



Recover or Pick up Additional Credits in 6 weeks at DLC Summer School

Running from July 3rd - August 14th, DLC Summer School offers learners a chance to lighten their load for the next school year or to recover a credit that was not obtained in the school year previous. During this six week window, learners will be responsible to complete all course work and write the final exam (if applicable).

Due to the intensity of the program, learners will only be allowed to register in one summer school course. Those registered with Sun West School Division *as of April 1, 2018* must pay a \$250 deposit, refundable upon successful completion of the course; must complete within the specific 6 week Summer School window. For students not registered with Sun West, there is a \$500 fee.

Request a Summer School course by June 26th.

Transcripts No Longer Provided by Ministry of Education

Effective immediately, the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education will no longer provide complimentary transcripts. Prior to contacting the Ministry about your most up to date copy, please contact us @ registrations@sunwestdlc.ca to ensure your marks are uploaded.

For more information about transcripts visit <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/education-and-learning/credits-degrees-and-transcripts/requesting-transcripts-for-high-school#eligibility>

TWO NEW COURSES READY FOR 2018-19

Agriculture & Sustainable Food Production (ASFP) 10

ASFP 10 explores the agriculture industry in its entirety; from farming, where commodities are produced; to the value-added sector, where those commodities are turned into consumable products; to the marketing and logistics of those products; to the consumer's plate. Throughout the course, students will better understand the many connections between consumers, the food we eat and agriculture on a local and global scale.

Students will grow their understanding of agricultural trends, explore a variety of foods produced in Saskatchewan, and learn about the technologies, innovation, and career opportunities available. They will also develop the skills to think critically about the agriculture industry, its impact on our economy, and the environment.



In addition to the online theory work, each ASFP student will be paired with a mentor - someone actively involved in the ag industry - with whom they will engage in a series of discussions around course topics.

Agricultural Equipment Technician (AET) 20L

For those interested in trades-based or technical careers, AET 20L offers an exciting look into a line of work with abundant employment options. Agricultural equipment technicians have the critical task of keeping the implements running so that farmers can do their jobs efficiently. And thanks to the generous support of agricultural dealerships across the province, AET courses (typically \$500/student) will be available **for free** to all Saskatchewan learners.

AET 20 consists of:

- 50 hours of online theory
- 40 hours of work placement
- 10 hours of boot camp at Sask Polytechnic

In the online theory component (50 hours), students will learn to identify various farm implements, explore how they function and when/where they are used in the agricultural process, and acquire fundamental knowledge of the tools used in equipment upkeep and repair. They will also learn about common safety practices for industrial and agricultural settings.



In addition students will be invited to participate in a number of extra-curricular opportunities such as equipment demo days, site tours, and speaker events.

After completing 50 hours of online theory, learners will then be matched with a dealership for a 40 hour work placement where students will be challenged to apply their learning in an actual workplace setting.

There will also be approximately 10 hours (2 days) spent at a boot camp on Sask Polytech's Saskatoon campus.



Sun West DLC Signs Agreement with Sask Polytechnic to Secure Steam Time for 4th Class Power Engineering Students

As part of the 4th Class Power Engineering program, students must complete a three-week steam lab in an approved location. Until recently, those spots were hard to come by, but a signed agreement between Sun West DLC and Saskatchewan Polytechnic designates 12 spots on their Saskatoon campus for DLC students each summer.

"This is a big win for students," says DLC Principal, Craig Vanthuyne. "Our team, which includes teachers and professional engineers, can now provide the entire learning experience... the online theory as

well as all practical training required to obtain certification."

DLC student Tanner Sawrenko has signed up to do his steam time this summer and is very grateful that these spots are available. Living in Biggar, it is a quick drive in to Saskatoon to participate in the three-week lab. When asked what he is most looking forward to about the experience, he replied, "I am looking forward to the hands-on learning... taking the knowledge and information from the books and applying them to real life situations with boilers and other

equipment in the lab."

Students interested in exploring this career path might want to contact a DLC Career Counsellor to discuss the program. In addition to the steam lab, which is scheduled at the end of the program, there are four online elective courses, two provincial exams, and a series of weekend boot camps that should be factored into a student's high school plan. All components are offered and/or coordinated by Sun West DLC and we would be happy to help determine how it might be a fit.

Please remember to return all loaned resources at the end of the year.

All paper-based textbooks and novels as well as telescopes, tripods, tuning forks and spring scales should be **sent COD via Canada Post** to:

**Sun West DLC
Attn: Tara George
Box 370
Kenaston, SK S0G 2N0**

Double check: if it has a DLC code on the inside cover, we'd like it back.



If you think summer makes the students antsy, check out the teachers. Between marking assignments and exams, even the big kids need a body break.



THE PRINCIPAL'S TAKE

The New Guy: Craig Vanthuynne

Watching nine graduates take to the stage at this year's DLC graduation ceremony was the perfect end to a year of questions, curiosities and growth for me. Coming from a traditional, bricks and mortar school and joining this unfamiliar online world, I have learned much about the ways and the reasons why we do things differently at the DLC.

But watching these nine learners - who represent our entire student population of 3,000 - affirmed everything that I have observed the

past 8 months. Being flexible and recognizing the unique strengths, interests, and circumstances of each learner is a privilege that we have at our online school. And one that we strive to practice every day.

At Sun West DLC, we are in an enviable position of being able - thanks to technology - to provide alternatives for students. To complement the great work being done by teachers in classrooms and give students educational options that wouldn't otherwise be available. To provide not only educational resources but also encouragement and support to students when they need it.

And part of creating great learning experiences, means listening when students - and parents - give us feedback. We work hard to make each student experience as good as it can be, but we know it is a constantly evolving process. We appreciate the feedback that you provide (via the surveys at the end

of each course) and are intentionally working to act on those suggestions.

So as you wrap up your courses, you have a suggestion as to how we can improve, please use the survey at the end of the course to let us know. We value that input and are looking for ways to make it better for all.

Thank you. For your hard work, your perseverance, and for reminding us that we all have a different path to follow. These are the traits of successful people and I have no doubt that each of our learners will go on to achieve great things in all aspects of life.

Hopefully your summer months allow you time to reflect and celebrate both your academic and personal achievements this year. You have much to be proud of.

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CONSULT OUR STUDENT SERVICE AND COURSE COUNSELLING TEAM WHEN PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR

For students entering the high school years, there are often questions about the credit system and how to ensure that students are properly prepared to pursue their post-secondary goals.

Its never too late - or too early - to begin thinking about a graduation plan. For most students, completing the mandatory 24 high school credits needed to graduate means taking eight courses per year in Grades 10 through 12. Some of these courses are mandatory and others are optional. Regardless of how you intend to schedule those courses, advanced planning and goal setting will be a critical part of the plan. Earlier this year, DLC students in Grades 9-11 were emailed a course planner to assist in this process. If you have questions, please let your Student Services and Course Counsellor (SSCC) know.

For Grade 10 and 11 students still unsure of their future plans, myBlueprint might provide some insight into prospective career paths of interest. This career exploration tool helps to match interests, abilities and careers. Upon completing the question component, the tool matches students to careers and additional information such as wages, education required, and necessary skills. It also tracks progress towards graduation for those who choose to use it. Go to www.myblueprint.ca for more information.

Or contact Career Counselor Renee Harrison @ renee.harrison@sunwestsd.ca or 306.252.1000 x832111.