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**ASSINIBOINE**

**INTERNATIONAL VIEWBOOK**

# ASSINIBOINE ADVANTAGE

Our most recent grads say it all:



**93%**  
HAVE JOBS



**\$48k**  
AVERAGE FIRST-YEAR  
**SALARY**



**91%**  
OF GRADS  
RECOMMEND  
ASSINIBOINE



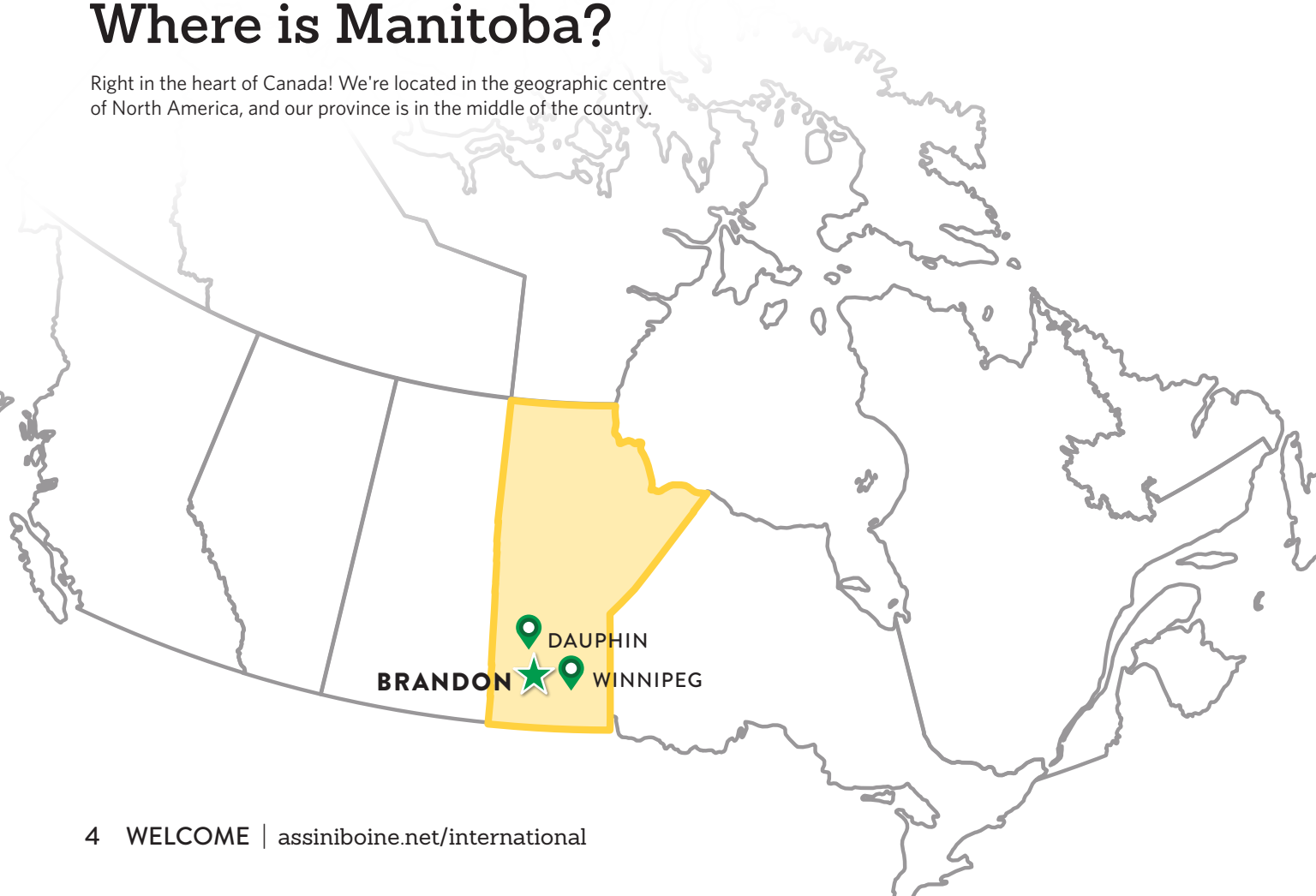
**91%**  
STAY IN  
MANITOBA

*\*Statistics taken from Assiniboine Community College's 2018 Graduate Satisfaction & Employment Survey*

# OUR CAMPUS LOCATIONS: BRANDON, DAUPHIN & WINNIPEG

## Where is Manitoba?

Right in the heart of Canada! We're located in the geographic centre of North America, and our province is in the middle of the country.



# GET TO KNOW US!



Manitoba is located in the geographical centre (or the heart) of North America. It is two to three hours by plane from cities such as Vancouver, Toronto and Chicago.



The Assiniboine River winds 17 km through the heart of Brandon. With 44 kilometres of paved walking and hiking trails, and many parks, forests, rivers and lakes within a short drive of Brandon, the area is an oasis for outdoor enthusiasts in all seasons.



The history of Manitoba's Indigenous people goes back thousands of years, and since the province was established in 1870, Manitoba has welcomed immigrants from every corner of the globe. Home to more than 210 declared ethnic or cultural origins, we are proud of our multicultural heritage!



Brandon is Manitoba's second largest city and provides services for 180,000 people, which includes those in surrounding communities. The city has amenities, services, and educational and employment opportunities generally found in much larger centres.



Manitoba hosts an abundance of cultural festivals every year, including the National Ukrainian Festival held in Dauphin, Winter Multicultural Festival in Brandon and Folklorama in Winnipeg.



Brandon is renowned for its agricultural shows: The Royal Manitoba Winter Fair, the Manitoba Summer Fair, and the Manitoba Livestock Expo. AgDays, held annually in January, is the province's largest indoor agricultural tradeshow.



Manitoba basks in over 2,300 hours of bright sunshine per year with southern Manitoba enjoying up to 16 hours of daylight during peak summer weeks. Brandon is the 6th sunniest city in Canada.



Brandon is the only Canadian city with a population under 50,000 that has a university, community college and an emergency services college.



Living in Brandon, you can experience four distinct seasons: snowy winter; cool, wet spring; hot summers; and crisp autumn.



Brandon has direct flights to Calgary, yet has a maximum in-city commute of 12 minutes.

# OUR CAMPUSES

## VICTORIA AVENUE EAST CAMPUS

### BRANDON

The Victoria Avenue East campus features many large classrooms and well-equipped labs, along with a library, bookstore, gymnasium, childcare centre, television studio, full-service cafeteria, lounge area and game room. It's also home to our college radio station, CJ-106 FM.

Our state-of-the-art labs provide you with modern, interactive equipment and space to practice and hone your skill set to perfection.

[assiniboine.net/victoria](http://assiniboine.net/victoria)



## PARKLAND CAMPUS

### DAUPHIN

This campus offers several programs open to international students and is centrally located in the Parkland region just minutes north of the Riding Mountain National Park border. It contains computer labs, a Learning Curve, Cultural Resource Centre, childcare centre, and a full-time learning strategist on site.

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## NORTH HILL CAMPUS

### BRANDON

Our North Hill campus is one of the most scenic places in the city. Perched atop of Brandon's North Hill, you'll have a stunning view overlooking the city and the valley below.

The site boasts the Manitoba Institute of Culinary Arts (MICA), which is housed inside a beautiful heritage building that has been restored. The spacious Len Evans Centre for Trades and Technology features modern machine shops and classrooms in a historically-rich setting.

Nearby, our sustainable greenhouse is where you'll grow your skills. The large, state-of-the-art greenhouse is a central spot for applied research on food security and sustainability.

[assiniboine.net/nhcampus](http://assiniboine.net/nhcampus)



## WINNIPEG CAMPUS

### WINNIPEG

International cohort programs are occasionally offered in Manitoba's busy capital.

[assiniboine.net/internationalcohorts](http://assiniboine.net/internationalcohorts)



# WHY STUDY IN MANITOBA?

When considering where to take your education, Manitoba is an excellent choice.

Manitoba is an ideal location for students looking for a safe, welcoming and dynamic study abroad experience. A low cost of living and a strong job market make learning affordable compared to other provinces.

1. Home to the world-renowned Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program: a pathway for international graduates to apply for permanent residency. Visit [immigratemanitoba.com](http://immigratemanitoba.com) for eligibility.
2. As a study permit holder, you are able to work part-time during your studies. With a growing job market in Manitoba and program-related labour needs, students get jobs.
3. Gain a world-class education with internationally recognized education programs, state-of-the-art classrooms and research facilities, as well as highly trained instructors.
4. Vibrant sports, arts and culture industries with a variety of activities and events to enjoy.
5. Manitoba enjoys a diverse economy with strong agricultural and food processing industries.
6. High quality of life: clean air and water, small population, safe, and a low cost of living.

## WHY BRANDON?

Brandon is located 200 km west of Winnipeg, 365 km east of Regina and 100 km north of the United States border.

Brandon's nickname is the "Wheat City" in honour of its rich agricultural heritage and reputation as a prosperous farming community. Brandon is the little city with a big heart.

Twice, *Chatelaine* magazine has voted it as one of the top ten cities in Canada in which to live. It is a welcoming community with a quality of life that must be experienced in order to be appreciated!



Safe, multicultural city



Brandon's population: 49,000 people



Vibrant and growing community



**Fadi Al Sai**, class of '18  
**Program:** Communications Engineering Technology  
**Home Country:** Lebanon

Visit [assiniboine.net/blogs](http://assiniboine.net/blogs) for the full interview.



# WHY ASSINIBOINE?

## **A HOME AWAY FROM HOME.**

Assiniboine's friendly and welcoming attitude is simply who we are; we are approachable, kind and supportive. So are most people in the cities of Brandon and Dauphin. You'll quickly become familiar with your new surroundings, and we encourage you to enjoy the full college and city experience! Assiniboine International and your Students' Association will organize many activities throughout the year, and some students play on the college's sports teams.

## **LEARN BY DOING.**

Assist a patient, cook or serve an incredible meal, run a daily broadcast news show or solve computer network problems. At Assiniboine, you will practice hands-on work skills because much of your learning isn't taught through lectures or textbooks alone. Assiniboine's labs and shops have up-to-date equipment and technology to help you learn. Our college connects you with Canadian workplaces through activities like projects, conferences, practicums or co-ops. We want to prepare you for a career that will be meaningful.

## **PLAN FOR YOUR SUCCESS.**

Assiniboine graduates get jobs! Our 2018 survey showed that 93% of those graduates are working within nine months of graduation and earning an average salary of \$48,000 (Canadian). Assiniboine's program advisory groups (industry employers and experts) help us design and deliver programs that give graduates the skills needed for job success. Assiniboine International closely follows provincial and federal immigration priorities so Assiniboine's programs meet labour market needs.

## **JOIN OUR COMMUNITY.**

The word "community" is an important part of our college's name. Assiniboine's classes are small (generally 15-25 students), so instructors know your name. Our campuses are compact so you can move between classes quickly and see your friends every day. Brandon and Dauphin are small cities, but have everything needed for a good life—stores and restaurants, recreational facilities and community groups, affordable housing and easy transportation. Assiniboine staff and instructors also live here and appreciate the diversity and energy you will bring to our community.



# ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES

## CULTURE, LANGUAGE AND ACADEMIC PREPARATION

Students without the required English proficiency can apply to EAP and a college program on the same application form for one application fee. Students can be conditionally accepted to a college program when accepted into the EAP program.

The program generally has three intakes: fall, winter and spring. The program terms are 14 weeks in length. Students are required to have a minimum IELTS score 5.0 or equivalent to be admitted. Some students may need to enroll in more than one term to achieve an IELTS score of 6.5, which is the admission requirement for most Assiniboine Community College academic programs.

## ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

Some students start by completing a two-year diploma at the college and then transferring to a partner university for two more years to earn a degree. Others come to us with a post-secondary credential and want to add a certificate, diploma or advanced diploma to their resume while acquiring skills to increase their competitiveness in the job market.

Visit [assiniboine.net/articulation](http://assiniboine.net/articulation) for more information on how you can leverage your Assiniboine education.

# STUDENT SUPPORTS

Assiniboine's program student success advisors and international student success advisor work together to help you have the best educational experience.

They can help you with things like:

- » Preparing to come to Manitoba and study at Assiniboine Community College
- » Practical questions like getting a driver's license
- » Academic needs like tutoring, program planning or accommodations for a disability
- » Confidential support for personal issues
- » Contact with community agencies and services

The friendly and knowledgeable Learning Curve staff can help you grow your study skills, and they can provide research assistance to help you understand and be successful in a Canadian college. If you're even a little bit worried about your college courses, contact the Learning Curve early on to see what kind of help is available to you.

Assiniboine International staff work closely with the Students' Association international representative to plan welcome events and to arrange fun activities to help build your community of friends and supports.





# COUGAR PRIDE

## Join the Team


- » Men's volleyball, soccer and futsal
- » Women's volleyball, soccer, futsal and hockey

You must be a full time student at Assiniboine to play for the Cougars. Assiniboine provides travel, meals, accommodations and game-day uniforms for our student athletes when the team travels.

For more information on Cougar Athletics, visit [assiniboine.net/athletics](http://assiniboine.net/athletics) or email our Athletics Manager at [cougars@assiniboine.net](mailto:cougars@assiniboine.net).

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 Assiniboine Cougars



# ASSINIBOINE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Students' Association exists to serve you. Our council works hard to ensure we voice relevant student perspectives, provide for college committees and engage with student projects. We strive to deliver quality services that speak to the specific needs of students and to host events that create a social atmosphere and offer stress relief.


## OUR SERVICES INCLUDE:

- » Student council
- » Student health and dental insurance
- » U-Pass, free bus transit
- » Paw Pass, student discount program
- » Advocacy and appeal support
- » Student clubs
- » Representation on college committees and student initiatives
- » ...and much, much more!


## OUR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- » Orientation week activities and events
- » Socials
- » Wellness and mental health initiatives
- » Multicultural activities and events
- » Recreational activities and events
- » Professional development opportunities
- » ... and more!

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 ACC Students' Association

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION





# Meet Mabel

**Mabel Caldeira Passos de Figueiredo**, class of '18  
**Program:** Land and Water Management  
**Home Country:** Brazil

Visit [assiniboine.net/blogs](https://assiniboine.net/blogs) for more interviews.

Some Western painted turtles may owe their lives to Mabel Caldeira Passos de Figueiredo.

Figueiredo came to Assiniboine Community College from Brazil to take Environmental Technologies: Land & Water Management specialization.

She won the Best in Show award at the college's annual Showcase of Applied Research and Innovation for her project to protect the breeding grounds of the turtle in the Boissevain area, south of Brandon.

The Western painted turtle is not yet on the endangered list, but a recent report saying their numbers are declining by 10 per cent shows their survival is a long-term concern, Figueiredo said.

"Why don't we start a prevention program before they are endangered? All painted turtles have a unique pattern. The design on their shell is like a fingerprint. It is the only time you will see that drawing," she said.

They act as a food source for other animals, while their shells absorb phosphorous from the water system, reducing potential harm to other animals.

Mother turtles lay their eggs in nests in sandy areas, away from trees. The hatchlings stay in the nest for a year, reaching maturity, and leave the nest the following spring.

Figueiredo's research showed that protecting the nests with small metal

frames helped reduce the loss of eggs and hatchlings to coyotes, raccoons and other predators, while open canopies allow the sun to keep the hatchlings warm through winter.

In Brazil, Figueiredo was an occupational health and safety technician, first for Fugro, an offshore survey company, and then for Transocean, a deep-water drilling company.

But when global oil prices plunged, "I decided this is the perfect time for me to realize my dream of studying abroad. I put all my chips on coming here to Canada to study."

She chose Assiniboine "because of the courses. All the other places I searched for environmental courses were too generic. Assiniboine had land and water management. I didn't want a random degree or diploma. I wanted something specific that would really go deeper in some form of knowledge."

Figueiredo praised the instructors at Assiniboine for taking a genuine interest in her education and career.

"They go above and beyond to make sure you understand the subjects."

When two of her instructors started talking about how much the drone business is growing, Figueiredo took and graduated from the course required to become a pilot of what are formally known as unmanned aviation vehicles (UAVs.)

"I will be able to fly a drone professionally for photography, thermography, crop

inspection. This was only in my life because of Assiniboine. I never thought about using drones before that," she said.

She advises prospective students from outside Canada to bring more money with them than the government advises. "Settling in a new country can be costly sometimes. It's better to have some extra money."

Students should also try to get a part-time job during the school year to help build their Canadian resumé, she said.

Her own career has taken a surprising and gratifying turn, thanks to the close connections Assiniboine instructors build and maintain with potential employers.

One instructor took her class on a field trip to a chemical plant in Brandon. Figueiredo took advantage of the opportunity to network and share some of her experience doing similar work in Brazil. She is now working for this company on a six-month contract as an Environmental Health and Safety Technician.

"I had these amazing instructors at ACC. How could I ever have had a chance of being noticed by my current employer, if I hadn't gone on the field trip that day? Field trips were a chance to see real-life applications of my studies, and most importantly, opportunities to network with potential employers," she said.

"Being an ACC student was essential for this opportunity to happen."



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