

Career Connections...

Providing career exploration and post secondary transitioning success
for Chinook's Edge students



A \$50,000 provincial government start up grant has allowed Chinook's Edge to grow Dual Credit programming with a new full year Veterinary Technical Assistant certificate program. The 12 high school students in the class will be industry-ready and will be part of the Olds College graduation ceremony in June!

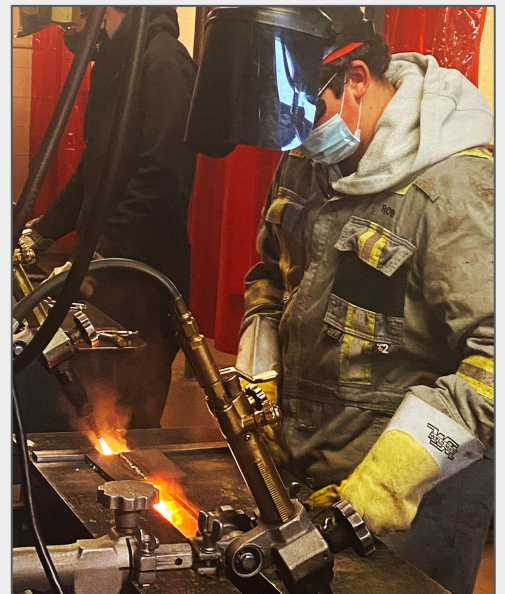
The Veterinary Technical Assistant program is the latest in a long list of Dual Credit courses offered to high school students across the division. Through the Chinook's Edge partnership with Olds College on the shared Community Learning Campus, Chinook's Edge has the ability to provide multiple Dual Credit opportunities across a wide range of pathways. Chinook's Edge students are taking part in Welding, Precision Agriculture Techgromony, Managing Landscapes, Intro to Sports Management, Accounting and more.

As well, a second provincial grant of \$100,000 is supporting equipment enhancements in current Dual Credit programs, particularly technology tools that have been identified as important to student learning in Chinook's Edge. Read more [at this link](#).

"Our Dual Credit fall programs are underway and we are seeing the highest participation levels yet," said Jackie Taylor, CLC Director. "Every high school in Chinook's Edge has now been involved in Dual Credit programming and it's clearly making a difference in student achievement and high school completion rates."

"When a student participates in Dual Credit programming, it virtually guarantees their high school graduation success," said Jason Drent, Associate Superintendent of Learning Services. "That's why this is such a powerful strategy, and we want to ensure every Chinook's Edge student has opportunity to experience it, if it aligns with their career pathway."

Chinook's Edge supports the division-wide Career Connections goal through the work of Career Connections teams in schools and with the Chinook's Edge Learning Services team. The school division also works with many external partners who provide work integrated learning placements, allowing students to earn credits at both high school and college levels. A strong connection with CAREERS also provides meaningful experiences and insight along a student's individual career path.



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