

Department of Education & Economic Development
Education Division Update
May 2025

Current Students

The Intersession and Spring semester have begun and we currently have **approximately 238 students** enrolled in post-secondary studies and being supported by the NG Education Division Funding Program. **183** are receiving full-time supports and **55** are receiving part-time supports. We are supporting **6** ABE students at our Learning Centers in Nain and Hopedale, which will close at the end of June for the summer break and re-open in September. We have one beneficiary recently completed a work experience and we are now receiving applications for the summer work program.

We partnered with the new Harvester Support Program to deliver the PAL training course in Rigolet and **21** beneficiaries successfully completed it and are in the process for applying for their licenses.

Reminder that although the funding application for the Fall has passed, we are still accepting applications and encourage beneficiaries to apply. There is a blackout period from July 1st to August 31st where we can still accept applications, but they will not be processed until September. This is due to the high volume of work involved with processing applications then setting students up to receive supports.

Inuit Nunangat 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.

ITK has recently hired two Inuit, Natasha MacDonald from Nunavik and Piers Kreps from the Inuvialuit Settlement Region, as our first Academic Council members. They will be responsible for drafting academic policies and shaping a 5-year work plan toward INU's first program offerings in 2030.

Career Trips

The Grade 9 Career Trip to Goose Bay took place last week and was a success! 31 students with 8 chaperones gathered in Goose Bay to visit the College of the North Atlantic, Memorial University Labrador Campus, Air Borealis, RCMP, SERCO, Nunatsiavut Group of Companies, Trades NL, the Gov NL Labour Market Division, and also had a chat with the NG Education Division on funding opportunities. Students took in presentations from schools and possible employers on a variety of career options and post-secondary programs.

Summer Literacy Camps 2025

We have once again contracted United For Literacy (formerly known as Frontier College) to oversee the delivery of the Summer Literacy Camps in the five Nunatsiavut communities. We have a high number of local counsellors hired this year, with numbers hovering around 20 local counsellors once again and we may have 100% local counsellors this year!

The camps will run for 4 weeks between July and August, free of charge for children ages 5-12 (and those heading in to Kindergarten this fall).

Regional Education Division Building

Construction on the new regional Education Division building is well underway. The building is closed in and plumbing, electrical, insulation and drywall is currently being installed. Projected timeline estimated Summer 2025 as completion date.