

Post Secondary Transition

County Central High School
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MyBlueprint menu overview

MyBlueprint Menu	What is found there
Who Am I	Five surveys including personality and interest surveys. Results link to suggested occupations.
High School	Planner allows students to figure out what they need to graduate. Completed and registered courses import from PowerSchool. Planner links to admission requirements in Post-Secondary.
Post-Secondary	Research apprenticeship, college and university programs including programs, admission requirements and tuition. Use filters to narrow search by geography or by High School plan.
Work	Research close to 600 occupations (videos, employment projections, average wages, etc.), create a resumé with the easy-to-use template, write a cover letter and even search for paid and volunteer work.
Money	Create a budget that prompts you to identify all of your expenses and sources of income as you head into life after high school.



MyBlueprint

Available to all Palliser students

Usually introduced to students in grade 10 (CALM)

Login instructions student accounts and parent accounts:

bit.ly/MyBlueprintlogin

MyBlueprint.ca/palliser (click to launch)

The screenshot shows the MyBlueprint.ca Student Account dashboard. The interface is divided into a dark blue sidebar on the left and a main content area on the right. The sidebar contains a navigation menu with the following items: Home, Who Am I, High School, Post-Secondary, Work, Money, Guides, and Favourites. The main content area has a light blue header with the text "Student Account" and a user profile section for "Charlene Foster" (CF) showing a grade level of "Gr. 12" and "3,300 points". Below the header, the "Home" section is active, displaying a "Complete your EPP Tasks" card. This card features a progress bar indicating "5 of 8 Completed" and a description: "Educational Pathways Plan (EPP) Tasks help you plan your education and career while earning points for prize draws." There are two buttons: "View All Tasks" and "Show Prizes". A modal window is open over the card, titled "High School • Plan" and "Ensure Your Plan Fulfills All Requirements", showing a "100 points" reward. The modal has left and right navigation arrows.

Student Account

Gr. 12 3,300 points Charlene Foster CF

Home

Dashboard Tasks Class Activities Goals Portfolios

Complete your EPP Tasks

5 of 8 Completed

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View All Tasks Show Prizes

High School • Plan

Ensure Your Plan Fulfills All Requirements

100 points



Common pathways after high school

1. College or Technical Institute
2. University
3. Apprenticeship in a skilled trade
4. Gap Year



College or Technical Institute

Examples: SAIT, Lethbridge College, Bow Valley College

Typically 1 or 2 year programs (but some also offer degrees)

Very connected to the local industries and employment opportunities

Skills are usually related very directly to a particular



University

Examples:

University of Lethbridge, University of Calgary

Typically 4 year programs, also professional programs, masters and doctoral programs

Programs emphasize ideas as well as skills - more academic and less hands on



Apprenticeship in a skilled trade

What are the skilled trades?

A skilled trade is a career path that requires hands-on work, and specialty knowledge and training. Skilled trades workers build and maintain infrastructure.

This includes occupations like welding, carpentry, mechanics, plumbing etc.



Apprenticeship in a skilled trade

How do you become an apprentice?

In order to become certified in a skilled trade, you must complete an apprenticeship with an employer. Number of years for an apprenticeship can vary from 1-4 years but you are paid throughout your apprenticeship.

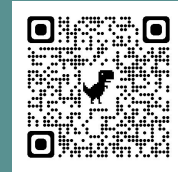


Apprenticeship in a skilled trade

Are the skilled trades the right path?

Due to the huge shortage of skilled trades people in Canada, there are plenty of **opportunities** and **financial supports** for those looking to explore the trades. Check out the AIT website to explore what trades are available.

tradesecrets.alberta.ca/trades-in-alberta/designated-trades-profiles





Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP)

RAP allows high school students to begin their apprenticeship journey while still in high school!

- Students can earn school credits while earning apprenticeship hours (**25 hours worked = 1 HS credit**) for a maximum of **40 credits**.
- Every apprentice will receive scholarships to put towards technical training, tools, etc.
- Students can explore apprenticeship job opportunities with their Off-Campus teachers.
- Register to receive the apprentice-Bluebook from AIT.

The RAP program allows high school students to begin their apprenticeship journey a bit earlier. Students are still required to complete their academic portion of school, but can earn credits towards graduation through their working hours at their place of work. Students can earn 40 credits for 1,000 hours of work.

STUDENTS FIND AN EMPLOYER

Students find an employer that will hire them on as an apprentice. This is a PAID position.

STUDENTS COMPLETE THEIR HOURS

Depending on the trade, hour requirements differ. On average, 1,500 hours of work must be completed prior to technical training.

TECHNICAL TRAINING

Apprentices complete an 8 week technical training period at an accredited college. During this time, apprentices stop their work.

PASS THE EXAM

At the end of the 8 week technical training period, apprentices must pass an exam in order to progress in their apprenticeship.

BECOME A 2ND YEAR APPRENTICE

Depending on the trade, apprenticeships will take 2-4 years. Apprentices will repeat this pathway until they have completed their necessary years of training.

RAP PROGRAM

The RAP program allows students to get a head start on this specific portion of their apprenticeship. While Students cannot begin their technical training portion of their apprenticeship while still in high school, students can begin earning their hours while earning money so that once they graduate, they are ready to begin their technical training and examination portion of their first year of apprenticeship.

Gap Year

Examples:

Do a project, learn a skill, upgrade courses and marks, explore interests

Get resources and support through the Canadian Gap Year Association
(cangap.ca)





Career Resources

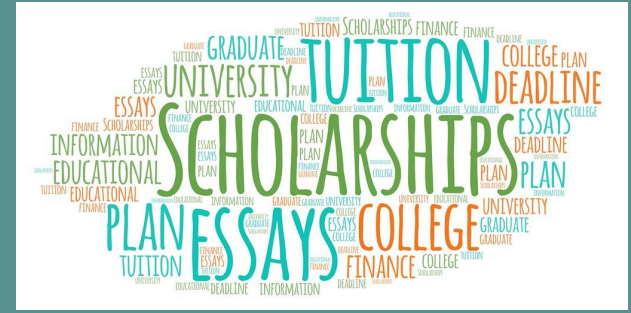
My Blueprint (myblueprint.ca/palliser) - Who Am I surveys, explore careers and post-secondary programs across Canada, budget, build a resume and portfolio

ALIS (alis.alberta.ca) - explore careers and post-secondary options in Alberta

Explore your interests (and earn credits) through RAP / Green / Work Experience

Try out a post-secondary program (and earn credits) through Dual Credit and Exploratories (summer and fall info night April 26, applications due May 12)

Finances



Where to apply for scholarships

Through the post-secondary where you've applied (apply for scholarships after you submit your post-secondary application)

Online searches

Your community - sports clubs, parents' employer, your bank, etc.

Prepare to manage your money well with resources like [Enriched Academy.](#)





Scholarship Pages

Top Reasons/Options: Financial Need, Academics, Athletic, Community, Program Specific

Alberta Student Aid: <https://studentaid.alberta.ca/scholarships/>

Alberta Awards and Scholarships: <https://www.alberta.ca/awards-scholarships.aspx>

Palliser Off Campus: <https://www.palliseroffcampus.ca/finances>

School Specific Search (Lethbridge College:

<https://lethbridgecollege.ca/departments/student-awards-and-financial-aid/awards-and-scholarships>

County Central Scholarship Page: <https://www.countycentral.ca/scholarships>



Dual Credit

www.palliseroffcampus.ca

- Take regular post-secondary courses
- Earn Post-Secondary credit and High School credit at the same time
- Try out a post-secondary program while you're still in high school
- Ease the transition to post-secondary
- Save money



Timelines

Grade 10 - Gathering information and reflecting

Start using MyBlueprint

Set up MyPass account (mypass.alberta.ca)

Start reflecting on interests and areas of strength



Timelines

Grade 11 - more gathering information and starting to plan

Revisit myblueprint.ca/palliser

Look for an bookmark scholarships. Apply for any that apply to grade 11's

Attend post-secondary fairs and open house events (see calendar at palliseroffcampus.ca/calendar)

Keep reflecting on interests and areas of strength. WE, RAP, Green Certificate, Dual Credit can also be helpful



Timelines

Grade 12 - choosing where you will start after highschool

Plan your gap year (see cangap.ca)

Apply (or continue) an apprenticeship

Apply to post-secondary (most applications open in October) - use applyalberta.ca for Alberta institutions (workshop for students)

Apply for scholarships (post-secondary, online searches, community, apprenticeship scholarships)

Apply for Rutherford scholarship (August)



Contact Information

Learning Commons Facilitator - Jen Dobson

Career conversations, admission requirements, Gap Year resources

Off Campus Teacher - Ginny Bergsma

Work Experience, RAP, Green Certificate, Dual Credit



Questions?