



PROVIDENCE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE & THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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**HELLO, WE ARE
PROVIDENCE.**

One of the things that you should know about Providence University College and Theological Seminary is that this small post-secondary institution nestled in a quiet, prairie community 30-minutes from Winnipeg is much more than you ever thought it was. Many of our graduates boast of the impact Providence has made in their careers and lives.

"Providence has been an incredible experience for me. I love my classes and have learned so much. The community here has been absolutely life-giving, and I wouldn't trade this experience for the world."

Savannah Brandt, Providence Graduate 2019



1. Providence is offering more university program options than ever before.

You can get a degree in Arts, Science, Business or Theology. The average class at Providence is 9 students. Our professors know their students by name.

2. Providence has constructed a brand new, three-storey residence hall that opened its doors in January 2020. It houses 60+ students on the top floors, and features a 'living and learning' area with a lounge, kitchen, classrooms and meeting rooms that are all accessible on the first floor. It's designed with big windows and living spaces with natural light flooding into every corner.

3. An average of 60 per cent of students receive institutional aid to help with tuition costs. Because of our Impact 2020 campaign, which has raised more than 13.7 million to date, Providence is able to grant a tuition freeze for the 2020/21 academic year and offer more scholarships and bursaries to students.

4. We are a Christ-centred institution. Christ-centred education means more than biblically-based academics. It means courses and programs aimed at equipping students to truly make an impact in the world. It means faculty who are genuinely invested in students' academic, emotional and spiritual growth. It means a student body that encourages, grows and learns together. And a community committed to leaving a legacy that far surpasses the walls of Providence.

5. Providence has newly renovated lecture halls, classrooms and lab spaces.

Our Buller Business School was opened in 2016, boasting beautiful new facilities for students. And in the same year, when we introduced a Biology program at Providence, a state-of-the-art science lab was built to enhance student learning.



6. **We offer competitive athletic programs including basketball, volleyball, soccer and futsal.** Providence is part of the MCAC, CCAA, NIAC and NCCAA leagues. In 2019, the Pilots Women's Basketball won the NIAC Championship 73-60 against the Trinity Bible College Lions. And the Pilots Men's Volleyball won the MCAC Championship 3-1 against the Central Mennonite University Blazers.

7. Established in 1925, Providence has been in operation for nearly a century and is **one of the oldest post-secondary institutes in Manitoba**. Some of our graduates pursue further studies at other universities with transferable credits from Providence.

8. **Providence offers unique and specialized programs such as aviation and health sciences.** At Providence, students can study aviation and at the same time earn a Bachelor of Arts. In the fall of 2019, Providence launched two new academic programs – a two-year diploma in Business Administration and a four-year science degree in Health Sciences for students who want to continue studies in fields such as medicine, pharmacy and physiotherapy. Providence's program options are as diverse and unique as our student population.

Some of Providence's graduates have gone on to: operate tech startups in Germany, train lab technicians in Kenya, establish a Bible college in Myanmar, teach TESOL in SE Asia, start a counselling centre in Rwanda, work as a journalist in Belize, run a 20-acre wellness center in Texas, minister to victims of sex trafficking in Ontario, and serve in addiction agencies here in Manitoba.

Our slogan "Your Story Starts Here" speaks to the fact that a post-secondary education at Providence prepares students with the knowledge and character needed for leadership and service around the world.

FAST FACTS ABOUT PROVIDENCE

- Founded in 1925
- More than 10,000 Graduates (Alumni)
- 100-Acre Campus
- 9:1 Student-Faculty Ratio
- 20% International Students
- 130 Students Living On-Campus
- New Residence Opened in 2020
- 60% of Students Receive Institutional Aid
- 20 University College Program Options
- 15 Seminary Program Options
- 8 Certificate Options
- Tuition Freeze for the 2020/21 Academic Year
- \$13.7M Raised in Impact 2020 Campaign To-Date
- 1400 Providence Supporters



RECENT INITIATIVES

IMPACT 2020

For the past five years (since 2015), Providence has been raising money through **Impact 2020: The Campaign for Providence**. We originally set a fundraising goal of \$12.5 million and have reached and surpassed this goal, stretching forward to a new goal set by our Board at \$14.5 million.

As of January 2020, we've raised \$13.7 million with more than 1400 supporters. Since the beginning of the campaign, we've been able to complete some of the following initiatives:

- Brand new spaces and classrooms for the Buller School of Business
- A state-of-the-art science lab
- A new school courtyard & porch
- Newly paved roadways on campus
- Upgrades to campus signage
- A one-stop-shop Welcome Centre for students
- A new institutional website
- Improved Internet capacities with fiber optics installed
- New wireless access points on campus
- A brand new residence
- Additional academic program development
- A **tuition freeze** for the 2020-2021 academic year
- Increased scholarships & bursaries offerings
- More professional development for employees





MURIEL TAYLOR HALL

Impact 2020 made it possible for Providence to build a beautiful, brand new, three-storey “Living & Learning Centre,” showcasing more than just a residence but creative community spaces for study, meetings, food and conversation. Every space is intentionally designed with large windows and lots of natural light flooding into rooms and lounges.

In June 2017, our men’s residence, Bergen Hall, burned down. And it was then that Providence began the initial stages of planning for a new building. Three Way Builders started construction in January 2019 and we planned for a 12-month build. Even with all of the days lost to cold and rain, Three Way was still able to complete the project in under a year.

Now, as of January 2020, we are excited to see 60 of our female ***students move-in***. The only remaining items, such as landscaping, sidewalks and a finished exterior coat, will occur in the spring/summer 2020 when we have a stretch of warmer and drier weather.

Providence has named our new residence “Muriel Taylor Hall.” Taylor was among the first three faculty members employed to instruct and prepare young people for ministry and missions when Providence, then Winnipeg Bible Training School, opened in 1925. She is the longest-serving female Biblical Studies professor in Providence history. Taylor served for more than 25 years, and Providence is now honoring her legacy in special tribute to her selfless service to the Lord and her students.

“It is always a challenge in private Christian higher education to provide students with the kind of quality education that Providence is known for, while at the same time doing all that we can to make it economically accessible. By holding tuition to the current rate for the coming year, Providence is indicating its commitment to ensuring that our transformational educational program will remain available to as wide a variety of students as possible.”

Cameron McKenzie, Provost & VP Academic

“Providence, our institution, our students and Impact 2020 would be no further ahead if it wasn’t for our supporters. Through their consistent wisdom, prayer and sacrificial giving, Impact 2020 has witnessed incredible support. Thus far, Providence has seen a total of 1,425 supporters invest in Impact 2020 and the mission of Providence. Those 1,425 supporters have contributed a staggering number of gifts totaling 9,455.”

Cody Quiring, VP External Relations

“Our team of Grant Design Group, Pico Architecture and Three Way Builders has worked hard to not only ensure the new building is completed in a timely fashion, but also that it looks aesthetically pleasing and is ultimately achieving student satisfaction and helping us achieve our Providence mission.”

Marlin Reimer, Associate VP for Student Development

“God continues to bring us students from all over the world who are leaving with greater knowledge and confidence to do the work that God has called them to do. I’ve visited alumni in North America, SE Asia and Eastern Europe and seen firsthand the difference that they are making in their communities.”

Dr. Stan Hamm, Dean of Seminary

MARKETING INFORMATION

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

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