

## Northern Alberta Institute of Technology Mandate

The Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) is a public board-governed technical institute operating in accordance with the *Post-secondary Learning Act*.

As a polytechnic institute, NAIT serves primarily central and Northwestern Alberta, offering a variety of career programming in credit, non-credit and apprenticeship formats with opportunities for full and part-time delivery. With its strong focus on serving the needs of business and industry, NAIT is a key contributor to the province's economic well-being.

Certificate, diploma, applied degree and baccalaureate degree programs are offered in a range of career fields including business, mechanical and manufacturing, building sciences, health technologies, media and information technologies, natural resources and environment, hospitality and tourism, electrical, electronics, and agricultural programming related to land utilization and the care and training of animals.

NAIT contributes significantly to the training of apprentices in Alberta and across Canada. NAIT offers apprenticeship training in the fields of mechanical and manufacturing, construction, electrical and electronics, and other trades.

NAIT offers preparatory education assisting students to upgrade their academic standing for entry into career programs offered by NAIT and other post-secondary institutions. Training is offered in classroom, lab, and shop environments and may include a work placement component. NAIT embraces opportunities to use a variety of technologies to enhance learning and provide training to both rural and remote communities. NAIT is fundamentally committed to student success, emphasizing instructional and curricular excellence, student support and a vibrant campus environment.

NAIT complements its programming with initiatives designed to promote student success within Alberta and across the world. NAIT trains international students in their own countries and on its local campuses. NAIT also assists other countries to develop their own technical training institutions. NAIT pursues applied research opportunities with organizations that seek to develop new technologies and processes and as a result, enhances the knowledge and skills of its own faculty and students. NAIT provides significant business incubator support for those seeking to create and develop new businesses and new products.

NAIT is committed to the development of public and private partnerships that enhance student-learning outcomes, create transfer opportunities and serve communities in which NAIT operates. NAIT seeks to work collaboratively with other public post-secondary institutions to meet the needs of learners and employers across the province of Alberta and beyond.

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