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## **Assiniboine partners with academic organizations, offers free online courses through Continuing Studies**

BRANDON, Man. (May 26, 2020) – New online programs and courses from Continuing Studies at Assiniboine are meeting learners at home where and when they can get the most from their experience.

These online learning opportunities, in partnership with academic organizations UGotClass and Ed2Go, include three **free** Ed2Go courses. These free courses, available free for a limited time, will help community members expand their knowledge and transferable skills in key areas without any financial limitations.

Through these partnerships, Assiniboine is offering over 200 course topics from Ed2Go and ten certificate programs from UGotClass, in addition to existing online programs and courses.

“The expanded selection of online courses offered through Continuing Studies can provide learners with pathways to building credentials for either personal or professional reasons,” said Diane Shamray, Vice President, International and Acting Director of Continuing Studies at Assiniboine. “Learners will have the opportunity to take a single course or take a cluster of courses that can lead to a credential in a particular field of study.”

“The results could provide individuals with an edge in the competitive job market.”

Learning online is an accessible way for individuals to invest in their professional development, explore career options or expand their list of credentials. Continuing Studies’ online programs and courses offer students education and training to benefit them in their career, prepare for a new one, or explore areas of personal interest. These learning opportunities are also responsive to local employers’ needs as noted in the Brandon Chamber of Commerce’s *Skills and Opportunities Roundtable Summit report*.

“We have heard from local employers that along with skilled labour, they’re looking to employ individuals with strong and relevant soft skills,” said Cathy Snelgrove, president of Brandon Chamber of Commerce.

“Learning online and taking on the challenge of expanding your knowledge are an excellent place to acquire these soft skills that employers so desire.”

Employers may also be interested in checking out the course options available to see if online offerings meet their staff training needs.

To learn more about Continuing Studies' online offerings and academic partnerships, visit [assiniboine.net/learnonline](http://assiniboine.net/learnonline).

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### **About Assiniboine Community College**

Assiniboine Community College has been providing exceptional learning experiences for more than 55 years and offers certificate, diploma and post-graduate programs across a variety of disciplines including culinary arts and hospitality, business, agriculture and environment, health and human services, and trades and technology. The college also delivers apprenticeship programming in a range of skilled trades disciplines.

With more than 4,000 students, and campuses in Brandon, Dauphin and Winnipeg, Assiniboine provides comprehensive educational opportunities throughout Manitoba. The college also partners with many communities and organizations across the province to deliver customized education and training. Assiniboine's annual provincial economic impact is \$613 million.

Assiniboine Community College campuses are located on the traditional territories of Treaty No. 1 and Treaty No. 2, the shared traditional lands of Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, Dene and Anishinabek/Ojibwe peoples, and the homeland of the Métis Nation. We acknowledge their welcome to the students who seek knowledge here.

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