

Program Details for International Students

Food Processing (eleven-month certificate)

The information offered in this document will provide an insight into what you will experience and learn within the Food Processing program. Please consider this information to ensure that you are selecting a program that is right for you in terms of your aptitudes, interests, past educational history, and career goals.

Required Orientation:	Typically one week before program start date. There may be separate program and international orientation sessions for students.
Program Start Date:	See Letter of Eligibility for the specific start date or this webpage for generic start dates.
PGWP Length:	Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) up to eleven months.
Class Schedule:	Monday to Friday. Classes may be scheduled between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. Instructions to access your class schedule will be shared approximately 4 weeks before program start date.
Campus Location:	See Letter of Eligibility or this webpage for specific campus and program location.

To be a Successful Student at Assiniboine College:

- You must pass all courses and have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher to graduate.
- You must purchase all required books and supplies, including uniforms and equipment.
- You must prepare to be evaluated on tests, group work, presentations, public events, and research papers.
- You should attend all classes, labs and program events, while arriving on time daily.
- You should be proficient in reading, writing, listening, and speaking English. English is the language of communication at Assiniboine.
- You should be proficient in using technology on a daily basis, including the use of computers and the Windows operating system.
- You should be familiar with the [Policy on Academic Integrity](#) and avoid violations of academic integrity.

How Assiniboine College Can Help You be Successful:

- Trained instructors will share their knowledge and experience from the industry and give you specific feedback on course progress.
- [The Learning Curve](#) is available to assist with study skills, assignment preparation, and academic support.
- [Student advising](#) staff can offer support when concerns arise that may impact your studies.
- A [Regulated International Student Immigration Advisor](#) can answer questions related to permits.



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- See this [website](#) and review all tabs for detailed program information.
- You will be registered automatically for required courses approximately 4 weeks in advance of classes.

Costs:

- Tuition: See [here](#) under the Courses and Costs tab.
 - *Note: Tuition must be paid in full before the start of the program and it cannot be refunded or transferred. Any missed or failed courses will require a new tuition payment to enroll in the course again.
- Health insurance: All international students require [health insurance](#). Cost is approximately \$1000.
- Tools, supplies, and textbooks: See lists [here](#) under the Tools and Supplies tab. Required early in program.

Computer Devices:

- Students in this program are expected to have a computer at home with internet access.
- See [this website](#) for further information on computer devices.

Co-op Work Practicum:

- Students are required to complete a coop work practicum in this program and require a Co-op Work Permit to complete the practicum. This may be a paid practicum placement.
- Relocation to a small, rural community may be required for completion of the co-op practicum.
- Students may be responsible for finding their own coop work practicums.
- A valid driver's license and access to a vehicle may be required for some co-op work practicums, particularly for those that occur outside of Brandon or Winnipeg.

Other Important Information:

- Meat: You must touch, process, and package raw meat products on a daily basis in this program. This includes the trimming, cutting, preparation, and packaging of various animals like pigs, cows, sheep, chickens, fish, and others.