



# Enriching Lives Through Education

## ABOUT OUR UNIVERSITY

University nuhelot'jne thaiyots'j nistameyimâkanak Blue Quills (UnBQ), on Treaty 6 Territory, near the town of St. Paul, Alberta, is Canada's first Indigenous controlled education centre. We serve the academic and training needs of people of all cultures, encouraging learners to experience studying in a unique cultural and academic environment.

Students can participate in any of the University's over 30 certificate, diploma or degree programs offered across various areas of study.

### Did You Know?

- You can complete your entire post-secondary degree without ever having to leave the Lakeland, right here at UnBQ.
- Blue Quills celebrates over 40 years providing quality education and is governed by appointed Board members, who represent seven local First Nations communities.
- The University is a founding member of the First Nations Adult and Higher Education Consortium, partnering with other Indigenous institutions and programs.



UnBQ Campus — Cultural Grounds

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Blue Quills advances and protects indigenous forms of life and thinking through research, teaching, and community service.

The research is conducted by, and with their communities, respecting traditional protocols, ethics, and relationships, and contributing directly to the lives of people. The teaching honours the whole person, building effective teacher-learner relationships and balancing knowledge with contemporary literature to support learners and communities in achieving their goals. The community service supports administrative and community activities, including ceremonial and traditional social events.

## PROGRAMS

The University is a fully accredited educational institution with programing available for all academic interests including:

**Doctoral Studies** (iyiniw pimâtisiwin kiskeyihtamowin)

**Master of Arts** (Indigenous Language, Education)

### Bachelor Degrees

(Arts, General Studies, Education, Cree Language, Social Work, Leadership & Management, and Indigenous Artists)

### Diploma and Certificate Programs

Camp Life Training	Indigenous Artists
Early Childhood Development (Levels 1, 2, and 3)	Indigenous Languages
Literacy Centre	Information Technology
Indigenous Health Sciences	Knowledge Mentorship
Social Work	Leadership and Management
	Natural Building Sciences

## SERVICES

The Support and Wellness Services at Blue Quills are an essential component of the support system available to students and staff. Blue Quills offers a wide range of support including traditional/culturally based resources, as well as student housing, counselling, recreational and social opportunities.





## Creating Opportunity in the Alberta HUB

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Blue Quills has grown and is expanding its capabilities as an Indigenous organization by providing opportunities that align with academic, cultural, and economic planning.

The focus of these opportunities lies primarily in enhancing community life through student accommodation, log home construction, meeting facilities, and food services.

### Student Accommodation

Blue Quills has single dorm room style accommodation available to students for the Camp Life Training program, other Blue Quills programs, and the general public who require short term living arrangements during training, workshops, meetings and cultural camps. Having additional accommodation space at the University creates more flexibility and convenience for students and supplements existing rental or short term housing options in the community.

### Log Homes

Blue Quills Log Homes is a building contractor with a difference. In partnership with the Natural Building Sciences Program, and under the guidance of a master log builder/timber framer, custom built homes and other structures are constructed with a number of different natural and locally sourced materials. These include:

- Log Homes
- Timber Frame Buildings
- Straw Bale Structures
- Light Clay and Cob

By purchasing a home or building from BQ Log Homes, you are supporting our programs, building capacity within our communities, as well as strengthening and diversifying the local economy.



### Meeting Facilities

Blue Quills offers a unique meeting environment. Set within a former residential school and surrounded by ceremonial grounds, Blue Quills is a special place that your participants will remember.

Meeting facilities include:

- 4 Directions room
- Cafeteria
- Tipis and outdoor spaces
- Gymnasium
- Classrooms
- Cabin at Ceremonial Grounds
- Board room
- Cabin Meeting Space
- Dining room
- Computer Lab

### FOOD SERVICES

Come and enjoy a relaxing meal at the University's Diner. Breakfast, lunch and supper are served daily to students and the public throughout the school year. You are not only going to enjoy a great meal at reasonable prices; you will also be served by very friendly staff.

Catering in the University's meeting facilities can be provided for almost any number of guests and functions, accommodating up to 400 people. The menu ranges from casual to more formal dining.

### What students say:

*"I was born and raised in St. Paul. I'm going to get my Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in Psychology. I'm married with three children. I chose Blue Quills because of the location. I can live in town and get an education. It's easy going here. They don't treat you like a number."*

**L. Knox**, Blue Quills Student

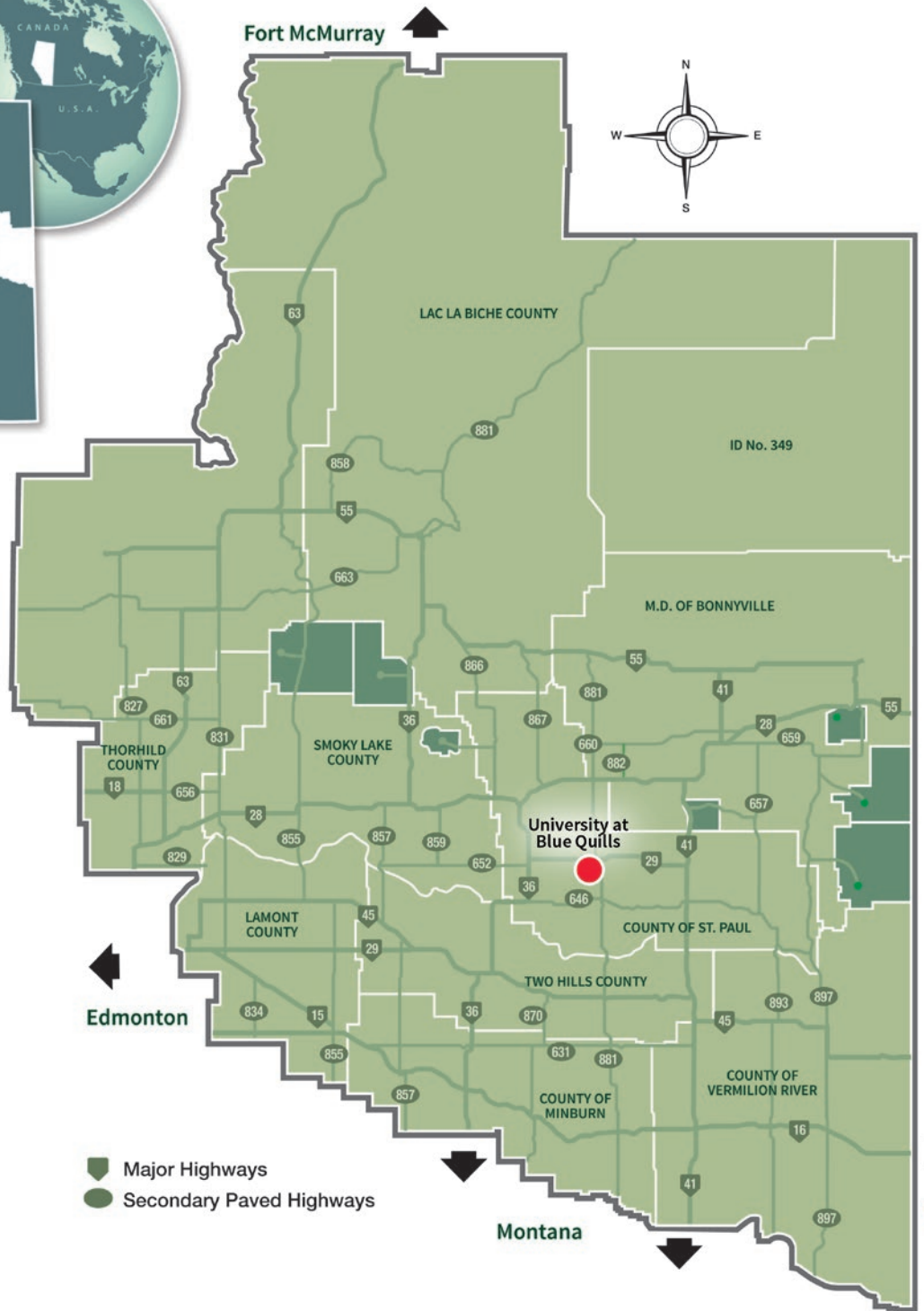





# Campus Location of University nuhelot'ine thaiyots'į nistameyimâkanak Blue Quills (UnBQ)

The Alberta HUB region is proud of its exemplary educational system and options available to its residents. From numerous elementary, secondary and post-secondary educational institutions, the region's schools strive to encapsulate the diverse cultures and beliefs of its communities.

There are three top-notch post-secondary educational institutions in the Alberta HUB region: UnBQ, Portage College, and Lakeland College; all with comprehensive programs to ensure our younger generation have the tools to develop their education and future careers. In fact, the schools boast higher qualification levels in several graduate programs than the rest of the province.



-  Major Highways
-  Secondary Paved Highways

For more information on these post-secondary educational institutions and how they are contributing to sustainable communities and world-class research, visit [Albertahub.com](http://Albertahub.com), [Bluequills.ca](http://Bluequills.ca), [Lakelandcollege.ca](http://Lakelandcollege.ca), or [Portagecollege.ca](http://Portagecollege.ca).





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