

Adult Learning Centres

IN MANITOBA



2005/2006 ANNUAL REPORT





MINISTER OF ADVANCED EDUCATION AND LITERACY

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Legislative Building
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CANADA

His Honour the Honourable John Harvard, P.C., O.M.
Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba
Room 235, Legislative Building
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0V8

Your Honour:

I have the privilege of presenting for the information of Your Honour
the Annual Report of Manitoba's Adult Learning Centres for the program year ending
June 30, 2006.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane McGifford".

Diane McGifford
Minister



Deputy Minister of Advanced Education and Literacy
Room 156 Legislative Building
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Honourable Diane McGifford
Minister of Advanced Education and Literacy
Room 162, Legislative Building
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0V8

Dear Minister:

I have the honour of presenting the Annual Report for Manitoba's Adult Learning Centres. This report contains program information from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006.

For the 2005-2006 program year, the Adult Learning and Literacy Branch of Advanced Education and Literacy registered 43 adult learning centres under *The Adult Learning Centres Act*. These centres assist adult learners to upgrade their skills, complete their high school diploma, or earn credits needed to access educational or employment opportunities.

Manitoba's adult learning centres have continued to deliver quality programming, with a focus on meeting the needs of adult learners as mandated under *The Adult Learning Centres Act*. I am pleased with the on-going commitment to education on the part of the staff and learners at the adult learning centres.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwight Botting
Deputy Minister

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I. Introduction

Adult Learning and Literacy (ALL) of Advanced Education and Literacy is dedicated to improving the educational and employment prospects of this province's adults by working with Manitoba's adult learning centres (ALCs).

ALL administers *The Adult Learning Centres Act*, which became effective July 1, 2003. This report encompasses the third year of the Act's implementation.

ALCs are registered on an annual basis under the Act to provide tuition-free high school credit and upgrading courses using recognized principles of adult education. The *Adult Learning Centres – General Regulation* also came into force July 1, 2003. The Act and General Regulation establish accountability standards that ALCs meet in order to ensure public monies are well spent and adult learners well served.

"I will not forget the chance that I was given to prove to myself that I could succeed in reaching my personal goal of getting a high school diploma. I will take the lessons I have learned in all my courses with me."

Neil
St. Norbert Adult Education Centre, Winnipeg

II. Highlights of Adult Learning Centre Programming for 2005/2006

NUMBER OF LEARNERS REGISTERED AT ALCs = 8,446

TOTAL NUMBER OF ALC GRADUATES = 1,238

NUMBER OF ABORIGINAL GRADUATES = 441

NUMBER OF COURSES COMPLETED FOR CREDIT = 12,041

"The requirement for [Applied Math 40S and Physics 40S] came out of an employment opportunity...and competition for this position dictated that time was most certainly a factor....I had already taken trade-specific math and physics at a college level in my machinist apprenticeship....Based on this...I was able to expedite my studies, completing them in a very reasonable timeframe."

Chris
Lord Selkirk Learning Centre, Selkirk

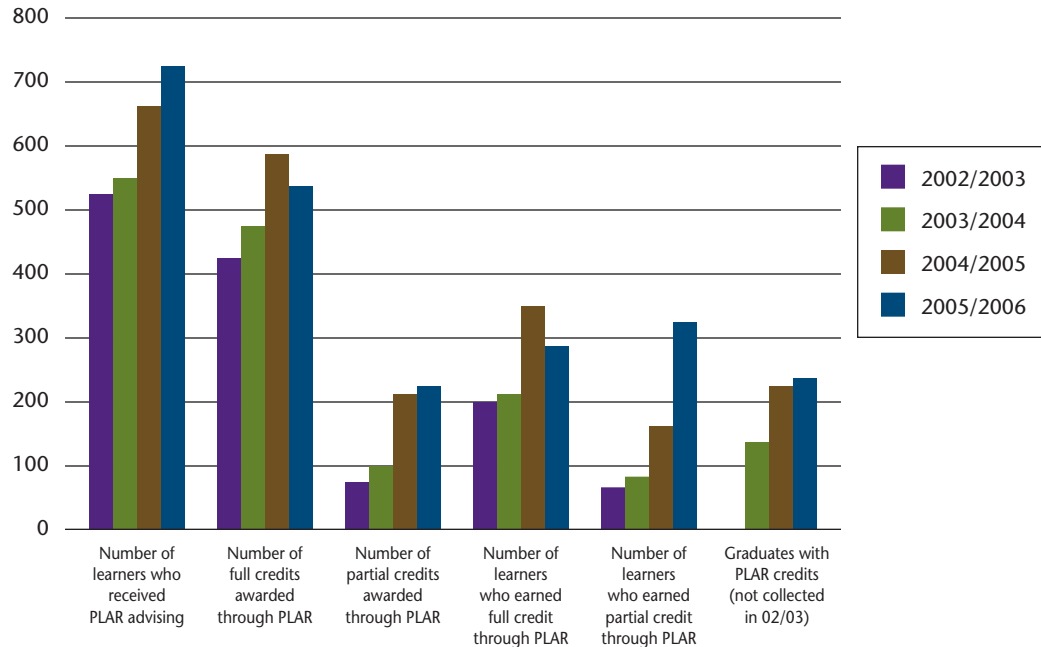
"...I can say the key to the future is education."

Donald
Fieldstone Ventures Education
and Training Centre, Ashern

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) is a process used to identify, document, assess and recognize skill and knowledge. Credit may be given so that adult learners avoid unnecessary repetition of learning, enabling them to move forward with increased confidence in themselves and their abilities.

The chart below illustrates the on-going PLAR activity in ALCs:



"The centre has given me the opportunity to further my education and pursue a post-secondary course."

Maggie
Kelsey School Division Adult Education
Program, The Pas

III. Registration and Funding Information for 2005/2006

Under *The Adult Learning Centres Act*, the registration of an ALC is done on an annual basis. Registration is subject to meeting the requirements of the Act, fulfilling the accountability requirements established by the Registrar of ALL, and having sufficient funding for the operation of an ALC.

A registered ALC may be funded wholly or partially from ALL's funding allocation, or it may be funded entirely by sources other than ALL.

ALC Funding Allocation for 2005/2006 \$14,075,000	
Total Number of Registered ALCs for 2005/2006 43	
Funded ALCs 41	Non-funded ALCs 2

An ALC may operate from more than one site. For 2005/2006, the 43 registered ALCs delivered programming from 83 sites:

Aboriginal Community Campus	Long Plain First Nation Training Centre
Assiniboine Community College Adult Collegiate (ACCAC)	Lord Selkirk Learning Centre
ACCAC – God’s Lake	Louis Riel Institute Adult Learning Centre
ACCAC – Rolling River	Midland Adult Education Centre
ACCAC – Sandy Bay	Minnedosa Adult Learning Centre
Assiniboine Community College – Parkland Campus	Morden Adult Education Centre
Assiniboine Community College – Westbran Campus	Peguis Adult Education Learning Centre
Adult Education Centre (AEC) Inc.	Portage la Prairie School Division Adult Education Program
Crossroads Learning Centre Inc.	Portage Learning and Literacy Centre
Faith Adult Learning Centre	Regional Alternative Education Centre
Fieldstone Ventures Education and Training Centre	River East School Division – Boeing Site
Frontier School Division Adult Education Programs:	River East School Division – McLeod Adult Learning Centre
Barrows Junction	River East School Division – Transcona Community Learning Centre
Berens River	Red River College (RRC) – Ebb and Flow
Brochet	RRC – Main Street Campus
Camperville	RRC – Notre Dame Campus
Churchill	RRC – St. Pierre Community Learning Centre
Cormorant	RRC – Steinbach Community Learning Centre
Cranberry Portage	RRC – Winkler Community Learning Centre
Duck Bay	St. Norbert Adult Education Centre
Gillam	St. Vital Adult Learning Centre
Grand Rapids	Ste. Anne Adult Learning Centre
Gypsumville	Seven Oaks Adult Learning Centre
Leaf Rapids	Stevenson-Britannia Adult Literacy Program Inc.
Lynn Lake	Sunrise School Division – Agassiz Adult Education Centre
Moose Lake	Sunrise School Division – Empower Education Centre
Pelican Rapids	Sunrise School Division – New Directions School
Pikwitonei	Sunrise School Division – Springfield Adult Learning Centre
Skownan	Swan River Adult Education Program
South Indian Lake	Swan River Adult Education Program – Friendship Centre
Thicket Portage	Turtle Mountain Adult Education Centre – Boissevain
Wabowden	Turtle Mountain Adult Education Centre – Killarney
Wanipigow	United Food & Commercial Workers Training Centre
Waterhen (Shingibus)	Urban Circle Training Centre Inc.
Horizons Learning Centre – Crossways	Winnipeg Adult Education Centre – Off Campus
Horizons Learning Centre – Elmwood	Waywayseecappo Learning Centre
Horizons Learning Centre – New Directions for Families	Yellowquill College Inc.
Horizons Learning Centre – Palliser Furniture	
Horizons Learning Centre – Portage Place	
Jobworks Employment Education Programs	
Jobworks Youthbuilders Program	
Keewatin Adult Learning Centre – Leaf Rapids	
Keewatin Adult Learning Centre – The Pas	
Keewatin Adult Learning Centre – Split Lake	
Keewatin Adult Learning Centre – Thompson	
Kelsey School Division Adult Education Program	
Laverne Morrisseau Adult Learning Centre	

"Coming back to school after so many years was both exciting and scary. It didn't take long to realize I had made the right decision....The support we received from each other, our instructors, our family and friends, and from our community made all the difference. We encouraged each other, shared in our successes as well as our setbacks, and gained new respect for the learning process."

Linda
Peguis Adult Education Learning Centre, Peguis First Nation

IV. Adult Learning Centre Statistical Information for 2005/2006

ALCs submit statistical data to ALL on an interim and year-end basis. The gathering of statistical information is essential to the development, promotion, provision, and monitoring of adult education in Manitoba. The statistics provide a quantitative description of the ALC programs and the adult learner populations that the programs serve.

Statistical Information: Self-declared

ALC learners provide the following information on a self-declared basis. Because of the optional nature of its collection, the information must be considered an approximation of the ALC learner population. General trends or patterns may be indicated.

For 2005/2006, ALCs reported the following statistical information regarding their ALC learners:

Aboriginal	36%
Employed either part- or full-time	43%
Employment Insurance recipient	6%
Income Assistance recipient	16%
Single parents with child(ren) under age 12	17%
Speakers of English as an Additional Language	27%

"Instead of just throwing you into any class, you are first evaluated and the test results determine where one will start, whether it is literacy, upgrading, or academic classes....In this way, one is not overwhelmed and can acquire the needed skills and tools to be successful..."

Rachel
Aboriginal Community Campus, Winnipeg

"...I am a married woman with five children and work night shift....the teachers...have understood this and worked with me. I have now received most of my credits and I can certainly see myself achieving my diploma in the future."

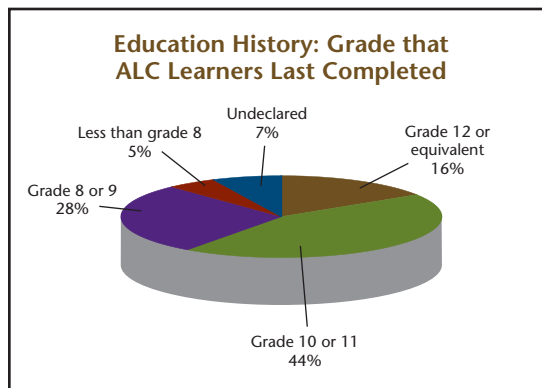
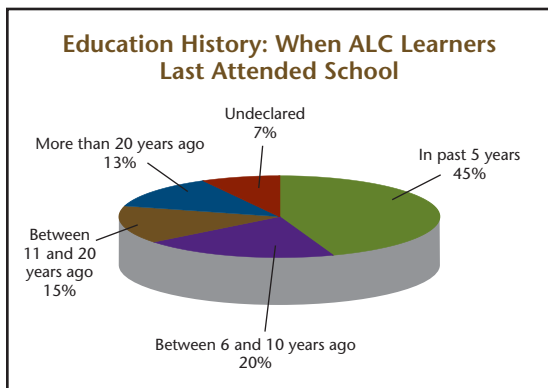
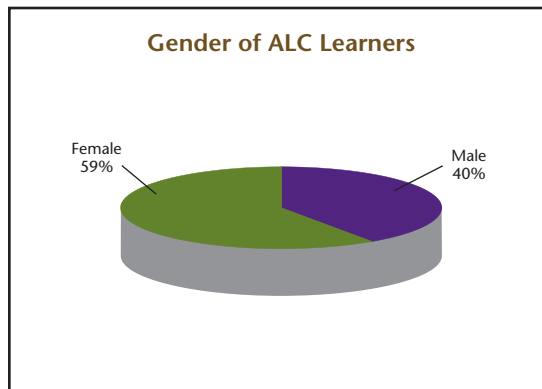
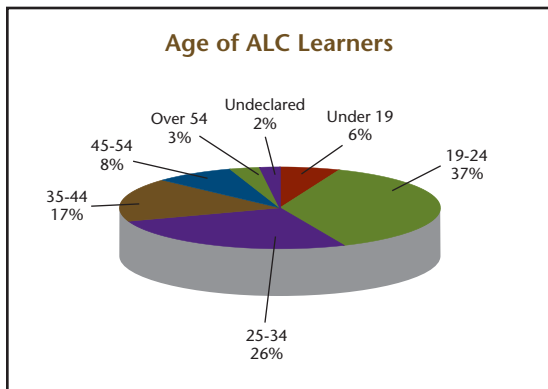
Karen
Aboriginal Community Campus, Winnipeg

Statistical Information: Age, Gender, and Education History

ALCs are required to collect from their learners the information for the categories of Age, Gender, and Education History.¹ The figures below represent the average percent of the overall adult learner population for each category.²

"I never thought I could do this well at school....I graduated a few days ago and it was such an amazing experience...."

Elisabeth
Morden Adult Education Centre, Morden



"Returning to school has challenged me and helped me grow as a person. I can now apply for jobs that were previously unavailable to me...."

Debbie
Portage la Prairie School Division Adult Education Program, Portage la Prairie

¹An *Undeclared* option remains available for reporting purposes.

²Because of rounding, percentages may not add up to exactly 100%.