



**RUSS EDWARDS
SCHOOL**
Agriculture & Environment

Eligible for
**FINANCIAL AID
& AWARDS**

FOOD PROCESSING

ANIMAL PROTEINS

8-Month Certificate *(11-Month Certificate for International)*

Kickstart your career in Canada's thriving meat processing sector. Acquire practical skills in retail meat cutting and butchery, while also developing specialized industrial expertise that is highly sought after by local employers in the meat processing industry.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

- ▶ Understand the fundamentals of meat theory including meat structure, nutrition, grading and inspection.
- ▶ Order, judge and select meats.
- ▶ Use safe and sanitary practices relating to meat storage and handling.
- ▶ Prepare fresh meat (poultry, beef, pork, goat and lamb) and value-added items.
- ▶ Process pork carcasses into primal cuts.
- ▶ Butcher and package pork primal cuts into value-added specifications for local, national and international premium markets.
- ▶ Carry out other tasks related to the processing of meat for shipping to customers or storage.
- ▶ Care for and safely operate hand tools and power meat-cutting equipment.
- ▶ Deliver high-quality customer service during the Protein Pantry store training component.
- ▶ Engage in business fundamentals, including purchasing, receiving, marketing strategies, inventory control and product merchandising.
- ▶ Apply business math techniques in profit principles, retail pricing and spreadsheet analysis.
- ▶ Adhere to Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP), Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and food safety standards.

You might be a good fit for this program if you would enjoy:

- ▶ Working in the meat industry in Canada, including a paid practicum placement in the industry for 12 weeks.
- ▶ Learning about practical cutting methods, preparation of specialty meats, storing and handling meats and general operation and maintenance of shop equipment, sausage-making and value-added meat products.
- ▶ A physically demanding occupation in an industrial environment.



Campus/Delivery Options
Victoria Avenue East campus



Available Intakes
May (Int'l) | September



Industry Work Experience
12 weeks

EXPECTATIONS

Program & Industry

- ▶ Have physical strength and stamina as well as mobility and motor skills to undertake the required tasks.
- ▶ Have good manual dexterity.
- ▶ Ability to perform repetitive physical tasks and stand for long periods of time.
- ▶ Use knives and other equipment to disassemble hog (pork) and beef product for further processing
- ▶ Ability to work in a wide range of environmental conditions from cool to warm and wet to dry, and to work in refrigerated environments for long periods.
- ▶ Stand for long periods of time, while using saws, meat grinders and slicers, knives, and many other types of kitchen equipment.
- ▶ Cooperate with others in a diverse team environment.
- ▶ Ensure safe and hygienic practices are applied to all tasks.
- ▶ Adhere to strict personal hygiene standards.
- ▶ Work shift work as this is reflective of typical work hours in industry, and the environment can often be loud.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Find innumerable employment opportunities in all aspects of the meat cutting industry. Prospective employers include federal and provincial abattoirs, specialty meat operations, supermarkets, custom processors, case ready and wholesale operations, large-scale animal processing plants, and independently owned storefronts.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ A complete Manitoba Grade 12 or equivalent
- ▶ IELTS score of 5.5 with no sub-score less than 5.0 or equivalent
- ▶ Must be 18 years of age by program start date
- ▶ Food Processing Self Declaration Form

NEXT STEPS

Confidence in the career path you choose to embark on is key and selecting the right program for you is the first step. At Assiniboine, we offer an opportunity to explore and experience a program before applying. Choose to:

SPEND A DAY WITH US

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- ▶ Participate in classroom activities
- ▶ Experience college life
- ▶ Explore all of our helpful services for students
- ▶ Meet current college students and instructors
- ▶ Enjoy a free lunch on us!

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