

International Student

Handbook



MEDICINE HAT
COLLEGE

2026 - 2027

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**HELLO
AANII [AWE-NEE]
HÀU [HOW]
OKI [OH-KEE]
TAANSHI [TAWN-SHI]
TÂN'SI [TAHN-SEH]**

Medicine Hat College acknowledges and honours the traditional territories of the First Nation People of the Treaty 7, Treaty 4 and Métis people who share a deep history with this land. We recognize and honour the land, history, ways of being, and our relationship with First Nation, Métis, and Inuit people as we forge together towards a relationship of reconciliation, respect, understanding, and healing.





First Year Checklist

Before Classes Begin

- ☐ Register for Classes
Ensure you have registered for classes as soon as possible.
- ☐ Attend the New International Student Orientation (NISO)*
- ☐ Activate & Check your mymhc email
Set up your student email account and check for important updates.
- ☐ Obtain your Student ID Card
Get your Student ID card at the library or online via Dashboard.

Get to Know the Campus

- ☐ Take a Campus Tour
Book a campus tour at the Student Advising desk.
- ☐ Visit the International Education Office
Learn about on and off-campus services.
- ☐ Visit MHC Students' Association
Check out the MHC's Students' Association website at samhc.ca

Daily Living Essentials

- ☐ Arrange Transportation
Plan your transit or driving options (see page 26)
- ☐ Open a Canadian Bank Account
(see page 25)
- ☐ Get an Alberta photo ID card
(see page 23)
- ☐ Apply for the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan
(see page 23)
- ☐ Purchase Textbooks
Visit the MHC bookstore for required course materials.

***NOTE:** All new MHC students must attend the **New International Student Orientation (NISO)**. Attendance is tracked. If you arrive after the scheduled orientation date, visit the International Education office (C226) to arrange a required make-up session, which may involve an additional cost.

Academic Schedule

Campus Calendar www.mhc.ab.ca/events-calendar

August 2026

August 4 Fall Semester Residence Fees Due
August 31 **Mandatory New International Student Orientation (NISO)***

September 2026

September 1 New Student Orientation (Program Orientation) - Fall
September 2 Credit Classes Begin
September 7 Labour Day (College Closed)
September 9 Course Add Deadline - Fall
September 15 Course Drop Deadline to receive a refund - Fall
..... Tuition and Fees Deadline - Fall
September 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (College Closed)

October 2026

October 12 Thanksgiving Day (College Closed)

November 2026

November 11 Remembrance Day (College Closed)
November 12 - 13 Student Study Break (No Classes)
November 16 - 20 International Education Week
November 20 Course Withdraw Deadline to receive a "W" grade for Fall Semester

December 2026

December 1 Winter Semester Residence Fees Due
December 9 Last day of Credit Classes - Fall
December 10 - 18 Final Exam Week - Fall
December 24 - 31 Christmas Break (College Closed)

January 2027

January 1 New Year's Day (College Closed)
January 2 **Mandatory New International Student Orientation (NISO)***
January 4 College Open
..... New Student Program Orientation
January 5 All Credit Classes Begin for Winter Semester
January 11 Course Add Deadline - Winter
January 18 Course Drop Deadline - Winter
..... Tuition and Fees Deadline - Winter

February 2027

February 15 Alberta Family Day (College Closed)
February 16 - 19 Student Study Break (no classes)

March 2027

March 26 Good Friday (College Closed)
March 29 Easter Monday (College Closed)

April 2027

April 14 Last Day of Credit Classes
April 17 - 28 Exams for Credit Classes
April 28 Residence Move-out Date

MHC's Academic
Calendar





Medicine Hat Campus

Welcome to Medicine Hat College

Medicine Hat Campus

Medicine Hat College (MHC) is a welcoming public community college in southeastern Alberta, offering a close-knit learning environment for just over 2,000 full-time students and strong support services designed to help you succeed.

The Medicine Hat Campus is a modern, full-service learning environment where international students have access to classrooms, labs, a well-equipped library, recreation and fitness facilities, and a wide range of student supports.

Academic services, wellness resources, dining, housing, and social spaces are all located on campus, making it easy to study, connect, and settle into life in Canada. The campus is friendly, active, and designed to help students thrive both inside and outside the classroom.

Studying in Medicine Hat?
For supports and services,
visit www.mhc.ab.ca



Brooks Campus

Brooks Campus

The Brooks Campus is a smaller, community-focused learning environment located 100 kilometers west of Medicine Hat.

Nearly 300 students study here each semester in programs such as adult basic education, LINC training, and the two-year Practical Nurse Diploma. Its close-knit atmosphere and supportive staff make it an inviting place for international students to build skills and succeed.



Weather tips in Alberta

Summer

Medicine Hat & Brooks are known for their sunny, hot summers, with temperatures often climbing into the high 30s. Stay cool with light clothing, plenty of water and sunscreen. Evenings may be cooler, so keep a light jacket handy.

Winter

Medicine Hat & Brooks winters can be very cold, often dropping below -20c. dress warm, including a good winter coat, gloves, hat, and waterproof boots.

Always check the weather forecast for sudden weather shifts.

www.theweathernetwork.com



Studying in Brooks?

For supports and services,
visit www.mhc.ab.ca/about-mhc/brooks-campus



International Education

Located in room C226

As a newcomer to Canada, Medicine Hat, and MHC, you may find many parts of student life unfamiliar. The International Education office offers programs and services to help you adjust, succeed in your studies, and get involved on campus.

We provide immigration advising, health insurance support, referrals, and opportunities to connect through the International Ambassador and mentorship programs. Our team helps you navigate college life from arrival to graduation.

Cultural and Social Activities

Cultural activities are offered each semester, giving international students the chance to experience local sites, activities, and culture firsthand. These activities are free of charge.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for Medicine Hat College updates.

 @mhc_international

 @mhc.international



Find Support
International Education

International Student Services Specialist *iss@mhc.ab.ca*

General inquiries, referrals, and advising for current students. As well as Orientation support, insurance management, immigration guidance, and coordinates student activity.

International Recruitment Officer *Clara Kelana - inted@mhc.ab.ca*

Provides inquiries, referrals, and basic immigration advising for prospective students, helping them understand programs, requirements, and next steps.

Global Engagement Coordinator *Nicole Nemo - goabroad@mhc.ab.ca*

Supporting student study-abroad programs, international and cultural events, activities and training.

Director *Hadija Drummond - inted@mhc.ab.ca*

Internationalization strategy, policy, and programming. Partnerships and relationship building.

Immigration Advising

Immigration advising at MHC is provided only by Regulated International Student Immigration Advisors (RISIAs), within the RISIA scope of practice.

International students must maintain valid immigration documents to study in Canada. MHC's RISIA-certified staff are here to help you understand immigration requirements and regulations as they relate to your studies at MHC. It is solely your responsibility to:

- Ensure your immigration and legal documents remain valid and up to date.
- Ensure any documentation you submit meets IRCC requirements and is accurate.
- Stay informed and compliant with immigration regulations, which may change at any time.

Visit www.canada.ca or call IRCC at 1-888-242-2100.

A RISIA will provide advice on study permits, temporary resident visas, and how study permits relate to other immigration programs

A RISIA will not:

- Represent students in immigration matters.
- Complete or submit immigration forms on behalf of students.
- Provide advice outside the RISIA scope.
- They must refer students requiring representation, or form completion, to an RCIC or other authorized representative under Section 91 of IRPA.

Renew your study permit 3 - 4 months before it expires to maintain your legal status in Canada. The expiry date is in the top right corner of your permit. Do not wait - if your permit lapses, you may lose your legal status in Canada.

International Student Advisor *Connie Grove - cgrove@mhc.ab.ca*

Supports international students with academic planning, guidance during personal challenges, and clarity on temporary immigration responsibilities.



find what you need on

Campus

Campus Services



Campus Services

Library Services

mhclibrary@mhc.ab.ca

Vera Bracken Library supports your studies with access to print books, eBooks, journals, and online databases. For in-person help at the Brooks Campus, visit the campus library.

Fitness Centre

Free access to the Fitness Centre and group fitness classes during the fall and winter semesters. Enjoy outdoor spaces and trails year-round.

Join the Rattlers and compete in volleyball, basketball, soccer, golf, hockey, and more. Connect with a coach at www.rattlers.ca.



The Bookstore

Hours of operation:

Monday - Friday: 8:00AM - 4:00PM

Find MHC course materials, school supplies, tech accessories, gifts, and more.

Technology Support

ITSupport@mhc.ab.ca

IT Services keeps MHC's systems secure and running smoothly. Students must use MHC email, internet, and software for academic purposes only.

Campus Security

[\(403\)529-3911](tel:4035293911) | campussafety@mhc.ab.ca

MHC prioritizes safety and well-being. Campus Security is available 24/7. Stay updated by downloading the **MHC Safe app**.

Brooks Campus Online Services

Students can access academic advising, tutoring, accessibility services, counselling, library resources, and technology support. The campus includes a bookstore, food services, fitness facilities, and outdoor study spaces, making it easy to find support while studying in Brooks.



Manage your Courses

How to Register

Registration is the process of selecting your courses each semester. International students must maintain a part or full-time course load to meet study permit requirements. If you choose to take courses part-time, make an appointment with International Academic Advisor Connie Grove cgrove@mhc.ab.ca.

Register online through your MHC account, in person at Registration Services, or by emailing a signed registration form to registration@mhc.ab.ca.

Phone registration is not available. For help, contact Registration Services at (403)529-3844.

Add, Drop, and Withdrawal Deadlines

You may change courses during the add/drop period without penalty. After this deadline, you may withdraw, but a "W" will appear on your transcript and no refund is issued.

NOTE: The registration deposit is non-refundable. Tuition and fees may be refunded if you withdraw before the drop deadline. Stopping attendance does not count as an official withdrawal.

Technology Support



Connect to your Campus

MHC Internet Access

Wireless Internet is available throughout the Medicine Hat and Brooks campuses. Students can connect to the **MHC-WiFi** network to access online services and campus resources.

Student Portal

Sign in using your MHC username and password.

Webmail (mymhc.ca)

Your MHC email is used for all official communication, and should be checked regularly.

Blackboard

Blackboard is the online platform where instructors post course materials and students access their courses.

Dashboard

View your class schedule, final exam details, tax forms, and online forms. You can also sync your schedule to your MHC calendar.

NOTE: Create your virtual student ID card in Dashboard. For a physical card, visit the MHC Library with legal photo ID or your registration papers.

Required Software

- Office 365 — Free for MHC students.
- Adobe Acrobat Reader — Needed to open PDF files.
- Apps for online learning — Gmail, Zoom, Microsoft Teams, or other platforms used in your courses.

Find all MHC online services here

www.mhc.ab.ca/campus-services/technology-support/login

Student Username & Password

To set your MHC password, you must have your date of birth, student ID, and a personal email on file. How to Set Your Password:

- Go to dashboard.mhc.ab.ca › **Reset Password**
- Enter your date of birth and student ID
- Check your personal email for the reset link
- Create a new password (12+ characters with upper/lowercase, numbers, symbols)

If your personal email is missing or incorrect, contact registration@mhc.ab.ca

Welcome to Residence

MHC offers fully furnished four-bedroom townhouses at Golfview and Couleevue. Just a 5 minute walk from classes. Units include WiFi, laundry, kitchen appliances, and more. Rent starts at \$685/month, covering utilities and residence life fees.

Brooks Residence is modeled after Couleevue. Eight 4 bedroom units that offer the same amenities as the Medicine Hat Campus.

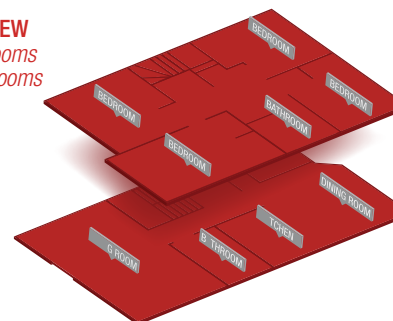
Explore MHC
residence



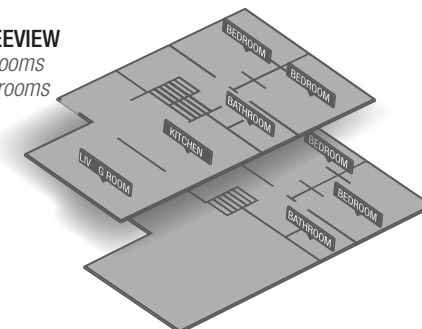
**RESIDENCE ASSISTANTS
LIVE ON-SITE AND
PROVIDE SUPPORT AND
SECURITY FOR STUDENTS
IN OUR RESIDENCE
COMMUNITIES.**



GOLFVIEW
4 bedrooms
2 bathrooms



COULEEVUE
4 bedrooms
2 bathrooms



Off-Campus Housing

The student Residence Office provides a list of off-campus housing from landlords for student convenience. MHC does not inspect these accommodations or take responsibility for landlords or rental conditions. Choosing off-campus house and rental agreements is the student's responsibility. www.mhc.ab.ca/student-life/residence/off-campus-housing

succeed in your Studies



Academic Support



Academic Support

Academic Advising, Coaching, Accessibility Services & more

Academic Advising

MH: info@mhc.ab.ca

Brooks: brooksinfo@mhc.ab.ca

Get help with course selection, policies, and referrals. Meet with an advisor to make informed academic decisions.

Writing Support Services

Natalie Hamilton & Derek Jesse

writingsupport@mhc.ab.ca

MHC Writing support services helps with essays, research, and assignments. One-on-one, group sessions, workshops and online support available.

Accessibility & Tutoring Services

Jian Gao - Teaching Assistant/Assistive

Technologist - jgao@mhc.ab.ca

Free tutoring for all students in subjects such as math, biology, chemistry, accounting, and physics. Available by appointment or drop-in.

Brooks Campus - Student Success Coordinator

Kamal Sagoo - brooksinfo@mhc.ab.ca

Supports students through academic and non-academic advising, program access, and guidance to help students succeed.

Financial Aid

MHC's Student Financial Aid team supports students with loans, scholarships, and bursaries. Continuing international students can apply for awards based on academics or financial need starting in their second semester. Applications are open **March 1 - June 1**.

Emergency Funding

MHC offers limited emergency funding for students facing unexpected expenses. This support is only available after all other resources have been used and is not available to first-year international students. Learn more at www.mhc.ab.ca/student-life/financial-aid



Academic life

Classes in Canada may feel different from what you're used to. Expect group work, discussions, and active participation. Instructors will encourage critical thinking, collaboration, and sharing ideas. You may be assessed through quizzes, projects, presentations, and exams.

Academic Success Tips



Taking breaks when studying

Study in short blocks and take brief breaks to stay focused.



Plan enough study time

Plan 2–3 hours of study time for every hour spent in class.



Avoid distractions

Limit your phone use and follow your course outline.



Manage your time

Focus on one task at a time.



Take care of yourself

Rest, stay active, and watch for signs of burnout.



Ask for Help

Instructors and support services are here to help you.

Academic Integrity

Plagiarism - using someone else's words or ideas without proper citation is a serious offense at MHC. It can result in a failed assignment, failed course, or academic misconduct on your record. Cite your sources and ask for help if you are unsure.

Need help?

Visit www.mhc.ab.ca/student-life/academic-support/writing-support



Blended Study

Blended learning combines in-person and online classes. To succeed in this flexible format, stay organized, manage your time well, and understand how online learning works.

Preparing for Online Classes

Online courses offer flexibility but require strong time management. Before choosing online classes, speak with the international academic advisor to ensure you remain **PGWP-eligible**.

Succeeding in Online Classes



Stay engaged

Participate in discussions, forums, and class activities.



Create structure

Set a consistent study routine.



Focused study space

Choose a quiet place, set goals, and limit distractions.



Be technology ready

Ensure your internet, software, and devices are reliable.



Use digital tools

Stay organized with calendars, reminders, and task apps.



Set small goals

Break tasks into manageable steps to stay motivated.

PGWP Reminder

To qualify for PGWP (Post-Graduate Work Permit), over 50% of your courses must be in-person while you study in Canada. For more information, email our International Academic Advisor **Connie Grove** - cgrove@mhc.ab.ca



Student Support

Mental Health & Personal Support

Adjusting to life in Canada can be exciting but challenging. Many international students feel stress or low mood as they balance academics, a culture change, and distance from home. These feelings are valid. Medicine Hat College offers free, confidential counselling, and reaching out can make a real difference.

In some cultures, counselling carries stigma, but in Canada it's seen as a sign of strength. Whether you need someone to talk to or support managing your thoughts and emotions, we're here for you.

Recognizing Early Signs

- Persistent sadness, frequent mood swings, irritability, or unexplained anger.
- Trouble concentrating, changes in sleep or appetite.
- Withdrawing from classes, social activities, or losing interest in things once enjoyed.

If you notice these signs in yourself or a friend, consider reaching out. Caring for your mental health is just as important as your academic success, and we are here to support you.

Mental Health & Counselling

(403)529-3819 | counselling@mhc.ab.ca
Cultural Centre main door entrance CC108

As an MHC student, you have free access to confidential mental health services, including one-on-one and group counselling, wellness workshops, and mental health programs.

Hours of Operation:

Monday: 8:00AM - 7:00PM
Tuesday - Friday: 8:00AM - 5:00PM

Drop-in:

- Monday: 8:30AM - 7:00PM
- Tuesday - Friday: 8:30AM - 5:00PM

Student Support Specialist

Roberta Rogers - Brooks Campus

Offers one-on-one counselling to students, helping them navigate their personal lives through their studies.

Book an Appointment
Complete Online Intake



Peer Support

peersupport@mhc.ab.ca

Drop-in:

Wednesdays | 12:00PM - 2:00PM | Library
Fridays | 12:00PM - 1:00PM | Interfaith Room
Connect for a safe, confidential, and non-judgmental conversation.

Students' Association of MHC (SAMHC)

samhc@mymhc.ca | samhc.ca

SAMHC serves as a voice for all students and plans special events that celebrate diversity, create awareness, and engage the college community.

Interested in joining or starting a student club? Have questions about academic processes, or require health and dental benefits? Maybe you just want to meet people and have fun. Whatever you're looking for, SAMHC is a good place to start.

Follow SAMHC on instagram for events.

 @saofmhc

Chaplaincy Services

George Koopmans
chaplain@mhc.ab.ca | Room F155

Chaplain George invites students, staff, and faculty to drop-in events each week at the Interfaith Centre, offering food, conversation, community, and connection.

From casual **Huddles** and **Java with George** to **Free Lunch in The Den**, **Bible Study and Worship**, and **Talko Fridays**, there is something for everyone. He's also hosting in the fall - **Chaplain's Retreat at Whispering Pines Camp** in Cypress Hills.

For full details or to get involved, visit Chaplain George in the Interfaith room or email chaplain@mhc.ab.ca.

International Education office offers student support such as Immigration advising, health insurance, orientation, referrals, cultural activities, and information sessions.

(See page 5 for more information)

Your first Steps in Canada

Explore Medicine Hat and Brooks through their tourism sites and social pages.
Your go-to guides for local events, parks, restaurants, and community life.

Explore Medicine Hat
www.tourismmedicinehat.com

 [@tourismmedicinehat](https://www.instagram.com/tourismmedicinehat)

Discover what Brooks has to offer
brooksregiontourism.com

 [@brooks.newellregion](https://www.instagram.com/brooks.newellregion)



Community Connections

Medicine Hat

Medicine Hat Public Library
mhpl.shortgrass.ca

The Connection

Intercultural Association of Medicine Hat
connectionvillage.org

Saamis Immigration Services
saamisimmigration.ca

Islamic Association Medicine Hat
sites.google.com/view/islammh/home
email: iamhalberta@gmail.com

Brooks

Brooks Public Library
brooks.shortgrass.ca

Brooks & County Immigration Services
bcis-brooks.ca

SPEC LINKS
spec.ab.ca

Global Village Centre
globalvillagecentre.ca



Understanding Canadian Culture

Canadian culture is shaped by diversity, respect, and community. As an international student, you will experience a welcoming environment where people value kindness, personal space, and cultural differences.



Everyday Interactions

Canadians value politeness, personal space, and punctuality. You'll often hear "please," "thank you," and "sorry," and people generally appreciate giving others space and being on time for classes and appointments.



Communication Style

Communication is direct but friendly. Canadians speak clearly while staying respectful, and often start conversations with light small talk about the weather or daily life.



Diversity & Multiculturalism

Canada is multicultural, with diverse cultures reflected in local food and festivals. You'll also see recognition of Indigenous Peoples through land acknowledgements and campus events.



Expectations

Lining up (queuing) is expected, and cutting in line is considered rude. Tipping 15–20% is standard in restaurants and cafés, and recycling and sorting waste is part of everyday routines in most public spaces.



Hygiene & Scents

Good hygiene is expected, and strong perfumes or scents are discouraged, especially in shared spaces due to allergies.



Building Connections

Joining campus clubs, sports, and events is a great way to meet people. Asking questions is encouraged, and Canadians appreciate authenticity.

Sharing your own culture helps build meaningful connections.



Volunteering & Community Engagement

Volunteering is a great way to connect with the community, learn about Canadian culture, and make a difference. It strengthens scholarship and job applications and helps you build connections and the soft skills Canadian employers value.

Volunteer or cheer for the Rattlers

To sign up, email Kristina Hyde at khyde@mhc.ab.ca. Admission is free for students!

Student Ambassadors

Represent MHC at events, build leadership skills, and connect with other students. To sign up, visit www.mhc.ab.ca/ambassadors

Students' Association

Support campus events, assist with event logistics, and contribute to student life initiatives. Sign up at samhc.ca/volunteer-opportunities

The Connection

Volunteer in programs that support newcomers, promote cultural exchange, and build inclusive community spaces. To sign up, visit connectionvillage.org/volunteer

For more volunteering opportunities in Medicine Hat, learn more at medicinehatvolunteers.ca





Health and Wellness

Health Insurance, Facilities, & Student Support

Health Insurance

Medicine Hat College provides StudyInsured health insurance for all international students, covering emergencies, unexpected illness, and injuries from August 15 to August 14 each year. It does not include dental care or pre-existing conditions. For more details, visit International Education (room C226). Learn more at www.studyinsured.com/mhcinternational.

Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan (AHCIP)

In Alberta, most international students qualify for the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan (AHCIP). It provides coverage for medically necessary physician services and it is free.

Download the AHCIP application form at www.alberta.ca/ahcip-how-to-apply.aspx or apply in person at a registry office.

Medicine Hat & Brooks Registry Services

Before going there, please call the office to check what documents are needed to apply for the AHCIP. It is highly recommended to apply for the AHCIP if you are qualified. Here are some nearby Licence bureau options in Medicine Hat:

Licence Bureau on Kingsway	672 Kingsway Ave SE	(403)527-2922
Licence Place Ltd.	177 12 st NE	(403)529-6666
Medicine Hat Licence Centre	2805 13 Ave SE	(403)528-8800
Brooks - Grassland Registry	240 3 St SW	(403)362-5755

NOTE: Alberta ID cards are issued through Medicine Hat & Brooks Registry Services, where you can apply for and obtain your provincial identification. Visit the registry offices listed above.

Making an insurance claim - StudyInsured

Pay for prescriptions at the pharmacy and keep your receipts to claim reimbursement from StudyInsured.

How to claim/have your money refunded

Submit your claim online at www.studyinsured.com/mhcinternational/en/onlineclaim by scanning and uploading your receipts.

Healthcare Facilities

If you require emergency treatment, contact StudyInsured within 48 hours using the number on your digital health card. No upfront payment is required, but a bill will be mailed. **Keep your bills and receipts; these are needed to do a claim.** **NOTE:** For emergencies only, call 911 if needed.

Emergency Services

Medicine Hat Regional Hospital

666 5 St SW, Medicine Hat, AB
Hours: 12:00PM - 8:00PM
Emergency: Open 24 hours

Brooks Health Centre

440 3 St E, Brooks, AB
Hours: Monday - Sunday 12:00PM - 8:00PM
Emergency: Open 24 hours

Walk-in Clinics

No appointment necessary – call the clinic to find out their walk-in hours.

Medicine Hat

Carry Drive Clinic	116 Carry Dr SE #137	(403)502-8926
VistaPark Medical Clinic	#101 - 450 Vista Drive SE	(403)548-2228
The Hill Center	35 7 St SE	(403)526-2258

Brooks

Brooks Medical Clinic	219B 3 St W	(403)362-3040
Newell Associate Clinic	220 4 St W	(403)362-5501
Centennial Health	316 8 Ave W	(403)793-8883

MHC Health Services - College Clinic

The College Clinic (room F107) is open with online appointment booking only. Before booking a first appointment, you must first register:

- Fill out and submit registration form: www.mhcollegeclinic.com
- If you meet criteria (must be staff, student, or family of staff/student), you will receive an email from the College Clinic with a link to create a Medeo account.
- Create a Medeo account (the link will be in your email).
- Book appointment through the **Medeo app**.



Work, Banking & Daily Life

Working in Canada

International students may work in Canada if their study permit includes work authorization and they are enrolled full-time in an eligible program. Most students can work up to **24 hours per week** during the semester and **full-time during scheduled breaks**.

A **Social Insurance Number (SIN)** is required for any paid work. Students should also be aware of basic employment rights and balance work with academic responsibilities to maintain their study permit status. Visit www.canada.ca.

Career Services

Student Career Services helps you explore career options and prepare for your job search through career advising, assessments, and skills inventories.

Career Services is located in the Student Advising area in Centre Core. To book an appointment, email studentcareercentre@mhc.ab.ca.

For more information, visit www.mhc.ab.ca/campus-services

Opening a Bank Account

International students can open a Canadian bank account once they arrive in Canada. To get started, students typically need their passport, study permit, proof of enrollment, and a Canadian address. Most major banks offer student accounts with no or low monthly fees. Opening an account makes it easier to receive wages, pay bills, and manage daily expenses while studying in Canada.

For a list of banks in Medicine Hat, visit www.medicinehatdirectory.com/banks

NOTE: Online banking and mobile apps make managing your money easier. If you receive money from home, ask about international transfer options to avoid fees and delays.

Setting Up for mobile phone

Setting up a mobile phone in Canada is simple. Choose a provider such as **Rogers, Telus, Bell, Fido, or Koodo**, and bring your passport and Canadian address to register. Most new students choose a prepaid plan because it doesn't require a credit check.

NOTE: Make sure your phone is unlocked and compatible with Canadian networks, then buy a SIM card from a provider store and follow the carrier's instructions to activate it.

Driver's Licence

As an international student in Alberta, you can drive with a valid foreign licence for up to three months. After that, you will need to apply for an Alberta driver's licence, which may require tests unless your home licence qualifies for an exchange.

See page 13 for Medicine Hat & Brooks Registry Services information. visit www.alberta.ca

Medicine Hat Transportation

Shuttle, Rental Car, and Taxi Services

FlixBus	N/A	www.flixbus.ca
Enterprise Rent-A-Car	(403)526-8064	www.enterprise.ca
*J&L Shuttle	(403)528-8851	jandlshuttle.com
Care Cabs Ltd. Taxi	(403)529-2211	N/A
Deluxe Central Taxi	(403)527-7777	deluxecentraltaxi.ca

**This service specifically offers transportation between Medicine Hat and Brooks, with two daily departures from Medicine Hat.*

Brooks Taxi Services

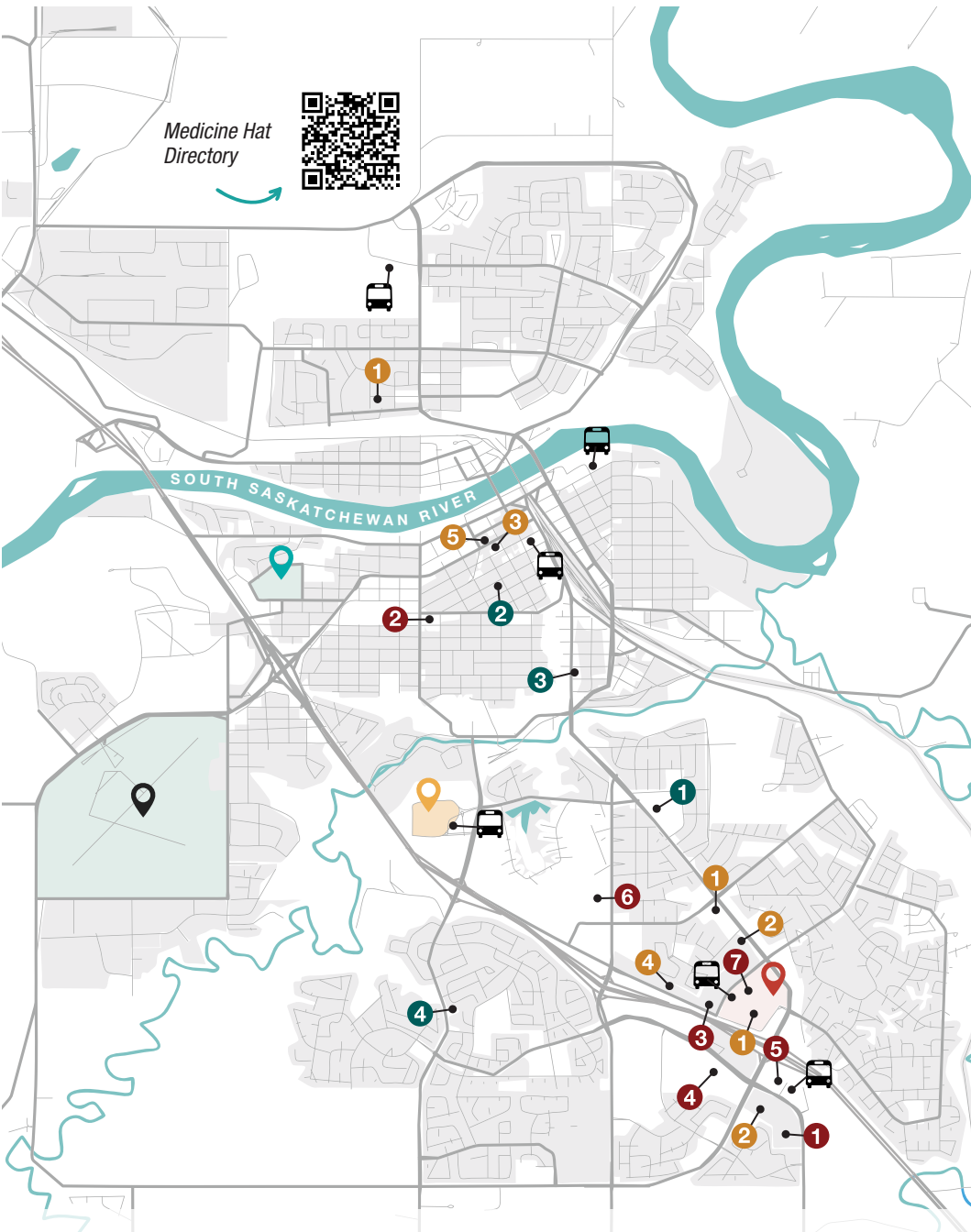
Brooks Taxi	(403)362-4010	N/A
City Taxi	(403)362-2929	citytaxibrooksalberta.com
Klein Cabs	(403)362-8866	N/A
Lou Cabs	(403)363-1111	N/A



Transit Services

Pick up, load and reload your **MHTgo!** pass at the **MHC Bookstore**. Medicine Hat Transit provides regular bus service to the MHC campus.

Route Schedules & Maps
www.medicinehat.ca/transit



Medicine Hat

-  **Medicine Hat College**
299 College DR SE
-  **Medicine Hat Regional Airport**
1 Viscount Ave SW
-  **Medicine Hat Mall**
3292 Dunmore Rd SE
-  **Medicine Hat Hospital**
666 5 St SW

 MH Transit



Essential Directory

-  Budget-friendly Shopping
-  Grocery Stores
-  International Grocery

Medicine Hat shopping	Address	Amenities
1 Walmart Supercentre	1820 Strachan Rd SE	  
2 Safeway	615 Division Ave S	 
3 Real Canadian Superstore	1792 Trans Canada Way SE	  
4 Save-on-Foods	1820 20 Strachan SE	 
5 Sobeys	1960 Strachan Rd SE	 
6 Medicine Hat Co-op	303 13 Ave SE	 
7 Freshco	3292 Dunmore Rd SE	 
1 Grace International	1667 Dunmore Rd SE	
2 Med Hat Asian Market	520A 4 Ave SE	
3 Lebanese Market	1039 Kingsway	
4 Mubarak Halal Store	303 Southridge Dr SE	
1 Dollarama	3060 Dunmore Rd SE	 
2 Dollar Tree	3154 Dunmore Rd SE	
3 Salvation Army	457 3rd Street SE	
4 Value Village	1368 Trans Canada Way SE	
5 Y Treasure Thrift Store	450 3rd Street SE	

Brooks shopping

Twist n' Shop	112 2nd Street W	
Blessing Barn	740 Alberta Street W	
Safeway Brooks	550 Cassils Rd W	 
Terashita's NOFRILLS Brooks	731 Alberta St W	 
Brooks Grocery	330 2 St W #2	 
Walmart Superstore	917 3 st W	 
Sam's Oriental Market Ltd	316 Cassils Rd W	
Sulub Family Halal Meat & Grocery	312 Cassils Rd W	



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