



Correctional Education Programs & Services

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Land Acknowledgement

NorQuest College serves its learners and the community on the traditional lands, referred to as Treaty 6 Territory and the homeland of Métis Region #4. This land is home to many diverse groups of Indigenous Peoples including the Cree, Dene, Blackfoot, Saulteaux, Nakota Sioux, Inuit, and Métis. We acknowledge that the City of Edmonton and all the people here are beneficiaries of Treaty No. 6, which encompasses the traditional territories of numerous western Canadian First Nations as well as the Métis people who have called these lands home since time immemorial.

NorQuest acknowledges the treaty, the land, and the territories of Indigenous Peoples as a reminder of:

- Our responsibility and obligations to the land and to Indigenous Peoples;
- Our accountability to addressing the ongoing impacts of colonization that are distinct to Indigenous Peoples and communities;
- Our commitment to working together in remembering the spirit and intent of the Treaty towards right relations.

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About NorQuest College Correctional Education

Campuses

NorQuest offers programming at five campuses:

Calgary Correctional Centre

Edmonton Attendance Centre

Edmonton Remand Centre

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Fort Saskatchewan Correctional Centre

How to Apply

If you are interested in taking a course, complete a Request For Interview (RFI) and return it to NorQuest College.

Learning Options

Self-Study

Self-Study courses are available on a first-come first-serve basis. Choose from a variety of self-directed learning credit and non-credit courses to complete on your own time at your own pace. Please note that certain courses are not available for self-study. See course descriptions for delivery options.

In-Person

In-person instruction takes place in a classroom or the unit program room. Learners will work on the same course for a set period of time. See course descriptions for more information.



Programs

Foundational Literacy

Academic Upgrading

Career Transitions

Personal Development

Fine Arts

Foundational Literacy

Courses that offer opportunities to build reading, writing, and math skills.

What to Expect

The Adult Basic Literacy program offers 3 and 5 credit courses that range in duration from 2 to 5 weeks.

Learners will receive a letter of completion.

Future Education

The program prepares learners for high school academic upgrading, CAEC, and the trades entrance exam.

Courses

Reading

Essential Reading Skills Foundations

Learn strategies for everyday reading.

English Reading Essentials

Develop an appreciation of reading in its many forms and contexts.

Writing

Essential Writing Skills Foundations

Develop foundational writing skills — from sentences to paragraphs.

English Essentials Writing

Enjoy creative writing in its many forms and contexts.

Math

Essential Math Foundations

Become familiar with basic math. Topics include whole numbers, fractions, and decimals.

Pre-Algebra Math Foundations

Develop skills required for CAEC and Apprentice exams. Topics include integers, proportion, geometry, and more.

High School Math Preparations


Study basic math skills required for high school. Topics include algebra, graphing, geometry, and problem solving.

Financial Literacy Workshop

Develop knowledge, awareness, and skills that will contribute to personal financial literacy.

Content includes personal financial fitness, budgeting, payments, and setting financial goals.

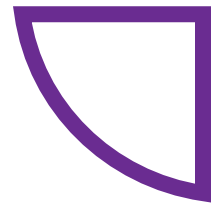




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been a great
stepping stone to
my high school
diploma.”**

- Learner, Foundational Literacy





Academic Upgrading

High School courses from grades 10 - 12.

What to Expect

Each course runs every weekday for approximately 6 weeks. If you need assistance choosing courses, please write a Request for Interview (RFI) to NorQuest College.

Future Education

Academic Upgrading courses help meet the requirements for a high school or equivalency diploma, for more information see “Pathways to Graduation” on page 8. Certain courses may meet the specific academic requirements for certificate, diploma, or degree programs at NorQuest College or other post-secondary institutions.

Course Descriptions & Credits

Aboriginal Studies

(5 credits)

Broaden your understanding of the cultural, historical, social, and political experiences of Indigenous Peoples in Canada and the world.

- Aboriginal Studies 10
- Aboriginal Studies 20
- Aboriginal Studies 30

Mathematics

(5 credits)

Develop your mathematical reasoning and problem-solving skills, and make connections between mathematics and its applications. Build confidence in your mathematical skills and an appreciation of the subject.

- Math 10C
- Math 20-1 & 20-2
- Math 30-1 & 30-2

Note: You can take Alberta Education courses as well as 30-level equivalency courses.

English Language Arts

(5 credits)

Improve your language skills, and become a more confident communicator. In this course, you will read and analyze a variety of literary forms. You will think critically about a variety of media, including films, build your communication skills by writing paragraphs, essays, and business letters, and learn how to edit and revise your writing.

- English Language Arts 10-1 & 10-2
- English Language Arts 20-1 & 20-2
- English Language Arts 30-1 & 30-2

Science

(5 credits)

Increase your science-related knowledge, skills and attitudes you need to solve problems. Topics include Biology, Chemistry, and Physics.

- Science 10
- Biology 20
- Biology 30

Law

(1 credit) *Self-study only.

Legal Studies courses will introduce you to a variety of topics related to law. Each course explores the basic rights and responsibilities of citizens pertaining to;

- Private Law
- Public Law
- Relationship Law
- Family Law
- Aboriginal Law
- Criminal Law

Social Studies

(5 credits)

Social Studies will provide an opportunity to examine politics, economics, and history across a variety of world views.

- Social Studies 10-1 & 10-2
- Social Studies 30-1 & 30-2

Pathways to Graduation

NorQuest understands that each learner has a unique educational journey, and offers many different paths to graduation.

Alberta Education - Traditional High School Diploma

(100 credits)

- English 30-1 or 30-2
- Social 30-1 or 30-2
- Math 20-1 or 20-2
- ANY 20-level Science
- 3 credits in Physical Education*
- 10 credits in Career and Technology Studies, Arts*, Languages*, Physical Education*, or Apprentice*
- 10 credits in any other 30-level courses

Alberta Education - Equivalency High School Diploma

(100 credits)

You may qualify for an Alberta high school diploma if you have previously attended high school in Alberta and have some accumulated credits from that time.

- English 30-1 or ELA 30-2
- ANY Math (5 credits)
- ANY Science (3 or 5 credits)
- One additional 30-level course
- A minimum of 60 credits must be obtained through classroom instruction

In addition to the above requirements the principal can assign up to 15 extra credits for:

- Other courses completed
- Adult education courses
- Age credits
- Travel credits
- Reading credits

NorQuest College - Equivalency High School Diploma

(4 courses)

- English 30-1 or 30-2

ONE 30-level course from GROUP A

- Social 30-1 or 30-2
- Aboriginal Studies 30
- Math 30-1, 30-2, or Math 31*
- Science 30*
- Biology 30
- Chemistry 30*
- Physics 30*

TWO courses from GROUP B


- Social Studies 20-1 or 20-2
- Aboriginal Studies 20
- Math 20-1 or 20-2
- Science 20*
- Biology 20
- Chemistry 20*
- Physics 20*
- Physical Education 10, 20, or 30*
- Career and Technology Studies (Max of 6 credits and will count as 1 course)

Canadian Adult Education Credential (CAEC)

(5 CAEC tests)

- English Writing test
- English Reading test
- Social Studies test
- Science test
- Math test

* NOT offered in Correctional Education



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NorQuest has
shown me that
I’m capable of
extraordinary
things and
achieving marks
I never thought
possible.”**

- Learner, Academic Upgrading

Career Transitions

The Career Transitions program supports students through skills development, specialized training, and bridging the gap between correctional education and employment.

Basic Computer Skills

Course Description

Develop skills in word processing, spreadsheets, digital presentations, and keyboarding that are necessary in most work places and academic environments.

The following are courses available:

- Word Processing I & II
- Spreadsheets I
- Digital Presentations
- Keyboarding

What to Expect

Each course will run every weekday for one week.

Outcomes

For each course you will be awarded 1 credit and a letter of completion.

Building Service Worker

Course Description

The Building Service Worker program trains you to safely and effectively clean, disinfect, and sanitize workplaces. You will gain the hands-on and essential skills required to become effective and efficient building service workers.

What to Expect

Learners will receive classroom theory and hands-on practical experience. Each course will run every weekday for two weeks.

Outcomes

Each learner will be awarded a course completion certificate.

Career Potential

Career opportunities in sectors such as: oil and gas industry, industrial services, and commercial space. There are plenty of advancement opportunities available within this career path and the option of self-employment.

Exam Preparation: CAEC & Trades Entrance

Course Description

Brush up on writing, literature, science, social studies, and math to prepare for CAEC and trades exams.

The following are available exam preparation classes available:

- CAEC Preparation*
- Trades Entrance Exam Preparation

What to Expect

Each course will run every weekday for four weeks.

Outcomes

Each preparation course will be awarded 3 credits and a letter of completion.

*CAEC Preparation course coming soon.



Job Skills Workshops

Course Description

Learners will examine how to prepare for employment, including resume and interviews, and learn effective communication and presentation skills

The following are available workshops:

- Job Preparation
- Job Maintenance

What to Expect

These courses are only available through self-study.

Outcomes

For each course, learners will be awarded 1 credit and a letter of completion.

WHMIS

Course Description

The Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) is Canada's national hazard communication standard.

What to Expect

This is a two-day course.

Outcomes

You will receive a letter of completion and a WHMIS Worker Education wallet card.

Workplace Safety

Course Description

Workplace safety courses that help to significantly reduce work-related fatalities, injuries, and illness that result from workplace hazards.

The following are courses available:

- Workplace Safety Systems
- Workplace Safety Practices
- Agricultural Safety

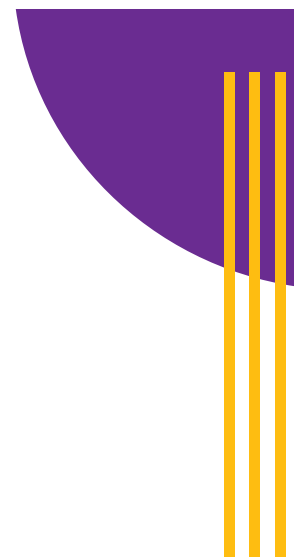
What to Expect

These courses are only available through self-study.

Outcomes

For each course, learners will be awarded 1 credit, a letter of completion, and a SafeGen certificate of completion (70% or higher).





Print and Design

Program Description

The Print and Design program offers five in-person courses that develops the skills needed to obtain entry-level employment in the vibrant print industry. Learn about the different aspects of graphic communications, basic trade practices, principles of design, working knowledge of production software, and hands-on use of digital printers in a fully equipped print lab.

The following in-person courses are offered:

- Digital Communications
Explore the history and workings of the graphic communications industry and learn about related career and educational paths.
- Design Fundamentals
Learn basic graphic design principles and further your knowledge on concepts such as Gestalt, dynamic layout, and typography. Gain the tools needed to become a strong visual communicator.
- Computer Basics
Acquire skills needed to be proficient in three of the core Adobe graphic design computer programs: Illustrator, Photoshop, and InDesign. Through hands-on lessons, learners gain the skills needed create their own printable materials.
- Press and Bindery
Use printing equipment in the Print and Design Lab to produce a range of finished products. Apply your skills through hands-on exercises with digital printers and finishing equipment (cut, fold, bind, or laminate) to complete multiple projects.
- Print Materials
Learn about the history of paper, the differences and characteristics of various substrates, and make your own paper.

What to Expect

You will receive classroom theory and hands-on practical experience with real life projects and keep the printed projects you have created. Each course will run every weekday for one to two weeks.

Outcomes

You will receive a letter of completion and a NorQuest College certificate for each course completed.

Career Potential

Career opportunities are possible for entry-level positions in print and signage shops.

Personal Development

Courses to develop personal skills and strengths.

What to Expect

Each course will run every weekday for one week. These courses are also available through self-study. You will receive a letter of completion and a certificate.

Courses

Addiction Awareness

In this course, learners will develop skills and knowledge relating to various forms of addictions. Learners will explore the effects of addictions, harm reduction measures, and relapse prevention strategies. The course will discuss the mental, physiological, and other health effects of various types of addictions.

Anger Management

The Anger Management course offers learners positive strategies and tools to help them identify and choose effective approaches for managing anger.

In this course, learners will recognize emotions, values, and beliefs, and rehearse calming self-talk, enhance problem-solving and communication skills, and make plans to use helpful strategies to cope with challenging situations.

Building Community Connections

This course offers learners awareness of resources, skills, and knowledge to build positive personal community connections. This knowledge will support learner's ability to prepare for successful transition into the community. As learners work through this badge, they will build personal goals, identify strategies to help reduce the risk of relapse, plan for employments and prepare for reintegration.





Essential Life Skills

The Essential Life Skills badge encompasses variety of self-awareness and personal growth activities to help learners identify practices that will develop personal strengths and build resiliency. This includes practising mindfulness, meditation, gratitude, and other forms of self-care to support personal wellness. The goal of this course is to help learners develop self-awareness and reflection to build individual capacity within and beyond the classroom.

Healthy Relationships

The Healthy Relationships course offers learners positive tools and strategies to promote healthy, strong, and meaningful relationships. Learners will learn to identify abusive behaviours and the risk factors associated with these actions. As learners work through this badge, they will apply healthy approaches in their relationships through boundary-setting, communication, and conflict management styles and be able to support those experiencing and those engaging in relationship violence.

Parenting

Learners will develop an awareness and capability in a variety of skills related to child development and positive parenting practices. Learners will be challenged on their existing parenting philosophies and explore topics that they may not have acknowledged in the past.



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I am thankful that I can take what I learned from here and use it in other areas of my life. Yes, perseverance is an essential quality in being a better human.”

- Learner, Personal Development



Fine Arts

Through the creation of drawings or paintings in a studio environment, learners will practice making and critiquing observational and expressive works of art.

What to Expect

Each course will run every weekday for one week, and are available in-person only. You will receive a letter of completion and a certificate.

Courses

Drawing 1: Introduction to Observation

Learn a variety of foundational visual principles and drawing techniques essential to the creation of representational drawing. Topics include contour, sight-measuring, visual alignment, and linear perspective.

Drawing 2: Introduction to Light and Shadow

Study methodology and drawing techniques essential to the creation of tonal drawing, scales, and edges, light distribution, and realism.

Drawing 3: Expressive Drawing

Learn a variety of mark-making techniques essential to the creation of expressive drawing, such as: action-painting, gestural line, and rapid drawing.

Painting 1: Introduction to Brushwork and Colour

Study brush techniques essential to the creation of acrylic painting. Techniques include wet brush, sgraffito, impasto, glazing, and basic colour theory.

Painting 2: Advanced Colour Theory

Learners will study colour theory principles essential to the creation of expressive painting. Principles include colour discord and harmony, optical blending, and simultaneous contrast.

Painting 3: Self-Portrait Series


Examine expert painters working in self-portraiture and conceptual self-representation. Topics explored are identity, relationship to landscapes, memory, and meaning making. Through the use of acrylic paint techniques, learners will design and execute their own conceptual self-portrait series.

Art History and Appreciation

Explore approaches to image and art making across cultures and time. Topics include naturalism, hyperrealism, expressionism, modernism, abstraction, and performance. Through class discussions and written assignments, learners will analyze and critique methodology, medium, and subject.



Services



In addition to great courses, NorQuest College Correctional Education also offers additional supports and services to help you achieve your goals.

To utilize any of our services, please send a Request For Interview (RFI) to NorQuest College.

Indigenous Relations Team

The Indigenous Relations Team works to create a pathway without barriers for NorQuest Indigenous learners to help meet their academic needs and goals.

Instructional Assistance

Instructional Assistants support learning in and out of the classroom through workshops and one-on-one tutoring. Instructional assistants are here to assist with specific coursework and even learning to read.

Learner Success Facilitators (LSF)

Learner Success Facilitators will work one-on-one with you to create an individual academic success plan to achieve your educational goals both in and out of your incarceration period.

Library - The Book Vault

While taking in-person or self-study NorQuest College courses you can access The Book Vault's comprehensive and diverse collection of books. If you are looking to borrow books for reading enjoyment, to increase your knowledge, or for self-help, the library can assist.

Library - Case Law Requests

The Book Vault offers a case law request service. Case law provides examples of how laws have been interpreted by the courts. Reading case law relevant to your case can increase your legal literacy and help you to better understand the legal proceedings affecting your charges.



Work Integrated Learning - Transitional Career Coaching

Course Description

Learners who request Transitional Career Coaching will receive support from a career coach that includes a review of previous work history, skills, education, areas of interest, etc. With the support of the career coach, learners can take charge of their own career development and growth. Their specific needs and barriers to success will also be identified and managed appropriately. Learners will have the option of continuing to work with the Career Coach after release.

The Career Transitions Program also offers various face-to-face and workshops. The following workshops are available:

- Effective Job Search
- Writing Effective Resumes
- Interviewing with Confidence
- Telling Your Story

What to Expect

Learners will meet with a Career Coach for career exploration and planning. A variety of employment related workshops are also offered through face-to-face delivery.

Outcomes

In addition to ongoing support from the Career Coach, a letter of completion will be provided for each workshop.

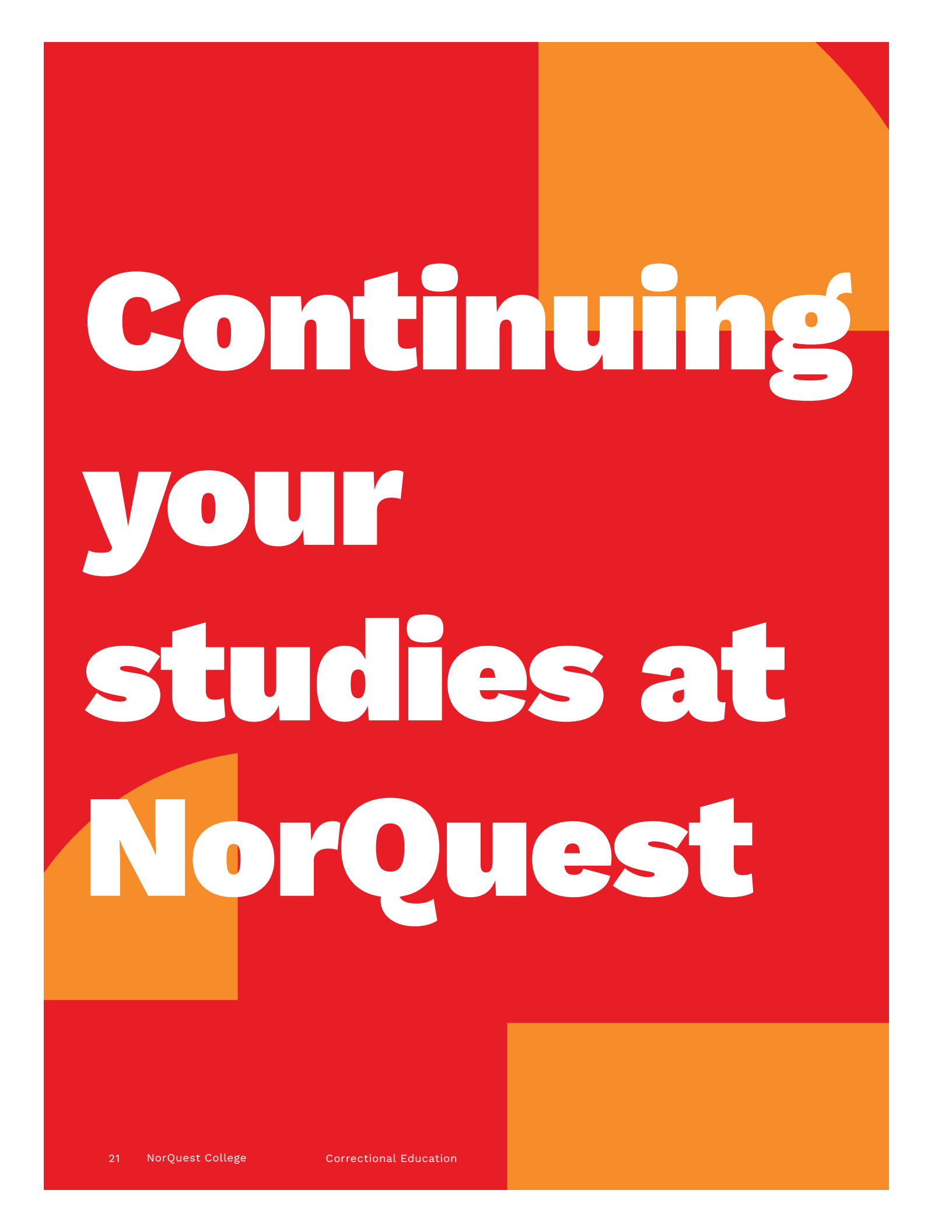


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**I'm way more
confident in
myself and my
abilities to pursue
a life I've only
been able to
dream up. ”**

- Learner, Academic Upgrading





Continuing your studies at NorQuest



It is a community where possibilities are real and within your reach.

At NorQuest, we want to help you reach your goals.

There are many opportunities for you to continue your academic journey after Correctional Education at NorQuest College – both on campus and online.

Career-focused education

The programs offered at NorQuest will allow you to be work-force ready upon graduation. They will equip you with the skills and knowledge you need to achieve your goals.

Open Admissions Pathways

If you don't meet the admission requirements for your program of choice, there are options available that can help you gain the credentials you need.

Paying for your education

Your education is an investment in your future and there are various options that can be explored to help pay for your tuition.

Life at NorQuest

College life isn't just about classes and studying. You are part of our campus community and we encourage you to attend events, join a student club, and enjoy the journey!

Got questions? We're here to help.

Contact Student Recruitment

student.recruiters@norquest.ca

See yourself here.



Discover NorQuest College

NorQuest is a place of belonging. It is a community where possibilities are real and within your reach. Our dynamic and career-focused education for all stages of life allows you to be workforce-ready upon graduation.

At NorQuest, you will find difference makers on a quest to transform lives. Whether you're a recent high school graduate, a newcomer, or looking to upskill, we welcome you to explore all that NorQuest has to offer and ultimately, see yourself here.

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