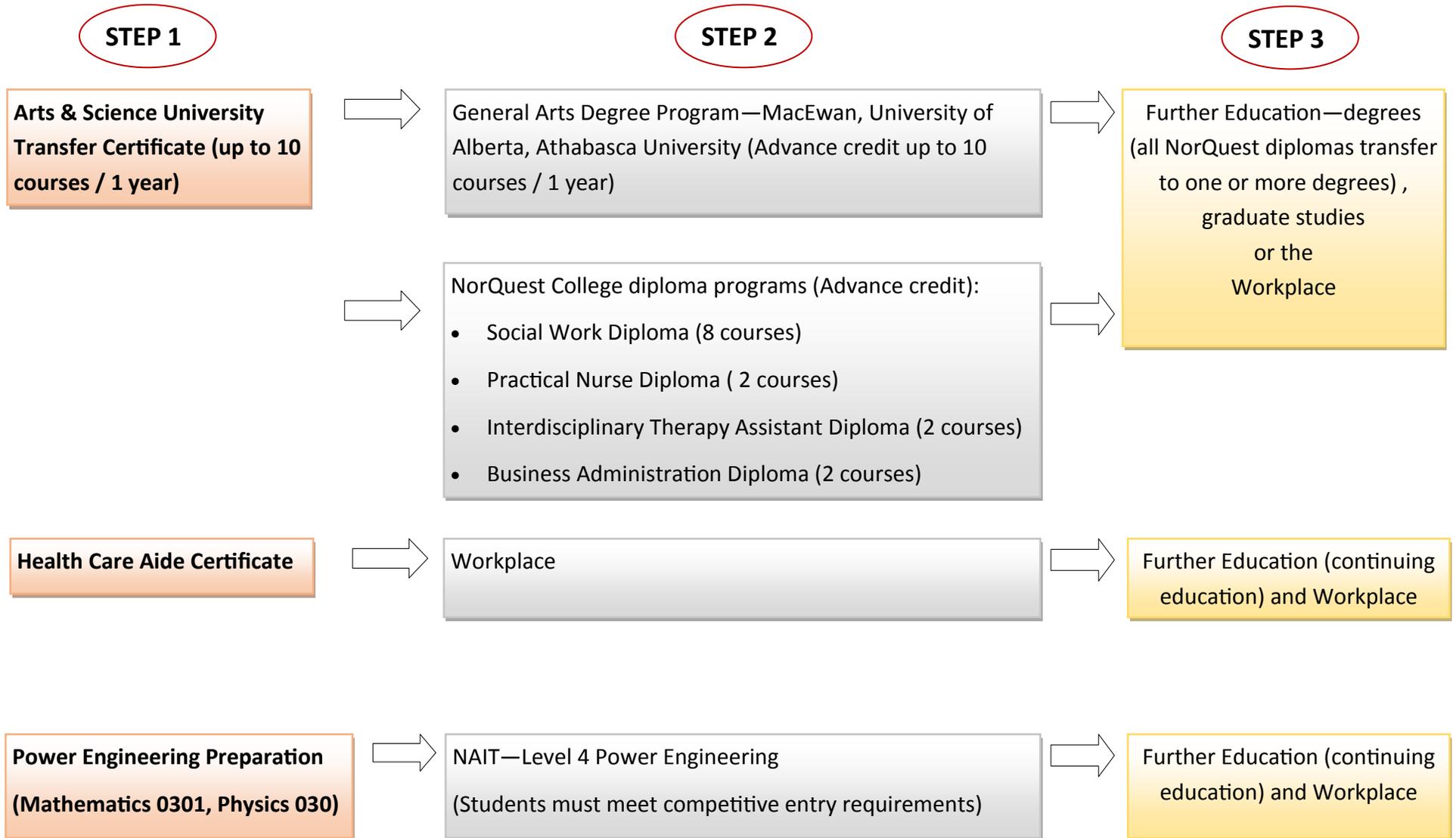
## **Transfer to other Post-Secondaries\***

University of Alberta - up to 10 courses  
MacEwan University - up to 10 courses  
Athabasca University - up to 10 courses

# Zero Fee Tuition: 2018-19 Pilot

A Partnership between the  
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## Pathways



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**ZERO FEE TUITION PILOT PROGRAM**  
**SURVEY**

The Town of Drayton Valley is excited to introduce a Zero Fee Tuition pilot program at the Clean Energy Technology Centre (CETC) in Drayton Valley beginning in September 2019. Please take our short survey to help us better understand the needs of prospective students in our region.

**1. What field of study are you interested in, at a post-secondary level?**

- a. Business
- b. Nursing
- c. Sciences
- d. Arts
- e. Trades
- f. Aviation
- g. Upgrade subjects re: math and science
- h. Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Are you looking to obtain a Certificate, Diploma or Degree?**

- a. Certificate
- b. Diploma
- c. Degree
- d. Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Are you looking for individual courses to explore new career paths or to upgrade?**

- a. Individual Course
- b. Exploring New Career Path
- c. Upgrade
- d. Other \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Are you interested in full-time or part-time studies?**

- a. Full-Time
- b. Part-Time

**5. Which in-class lectures/sessions works best for your schedule?**

- a. Weekdays
- b. Evenings
- c. Weekends
- d. Any of the above

**6. Where are you currently located?**

- a. Drayton Valley
- b. Alberta (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**7. If you have you attended another post-secondary institution, where was it?**

- a. Alberta
- b. Canada (which Province) \_\_\_\_\_
- c. International (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**8. Your Age Category**

- a. 18-24
- b. 25-35
- c. 36-45
- d. 46+