



# High School Counsellor Newsletter

## May Edition

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### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**MAY 4, 2020**

Spring term begins

**MAY 6, 2020**

Last day to [apply for admission to Spring term](#)

**MAY 18, 2020**

Victoria Day - College closed

**MAY 31, 2020**

Deadline to complete RDC's General Awards Application  
International document deadline for Summer term admission

**JUNE 1, 2020**

Tuition Deposit deadline for domestic students admitted prior to May 1, 2020

## RDC's Response to COVID-19



Visit [rdc.ab.ca/coronavirus](https://rdc.ab.ca/coronavirus) for up-to-date information on RDC's college-wide response to COVID-19.

## Updates from the Office of the Registrar

What a difference a month has made in all our lives. It has not been business as usual and as a result RDC has had to make a number of changes to better support our applicants, new and continuing students. We want to update you on some changes as a result of COVID-19.

### Extended Dates and Deadlines for New and Continuing Students

- The Tuition Deposit deadline has been extended to June 1, 2020 for new domestic students and to June 15, 2020 for new international students.

- Continuing Student Registration has been delayed to June 9, 2020.
- New Student Registration has been delayed to June 23, 2020.
- Apprentice and Industry Training (AIT) has deferred the opening of apprenticeship course registration. A release date has not yet been determined.

### **Transfer Credit and Pre-requisites**

- For students transferring post-secondary courses, graded as pass or credit, RDC will accept these courses for transfer credit and for meeting course pre-requisites.

### **Programs with Admission Testing**

- Testing for admission purposes is currently unavailable due to COVID-19. Applicants required to complete testing will be notified when alternative testing options become available.

### **Programs with Competitive Admission**

- The GPA calculations were completed in March; therefore, there has been no change to the admission process for students admitted to Fall 2020 as a result of COVID-19.
- For future applicants with post-secondary credits, RDC will use the best grades from the previous term if the most recent term provided includes only pass/credit grades.
- For future high school applicants, RDC will use the course mark when no diploma mark is available for applicants affected by COVID-19 in 2020. In the case where both marks are available RDC will use the highest mark.

### **English Language Proficiency Testing**

- RDC will accept Duolingo as equivalent to other testing for admission into Fall, 2020 and Winter 2021.

If you have questions please reach out to the Student Connect Centre or Admission teams at [studentconnect@rdc.ab.ca](mailto:studentconnect@rdc.ab.ca) or [admissions@rdc.ab.ca](mailto:admissions@rdc.ab.ca).

## **Program Suspensions**

As the College plans for the upcoming academic year, it has made the difficult decision to suspend applications for five programs. The reasons for the suspensions vary slightly, but these are due to regular

academic planning that RDC conducts each year to ensure academic operations are sustainable. A key factor in such decisions is low enrolment. The programs are:

- **Adult and Higher Education Instructor Post-Diploma Certificate**
- **eLearning Instructor Post-Diploma Certificate**
- **Instrumentation Engineering Technology Diploma**
- **Media Studies and Professional Communication Diploma**
- **Acting and Live Entertainment majors within the Bachelor of Applied Arts in Film, Theatre and Live Entertainment** (please note students in the Film Production major are not impacted - more information provided below)

No new students will be accepted to these programs for September 2020, and those who have applied are being contacted by the Office of the Registrar.

More information on this decision can be found in our [news release](#).

As noted above, the Film Production major within the **Bachelor of Applied Arts in Film, Theatre and Live Entertainment** will continue and we want prospective students to know that there is still something in this program for everyone.

**For those who were considering the Acting major:** We plan on offering two performance electives for students. The Directing, Projects, and Workshops courses will extensively cover the process of auditions and casting, character interpretation, blocking and working on set, and coaching and directing actors in all forms of scripted entertainment. In addition, Glen Gaston will be teaching these courses. Glen is an experienced actor and director, and is a highly regarded specialist from the Professional Actors Lab in Toronto. He looks forward to mentoring actors in developing their professional careers.

**For those who were considering Live Entertainment major:** The skills you will gain throughout the program will be directly applicable to all forms of production in the entertainment industry. We are flexible and are eager to explore ideas for project work, including theatre, as part of the film major. All of your faculty have years of experience in both theatre and film.

For all students, the fourth year practicum will provide even more opportunities to customize your experience and practice your craft in any medium, including theatre, film, television, radio, voice over, animation, you name it!

This past year we saw actors take on production roles and production students acting in front of the camera, which reflects the reality in the industry. We fully intend to build on the success of the Motion Picture Arts program and make this Film Major one of the best programs in the country, with an

emphasis on attracting and working with actors as well as production students.

Any questions you may have regarding the Bachelor of Applied Arts in Film, Theatre and Live Entertainment can be directed to [creativearts@rdc.ab.ca](mailto:creativearts@rdc.ab.ca).

## Kinesiology Program Updates

In an effort to support students in their learning and career outcomes, and to streamline what we offer, our Kinesiology program will now have two routes for students to access.

1. Bachelor of Kinesiology - University Transfer
2. Kinesiology Fitness and Health Promotion Diploma

We will no longer be offering a general diploma in kinesiology beginning in Fall 2020. This change was due to the fact that many of our general students are pursuing university transfer studies (which is still 100% possible) but the general diploma was not specific enough for most employment outcomes. It is our hope, that by giving students a 2 year diploma with a focus on fitness and health, we can provide career opportunities after 2 years and a more streamlined process going forward. All students who have previously been admitted or applied to our General Diploma for Fall 2020 have been notified and plans have been altered accordingly.

Our Fitness and Health Promotion Diploma, as in the past, is still 100% transferable so students are not limited if they wish to pursue further study.

Admission requirements for both routes remains as-is, a minimum average of 60% with no mark below 50% in:

- English Language Arts 30-1
- Biology 30
- Subject from Group A or C
- Subject from Group A or C
- Subject from Group B, C, or Physical Education 30 (5 credit), or Recreation Leadership (REC) Advanced Level-Career and Technology.

Please note: Mathematics 30-2 is acceptable for admission as a Group C subject, however only one of Mathematics 30-1 and Mathematics 30-2 may be used for admission purposes and only one language other than English is accepted for admission.

If any questions arise please feel free to connect with us at [healthsciences@rdc.ab.ca](mailto:healthsciences@rdc.ab.ca).

## We're Still Here: eAdvising

Although RDC's facilities are closed, our advisors are still available to help in any way that they can. We understand that these are confusing times and are here for you throughout this journey. Book an eAdvising (online) appointment today! This service is open to current and prospective students as well as community members.



The **Student Connect Centre** is your one-stop-shop for information on:

- RDC's programs
- Admission requirements
- The application process
- Course registration
- Funding, awards & scholarships

Visit [rdcscs.as.me](http://rdcscs.as.me) to book an online appointment with one of our Student Connect Centre advisors.

For program-specific academic advising, book an appointment with your School advisor:

- **School of Arts & Sciences Academic Advising:** Click [here](#) to book an online or phone appointment.
- **Donald School of Business Academic Advising:** Email [dsbinfo@rdc.ab.ca](mailto:dsbinfo@rdc.ab.ca) to book an online or phone appointment.
- **School of Creative Arts Academic Advising:** Click [here](#) to book an online or phone appointment.
- **School of Education Academic Advising:** Click [here](#) to book an online or phone appointment.
- **School of Health Sciences Academic Advising:** Click [here](#) to book an online or phone appointment.
- **School of Trades & Technologies Academic Advising:** Email [tradesandtechnologies@rdc.ab.ca](mailto:tradesandtechnologies@rdc.ab.ca) to book an online or phone appointment.
- **School of Continuing Education Advising:** Email [ce@rdc.ab.ca](mailto:ce@rdc.ab.ca) to book an online or phone appointment.

## RDC's General Awards Application

RDC's General Awards application is still open, but the deadline is fast approaching! By completing this application, students are assessed for all RDC entrance awards with the exception of the [Building on Excellence Award](#).

In order to complete the General Awards Application, students must apply to RDC and receive clear or conditional admission. RDC admission letters will include new students' Loop account usernames and passwords which are required in order to access the General Awards Application.

[Click here to access RDC's General Awards Application](#)

Deadline to apply: **May 31, 2020**

Questions? We are happy to help! Contact the Student Connect Centre at [studentconnect@rdc.ab.ca](mailto:studentconnect@rdc.ab.ca) or 403.342.3254.

## Summer at RDC

Although this summer may feel different, RDC's School of Continuing Education summer programming is still here for you and your family! Our programs are undergoing an expansive overhaul to adapt to our current situation in order to ensure that the fun, learning and creativity continues to flourish.

Updated information will be posted to [rdc.ab.ca/summercamps](https://rdc.ab.ca/summercamps) in the near future. Alternatively, you may still reach the School of Continuing Education at [ce@rdc.ab.ca](mailto:ce@rdc.ab.ca).

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT: Kelly Rose



Hi Everyone! My name is Kelly Rose. I have been with Red Deer College for 11 years in a variety of student service positions. I am happy to now serve as the Associate Registrar, Student Services.

My portfolio at the College includes oversight of the Student Connect Centre. The Student Connect Centre provides advice to current and prospective students on funding, awards, and academic matters. It is an exciting area of the College. The Student Connect Centre Advisors and I have the privilege to work closely with the College's academic departments and student supports in order to provide the best possible experience to students.

On a personal note, I am a proud mom of two sons, a dog, and a cat. We are avid campers who spend most of our time outdoors. We also love messy art projects. Our house is a gallery of



creative masterpieces.

I truly love hearing from all of you. Please feel free to connect with me anytime at [kelly.rose@rdc.ab.ca](mailto:kelly.rose@rdc.ab.ca) or 403.343.4044.



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