

Application Process

International applicants must complete and submit the online application form through Apply Alberta.

International applicants are required to pay the \$157.50 application fee via credit card before being considered for admission.

All international applicants are required to submit high school (secondary) and any post-secondary transcripts to Olds College. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all documents have been translated into English. The \$150 application fee includes the assessment of international transcripts and documents by Olds College, as long as the transcripts and documents are in English and notarized if a translation was done.

All international applicants to Olds College must meet the English language proficiency requirement in one of two ways.

- Demonstrate successful completion of 3 or more years of secondary or post-secondary study done entirely in the English language. **OR**
- Submit a recognized English language assessment test dated within two years of submitting their application to Olds College.

English language assessments recognized by Olds College are:

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

Score of at least 79 (computer-based) or 550 (paper-based).

Canadian Language Benchmark Assessment (CLBA)

Score of at least 8.0.

International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

Overall score of at least 6.0, and no band below 5.5
Must be the Academic test.

Pearson Test of English (Academic)

Score of at least 53-54.

Canadian Academic English Language Assessment (CAEL)

Score of at least 60.

International applicants must meet admission requirements for the program to which they have applied. The program requirements vary and can be found on the program page of the Olds College website.

Admitted applicants will be sent an email to the address provided on their application form, indicating that a seat is being held for them in their program of choice. The official admission letter and other supporting documents will be attached to that email. These will be used by the admitted student to apply for any required study permits or visas.

Application Checklist

The following checklist will help you determine if you have submitted all the documentation required to support your application and to allow the Olds College Admission Office to make a timely admission decision.

1. Submit application to Olds College through [Apply Alberta](#)
2. Pay application fee (\$150 + GST)
3. Email the following documents to international@oldscollege.ca and include the ASN you were assigned by Apply Alberta in the body of the email:
 - a. Copy of all educational documents (secondary school transcripts, post-secondary school transcripts), translated into English, if necessary
 - b. Copy of English Language Proficiency test results, if necessary (ie: IELTS, TOEFL, etc)
 - c. Copy of passport
 - d. Copy of study permit (if already in Canada on a study permit)
4. Submit any program specific requirements, if necessary (ie. career investigation, questionnaire, verification form, etc)

Tuition Deposits

Admitted students are required to pay a \$1,000 tuition deposit according to the timeline below to secure a seat in the program. Tuition deposit payments are due:

- **Within 30 days:** if you are admitted 4 or more months prior to program start date
- **Within 14 days:** if you are admitted within 4 months of the program start date or if you are offered a seat to a competitive or a waitlisted program
- **Due immediately upon admission:** if admitted within 2 weeks of the program start date for any program

The tuition deposit due date is indicated in the official admission letter and email.

Refunds

The \$157.50 application fee is non-refundable.

The \$1,000 tuition deposit is fully refundable up to 4 months prior to the start of their program (if the program starts on September 4, the tuition deposit is refundable until May 4). Applicants cancelling their application within 4 months of the program start date are not eligible for a refund.

Exceptions are only made if the applicant is denied their study permit/visa. In this case, the \$1,000 tuition deposit will be returned.

It is recommended that interested international applicants apply early and pay the tuition deposit as soon as possible, to support the study permit application process. Processing times can vary and it's important to start the process as far in advance as possible. Current processing times are available on the [CIC](#) website.

Communication

Olds College requires the personal email address and contact telephone number of each applicant, so that we can communicate directly with that individual.

The email address and telephone number provided on the application form must belong to the applicant, and not to an agent.

If an agent is working with an applicant, that applicant can fill out the [Consent to Release Information Form](#) online to give permission to Olds College to release information to the named individual(s) about the applicant's status in the admission process.

Living On Campus

It is strongly encouraged that international students live on campus. Living on campus is convenient, safe and provides opportunities to meet other students from around Alberta and Canada.

There are 2 different residence options:

1. Centennial Village, our apartment-style residences where you have your own room with a private bathroom. There are no kitchen facilities in these units, so they require a Meal Plan.
2. College Courts, our 4-bedroom townhomes, where you have your own private room but share 2 bathrooms, a kitchen, living room & dining area with 3 other students.

More information about the on-campus accommodations can be found on our website. We encourage admitted student to apply for campus housing as early as possible.

There is limited public transportation in Olds, so unless the student has access to a vehicle, it may be difficult to get to and from the college if they decide to live off-campus.

Commuting

Many students are inclined to live in the larger centres, like Calgary or Red Deer, and then commute to Olds College. This is a viable option, if you have your own reliable transportation.

Please keep in mind that the weather and road conditions can be quite poor in the winter months, so commuting 45 minutes - 1 hour each direction every day can become difficult.

We strongly encourage students to consider living in on-campus housing to prevent missing too many classes due to commuting issues.

There is no public transportation between Calgary and Olds or Red Deer and Olds.

Attendance

Regular attendance is highly encouraged, and in some programs mandatory, to ensure that you will be successful in your program. Olds College prides itself on the hands-on learning opportunities that we provide our students, so it's imperative that you attend classes consistently.

Life at Olds College

Olds College is located in the town of Olds, Alberta. Located in Central Alberta, we are approximately 1 hour north of Calgary and about 45 minutes south of Red Deer, situated just off of the #2 Highway.

Olds is a thriving town (population of about 9,000 people) with many of the amenities of a larger community, such as large department stores, unique local business, restaurants & pubs, a bowling alley, a small movie theatre, and many vibrant community events.

We are also close to larger centres and tourist destinations, so students can drive in to Calgary for a shopping trip or to go to the theatre, or even take a quick trip to the beautiful Rocky Mountains.

Amenities and services available at Olds College include:

- Broncos Athletics
 - Soccer, Futsal, Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton, Curling, Women's Hockey & Rodeo
- CLC Fitness Centre
 - Weights, Cardio Equipment, Indoor Track, Squash & Racquetball Courts, Fitness Classes, Intramurals & more!
- Olds Aquatic Centre
- The Crossing Pub
- Student Clubs
- Students' Association Olds College (SAOC) Events
- The Market at Olds College
 - Retail Meat Store
 - Olds College Brewery
 - Greenhouse Sales
 - Campus Store
- Health & Wellness Centre
 - Doctors & Nurses, Indigenous Centre, Accessibility Services, Massage Therapy, Counselling, and Testing Centre
- Learning Commons
 - Technology Support, Tutoring, Library Support
- Botanic Gardens & Constructed Wetlands
- Cafeteria