

Department of Education & Economic Development
Education Division
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Current Students

The Fall semester has begun and we currently have **260 students** enrolled in post-secondary studies and being supported by the NG Education Division Funding Program. 204 are being supported full-time and 56 are receiving part-time benefits.

In addition to these numbers, we are supporting **6 ABE** students at our Learning Centers in Nain and Hopedale with **2** additional applications being processed. We have an additional **3** people enrolled in short programs, and have also approved support under our Work Experience Program for **7** beneficiaries. And finally, we have provided funds for **35** people have completed safety training.

We are currently accepting application for the Fall 2025 semester and the deadline for applications is March 1st.

Teacher Shortage

Senior staff have been meeting with the Director of Schools for Labrador, Lorina Spurrell, as well as teachers from the schools most critically impacted by the current teacher shortage. We are very aware of the issue and will continue to be an active participant in communications with the province and administration staff to ensure work continues to address the needs of our communities.

Career Trips

The call has gone out for interested Grade 11 students from Nunatsiavut and ULM who are interested in participating in the Grade 11 Career Trip. This year the group will be traveling to Halifax with plans to visit post-secondary institutions in the area as well as get a taste of city life. Applications will be accepted until January 31st and tentative travel dates have been scheduled for March 17-21, 2025.

Inuit Nunangat University

A recommendation from the 2011 National Strategy on Inuit Education called for the creation of an Inuit university to be located in the Arctic. Over the past several years, much progress has been made in the foundational work needed to be able to move forward with this historical initiative. In late November, the Inuit Nunangat University was officially launched, informing the public of the work completed to date. Currently a draft Charter has been developed, along with a draft academic plan which highlights program areas that will become the faculties of the university.

The location of the university will see a main campus in one of the four Inuit regions, with a smaller, satellite campus in each of the remaining regions. Work is underway to gather all of the information that will be required for leaders to make the decisions regarding locations of all four sites.

Work is continuing and the goal is for the first intake to happen in 2030.

Regional Education Division Building

Construction on the new regional Education Division building is well underway. The building is now closed in and the crew is back in Makkovik to continue work throughout the winter months.