



Community Economic Development

The Community Economic Development certificate is designed for individuals currently working in or wanting to enter the growing field of community economic development including small business development and municipal or government relations.

These practical business courses cover key topics such as partnerships between business and government, project management, writing business plans and project proposals, and communication skills. Students can develop the holistic skill set needed for local economic development in rural and urban communities.

This program is available entirely online, with some courses also available through part-time studies.

Is this the right fit for me?

The ability to work and learn independently is critical for this program. Other factors relating to student success include:

- time management skills
- analytical skills
- computer skills

Students who are engaged and take advantage of various services usually experience more success in SAIT programs.

Laddering

This certificate ladders into the [SAIT Business Administration](#) diploma, provided students meet the admission requirements for the diploma. Students continuing their education have the option to take the diploma through full-time, part-time or online studies.

Credential

Upon successful completion of this program, students will earn a SAIT Community Economic Development certificate.

Admission requirements

Application dates

Applications are accepted until the program start date but are subject to change.

- **Fall 2022 start:** applications open Oct. 6, 2021.
- **Spring 2023 start:** applications open June 13, 2022

Program requirements

All applicants, including students educated in Canada, must demonstrate [English Language Proficiency](#) prior to admission.

Direct entry: four step process

Step 1: Read the program information to see the qualities needed for student success.

Step 2: Ensure that you meet all of the admission requirements listed above.

Step 3: [Apply](#) to Community Economic Development.

Step 4: Find out how to monitor your application status [after you apply](#).

Communication during admission

Email is the primary source of communication during the selection process. Ensure your personal email account is managed appropriately to receive our emails, files and communications.

Costs 2022/23

Domestic tuition and fees

Cost per credit: \$189

Year	Number of semesters	Tuition fees	SAIT fees	Saitsa fees*	Total
1	2	\$5,670	\$916	\$553	\$7,139

Domestic cost per course

Course credits	Course cost
1.5	\$283.50
3.0	\$567

*Maximum fee. Actual fees may be less and are based on the number of credits a student takes per semester and whether they opt-out of health and dental benefits.

SAIT fees

- Campus athletic and recreation fee: \$196
- Universal transit pass (Upass): \$320
- Student support fee: \$200
- Student technology fee: \$200

The above fees are based on a course load of nine (9) or more credits per semester. Students taking less than nine (9) credits per semester do not qualify for the Upass. Other fees will be adjusted based on reduced credit load.

Saitsa fees

Student Association fee

- Maximum: \$291

This is the maximum amount the student will pay. Actual fees may be less and are based on the number of credits the students take per semester.

Health and dental fees

- Health plan: \$127
- Dental plan: \$135

Students with existing health and/or dental plans can opt-out. Please refer to [Saitsa's website](#) for information.

Students taking less than nine (9) credits per semester do not qualify for health and dental benefits.

Books and supplies*

Books and supplies are approximately \$1,000 - \$1,500 per full-time year.

For an estimate of the costs associated with purchasing a computer that meets the program's hardware and software requirements, see our [computers and laptops page](#).

Learn more about [tuition and financial aid](#).

*Tuition, fees, books and supply costs are subject to change.