2019-20
PROGRAM CHECKLIST
YOUR GUIDE TO STARTING AT ASSINIBOINE

HORTICULTURAL PRODUCTION
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Welcome to Assiniboine Community College!

As a registered student at Assiniboine there are things that you can do to prepare for a great Assiniboine experience. Please read the steps below to get college ready and experience campus life to its fullest.

Get College Ready

1. **KNOW WHEN YOUR FIRST DAY OF CLASS IS**
   
   Your first day of class is:
   
   **Date:** Tuesday, January 6, 2020.
   
   **Time:** 8:30 a.m.
   
   **Room:** Greenhouse  
   
   **Campus:** North Hill Campus

2. **LOG INTO MYACC**

   As a registered student, you received a letter from the Registrar’s Office providing important information about your registration, fees and payment options, student orientation (Xplore ACC), login information to MyACC, your Assiniboine network account, college email, parking etc. **Note: If you have not received this letter, you may not be registered and may not have access to MyACC. For questions related to your registration, contact the Registrar’s Office (see Contact Information on pg 8).**

   MyACC allows you to view your **class schedule**, financial account, current and past grades, evaluate your progress in your program, your profile (name, address etc.), **make on-line payments**, set up a payment plan (eligible programs only), register for continuing studies courses, change your address, view tax information, request transcripts etc. **Note: Class schedules may be modified up to and including the first day of classes, please check your schedule regularly for updates.**

   You can access MyACC at [myacc.assiniboine.net](http://myacc.assiniboine.net). It is important that you check it regularly to ensure you are on track to graduate.

**Term Dates**

Refer to your schedule on MyACC for the date, time and location of your courses; ACC terms are as follows:

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3. **LOG INTO YOUR COLLEGE EMAIL**

Please note that from this point forward, Assiniboine will use your unique college email address to contact you, ([yourusername@assiniboine.net](mailto:yourusername@assiniboine.net)). It is important that you check your college email regularly.

*For any login issues with MyACC or your college account, please contact:*

IT Service Desk
ITServiceDesk@assiniboine.net
204.725.8700 ext 6765
toll free 800.862.6307 ext 6765

4. **GET YOUR BOOKS & ASSINIBOINE SWAG**

Textbooks, supplies, Assiniboine clothing and uniforms can be purchased at the Victoria Avenue East Campus Store, which is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday or online at assiniboineshop.ca.

*Note: Books and supplies are identified by course, not by program, it is important that you bring your schedule into the campus store when purchasing your books and supplies.*

Book and supply lists are available online 30 calendar days prior to the program start date. View the “Tools & Supplies” tab on your program page [https://assiniboine.net/programs/horticultural-production](https://assiniboine.net/programs/horticultural-production) to obtain your copy. You can also pick up a copy at Xplore ACC.

A variety of other items, including locks, binders, pens, paper, etc. can also be purchased.

*For assistance, please contact:*

Assiniboine Bookstore
assiniboine@bkstr.com
204.725.8721
toll free 800.862.6307 ext 6788 or 7007
fax 204.571.0627

5. **APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES**

Everyone should consider applying for scholarships and bursaries. Over $200,000 is available to Assiniboine students every year. Deadlines vary, but many have deadlines of July 15th or October 15th. Visit [https://assiniboine.net/admissions/student-aid-awards/scholarships-bursaries](https://assiniboine.net/admissions/student-aid-awards/scholarships-bursaries) and use our Awards Search Tool to find and apply for awards.

6. **APPLY FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORTS**

Did you know most students qualify for financial assistance? Our Associate Registrar – Financial Aid and Awards, and Enrolment Services helps students identify and apply for financial supports, including government student loans, grants and funding to help pay for their education. Please visit [www.edu.gov.mb.ca/msa](http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/msa) for more information on applying for student loans.
For guidance on financial aid and awards, please contact:
Associate Registrar – Financial Aid and Awards, and Enrolment Services
awards@assiniboine.net
204.725.8700 ext. 6020
toll free 1.800.862.6307 ext. 6020

7. APPLY FOR TRANSFER CREDIT
If you have taken courses at other accredited educational institutes that are the same, or very similar to courses offered at Assiniboine, you can apply for a transfer of credit. If you think this may apply to you, please read policy A07 Credit for Previous Education and submit the form attached to the policy, along with the course outlines from your prior institution, as early as possible to the Registrar’s Office.

8. APPLY FOR PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT RECOGNITION
Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) provides the opportunity to obtain credit for college level knowledge and skills gained outside of the classroom. If you have acquired learning from formal education, work, and/or volunteer experience, personal study and other life activities you may consider applying for PLAR. To learn more, please read policy A06 Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition. Courses available for PLAR are identified with the symbol P in the current academic calendar.

9. PURCHASE PARKING
Student parking is available at each campus. Please refer to https://assiniboine.net/admissions/fees-payment/fees/parking-pricing for the list of options and/or pricing for your campus location.

For students studying at campuses in Brandon, a free transit bus pass (UPASS) is included in your student fees. This pass is available at the Students’ Association office.

10. GET CAUGHT UP ON THE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR PROGRAM
Welcome to Horticultural Production!

Learn the totality of food production while studying in our sustainable greenhouse at the North Hill campus. Focus your interests on three key sectors: fruits and vegetables, greenhouse production and nurseries.

Learn in a state-of-the-art sustainable 3,300 square foot greenhouse that brings together solar powered, energy efficient growth solutions, plus a 3.2 acre grow plot and teaching orchard. Be part of a field to fork approach when you grow and cultivate the food used in our Culinary Arts and Hotel and Restaurant Management programs.

Participate in pioneering research projects and help find ways to improve greenhouse management and food production. Our Integrated Pest Management (IPM) course examines the most modern biological controls in food growth with an aim to reduce chemical interventions for controlling pests.
Create your own customized soil and compost. Grow unusual food plants such as fenugreek, Malabar spinach and Jamaican thyme. Diagnose and treat plant diseases. Improve drainage systems and learn how to increase food production via microclimate studies. Discover how the art of budding and grafting changes the face and function of trees.

For more information on your program visit your program page at https://assiniboine.net/programs/horticultural-production

11. CHECK OUT OUR SERVICES AND GET ADVICE

As you prepare for your start at Assiniboine, a Student Success Advisor can assist with:

- Personal preparation needs, like childcare and housing
- Medical needs or a disability
- Resources for the academic demands of college, like math, writing and study skills
- More information about your program and career options
- Questions about your classes and schedule

Accessibility/Disability Services
If you are a student with a physical, sensory and/or learning disability and/or mental health condition, contact your Student Success Advisor. They will work with you to create appropriate supports and accommodations to help you succeed in your program. For more information on Accessibility/Disability services visit https://assiniboine.net/student-life/student-services/accessibility-and-disability

The Learning Curve
The Learning Curve is a great space to develop effective writing, math, computer and study skills. Assistive technology, like Read and Write Gold, will help you read and write more effectively. Learn study skills, effective test-taking strategies, time management and other learning strategies – or drop in to chat about specific learning challenges at the start of your year. For more information on the Learning Curve, visit https://assiniboine.net/student-life/student-services/learning-curve

Childcare
Assiniboine has a daycare centre on campus in Brandon and in Dauphin. If you are looking for childcare, the Assiniboine Early Learning Centre at the Victoria Avenue East campus and the Parkland Campus Kids Inc. in Dauphin offer programs. For more information on childcare, visit https://assiniboine.net/student-life/resources-students/childcare

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Indigenous Affairs
Our indigenous services include both traditional and mainstream counselling support. We assist students in preparing for their studies at Assiniboine and/or moving to a new community. During the year, bannock days, craft sessions, family events and other activities will help you gain a strong education while maintaining traditions important to you. Feel welcome to visit our Cultural Centre in person at any time.

If you have questions about services, please contact
Cultural Centre
204.725.8700 ext 7181
toll free 1.800.862.6307 ext 7181

International Students
We have many support services to ensure our international students have a great experience. In addition to Xplore ACC another orientation session takes place for international students. Attendance is mandatory at these events, and will make your first days of college much less stressful.

If you have questions about services, please contact:
Assiniboine International
international@assiniboine.net
204.725.8700 ext 7019

Assiniboine Students’ Association
Assiniboine Students’ Association exists to serve students. They are the voice at Assiniboine and work hard to ensure your experience is the best it can be. The ACCSA is a great opportunity for you to get involved and make some key connections within Assiniboine and the community. Visit accstudents.com, follow them on Facebook and Twitter and find out how you can get involved.

12. TRYOUT FOR A TEAM
Assiniboine has Cougar pride! Tryout dates are in September and are publicized on the college website, on posters, hallway monitors and the student intranet. For more information on athletics, visit www.assiniboine.net/athletics
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Contact Information

School of Agriculture & Environment
ag.enviro@assiniboine.net
800.862.6307 ext. 6213
204.725.8724

Registrar’s Office
registration@assiniboine.net
800.862.6307 ext. 4032
204.725.8701

Student Success Advisor
strachank1490@assiniboine.net
800.862.6307 ext. 6963
204.725.8723

Don’t forget to check out Assiniboine’s website (www.assiniboine.net) and student intranet (http://student.assiniboine.net) for additional information.