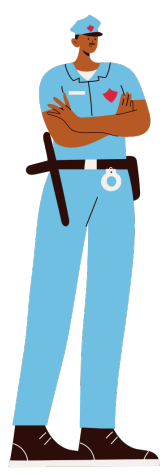
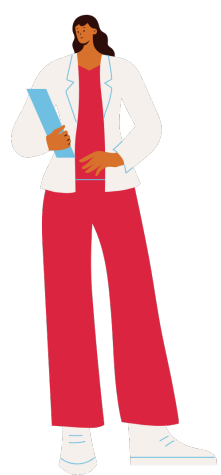
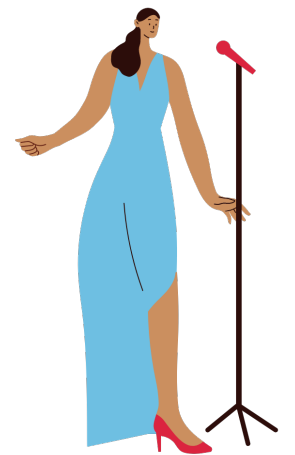
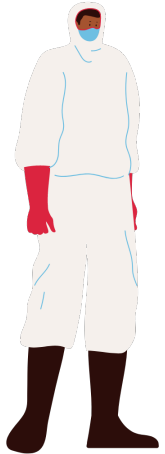


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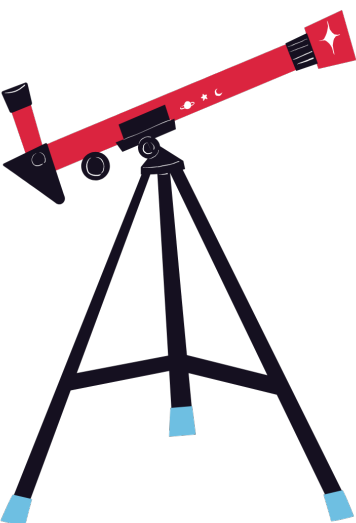
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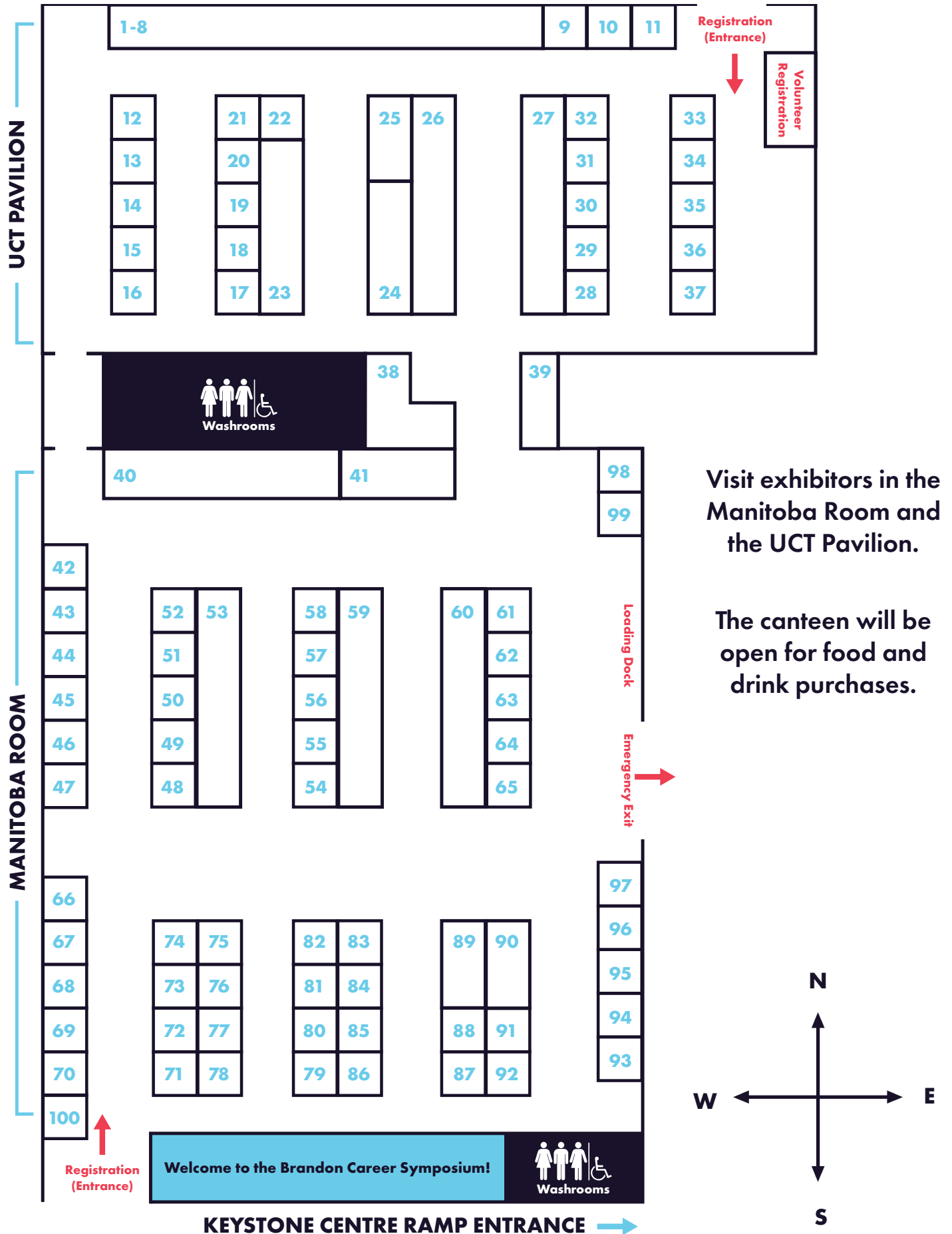
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Design Your Future

Explore a myriad of career possibilities, connect with industry professionals, and discover the educational pathways that will pave the way to your dreams. Empower yourself with the knowledge and resources needed to embark on a fulfilling and successful journey towards your goals.

Explore Your Education

Delve into discussions with educational institutions and experts to learn about the diverse academic opportunities available to you. Whether you're considering post-secondary education or vocational training, discover the pathways that will equip you with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in your chosen career field.

Read about post-secondary education and the difference between a university, a college, and an institution on page 15.



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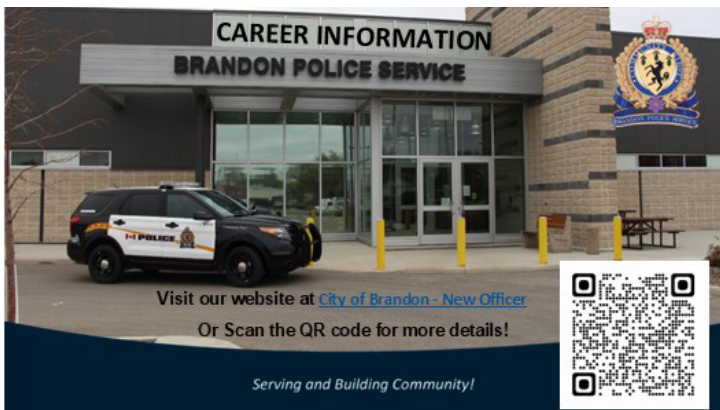
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Resources and Supports

Embrace the wealth of resources and support networks available to assist you in navigating the Canadian job market and educational system.

Industry Professionals

Seize the chance to network with industry professionals and fellow newcomers, fostering connections that can open doors to exciting opportunities.

Your Experiences

Remember to leverage your unique experiences and skills as assets, as diversity is celebrated and valued in the Canadian workforce.

Explore career opportunities in the Westman region with experts from diverse industries offering valuable insights. Dive into information about post-secondary education in Manitoba and across the country. Discover resources from Westman Immigrant Services and learn how to engage with our thriving community.

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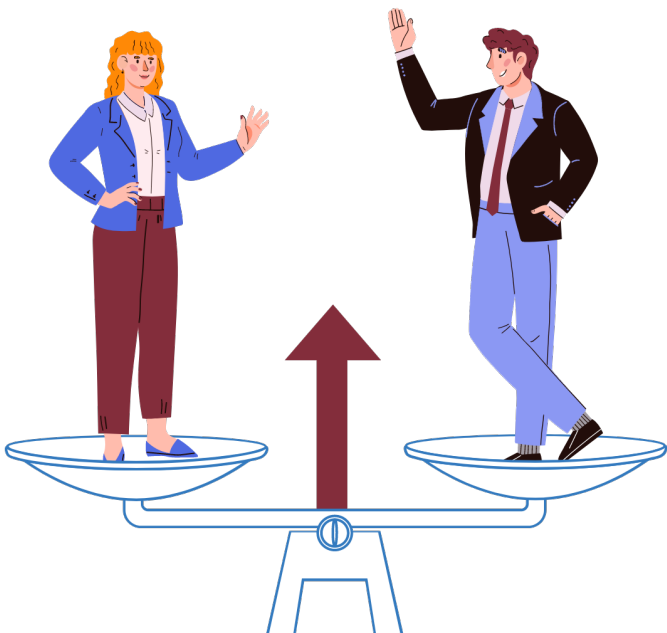
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Are you considering a career change?

The 2024 Brandon Career Symposium offers a unique opportunity to explore the vast possibilities for your future. Regardless of your current career stage, it's never too late to pursue your passions or ambitions.

Whether you're exploring new passions, seeking greater fulfillment, or adapting to changing industry trends, our symposium is designed to support and guide you on your journey. With a diverse range of exhibitors representing various industries and networking opportunities with seasoned professionals, the symposium offers a comprehensive platform to explore new paths and navigate your career transition with confidence. Embrace the possibilities, ignite your passions, and embark on a transformative journey towards a brighter future at the Brandon Career Symposium.



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Post-Secondary Education in Canada

Understanding Academic Structure

Navigating the landscape of post-secondary education in Canada can be both exciting and overwhelming. Understanding the different types of institutions and their academic structures is crucial for prospective students to make informed decisions about their educational journey. In Canada, universities, colleges, and institutes each offer unique opportunities for learning and skill development.

Moreover, familiarizing oneself with the academic calendar and certification processes ensures that students can confidently pursue their educational goals. Let's delve into the details of post-secondary education in Canada to help you navigate this important phase of your academic and professional life.

Universities

Universities typically offer a wide range of undergraduate and graduate programs across various fields of study. They focus on theoretical knowledge, research, and academic inquiry. Universities often grant bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees and place emphasis on academic and research-oriented careers. They may also offer professional programs in fields such as law, medicine, engineering, and business administration.

Colleges

Colleges, also known as community colleges or technical institutes, primarily focus on practical, hands-on training and career-oriented programs. They offer certificates, diplomas, and applied degrees in fields such as healthcare, trades, technology, business, and arts. Colleges often have smaller class sizes, industry connections, and cooperative education opportunities, allowing students to gain real-world experience and job-ready skills.

Institutes

Institutes, similar to colleges, specialize in offering career-focused training and programs. However, institutes may have a narrower focus or specialize in specific areas such as technology, design, hospitality, or arts. They often provide shorter-term training programs, workshops, and certifications designed to prepare students for immediate entry into the workforce or to enhance their existing skills.

The Academic Calendar

The academic year at most post-secondary institutions is typically divided into two main terms and an optional summer term:

Term 1: September to December

Term 2: January to April

Optional Summer Term: May to August

Every post-secondary institution maintains its own academic calendar, detailing crucial dates and events throughout the academic year. This calendar typically includes the commencement and conclusion of terms or semesters, registration cutoffs, exam periods, holidays, and other significant academic engagements. Serving as a road-map for students, it enables effective planning and organization of academic schedules, ensuring students stay informed and prepared for all academic obligations.



Take this opportunity to visit with our diverse selection of post-secondary institutions and discover the education opportunities available for you.

Career Exploration

A helpful way for students to consider their interests and goals, and focus their energies in the right direction.

Here, we'll delve into eight effective career exploration activities you could do to help figure out a potential career path to pursue.

1. Career Mind Mapping: Visualizing Your Connections

Build a visual map to connect your interests and goals. Start with a central concept and branch out to related ideas, using a large piece of paper or digital tool like Google Drawings.

2. Self-Assessment Surveys

Understand your strengths and interests through online quizzes tailored for high school students. Websites like **CareerExplorer** and **InternMart** match your qualities with potential careers based on your responses.

3. Informational Interviews

Gain insights from professionals in the fields that interest you by reaching out on platforms like LinkedIn. Ask about their career paths, daily tasks, and work-life balance.

4. Job Shadowing

Experience a typical day in a profession by shadowing a professional. This hands-on experience provides a realistic view of the tasks and responsibilities involved.

5. Volunteering and Internships

Gain practical experience in various fields through volunteering or internships. Whether at a hospital, marketing agency, or animal shelter, these opportunities offer real-world insights and skill-building.

6. Clubs and Organizations

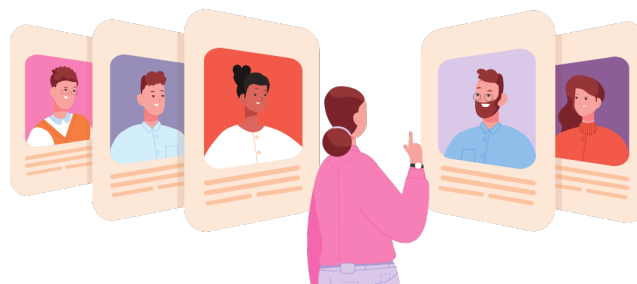
Explore different interests through extracurricular clubs at your school and in your neighborhood. Meet peers and mentors who share your passions.

7. Online Courses and Workshops

Enroll in online courses or workshops to expand your knowledge of different careers. Platforms like **Coursera** or **edX** offer diverse courses to help you explore your interests.

8. Attend Career Fairs and Symposiums

Network with professionals and learn about different industries at career fairs and symposiums. Take advantage of opportunities to connect with experts and gain valuable insights.





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