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**FRENCH B.ED. PROGRAM DELIVERED IN GRANDE PRAIRIE THROUGH COLLABORATION WITH
THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA’S CAMPUS SAINT-JEAN**

The University of Alberta’s Campus Saint-Jean and Grande Prairie Regional College (GPRC) are pleased to offer a joint partnership to deliver a French Bachelor of Education degree. This collaboration is underpinned by the [“Training space: growing capacity to meet teacher demand”](#) program and supported at the federal and provincial government levels.

Beginning Fall 2021, four French programs will now be offered at GPRC for prospective students seeking to complete a Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) while remaining in Grande Prairie. Registration for these programs is currently open with a closing date of March 1, 2021.

The new satellite campus will be located in Grande Prairie and students will have the opportunity to enroll in additional courses of interest. The programs offered include:

- B.Ed. Elementary (the first two years in Grande Prairie, the last two years at Campus Saint-Jean, practicum in the Grande Prairie region)
- B.Ed. Secondary (the first two years in Grande Prairie, the last two years at Campus Saint-Jean, practicum in the Grande Prairie region)
- B.Ed./After Diploma Elementary (courses and practicum, both years in Grande Prairie)
- B.Ed./After Diploma Secondary (courses and practicum, both years in Grande)

The heart of Campus Saint-Jean is its historic and dynamic community. While the first two years of this joint degree programming will be primarily delivered in Grande Prairie, French B.Ed. students will be an integral part of both Campus Saint-Jean and GPRC communities. In addition to having access to GPRC’s student services, Learning Commons, and other valuable onsite facilities, students will benefit from inclusion in Campus Saint-Jean community activities, access to student services (La Centrale), academic and social support, and most of the other features offered to Edmonton students.

This collaboration will increase the number of teachers in French immersion and Francophone schools, and help meet the needs of French communities across Alberta. For Campus Saint-Jean, this is a historic milestone that further demonstrates an ongoing commitment to programming flexibility and keeping pace with a world in transition.

Similarly, GPRC is eager to diversify its programming and offer even more pathways that support academic excellence and inclusivity. These goals are reflected in the College’s recently launched 5GPRC administrative strategy.

Professor Pierre-Yves Mocquais, Dean of Faculté Saint-Jean and Executive Officer of Campus Saint-Jean, stated he is “delighted with this collaboration between two institutions close to the hearts of Albertans.” He added that “Campus Saint-Jean is counting on the support of the various Francophone and Francophile community actors to ensure the sustainability of this ambitious project.”

“Together with Campus Saint-Jean we are mobilizing opportunity while delivering in-demand, student centred and future focused programming,” said GPRC’s Dr. Brian Redmond, Dean, School of Arts, Science and Upgrading. “It’s these types of partnerships that bring GPRC one step closer to our goal of becoming the northern centre of post-secondary excellence in Alberta.”

To learn more and register for the French Bachelor of Education degree program, please visit uab.ca/CSJsat.

About GPRC

GPRC is a comprehensive community institution, publicly supported to provide opportunities in post-secondary education in northwestern Alberta. Established in 1966 in Grande Prairie, GPRC now includes campuses in Fairview and Grande Prairie. GPRC offers a wide variety of career certificates and diplomas, pre-employment and apprenticeship trades, university transfer studies, and several opportunities for on-campus degree completion at baccalaureate and master levels through collaborations with universities. For more information, [visit gprc.ab.ca](http://visit.gprc.ab.ca).

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About Campus Saint-Jean

Campus Saint-Jean, a French-language multidisciplinary academic unit of the University of Alberta, which includes the Faculté Saint-Jean, the Centre collégial de l’Alberta and the École de langues, is defined by its commitment to integrate learning, discovery and citizenship. Today, approximately 1,000 students, driven by a desire to continue their post-secondary education in French, attend the Campus Saint-Jean and study within its college, bachelor and master’s programs. Campus Saint-Jean respectfully acknowledges that its programs are offered on Treaty 6, Treaty 7 and Treaty 8 territory.

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