CUE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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These are <u>live-in</u> positions for the 2021-2022 Academic Year.

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SPRING TERM 1 & 2 FEES ARE NOW ONLINE!

Fees are due the first day of class! - May 5th.

Check your balance

- Online through Concordia's website through https://onlineservices.concordia.ab.ca/
- Contact Student Accounts if a printed statement is required.
- Opt out deadline for Health & Dental Benefit Plan is May 20th. For Masters and
- Environmental Health Students. New Students Only. Opt out at Mystudentplan.ca

Tuition can be paid by the following methods:

- Through online banking, by setting Concordia University of Edmonton up as the biller and using your six digit student ID number as the account number
- Credit Card payments are accepted through www.Plastiq.com (processing fees apply) Payment takes 5 days to be receipted on to your student account.

If you anticipate student loan payments, please be aware that Concordia is making remittance requests from your Student Loan funding to pay your Spring Term Fees. Please check your online account to ensure your fees have been paid by student loans.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Student Accounts studentaccounts@concordia.ab.ca.



spring & Summer Schedule! ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLUB

April 28: 11:00-12:00May 11: 1:00-2:00May 26: 10:00-11:00June 8: 10:00-11:00June 24: 11:00-12:00July 7: 9:00-10:00July 20: 9:30-10:30Aug 17: 1:00-12:00Aug 31: 9:00-10:00No registration needed! Hello! Nice to See wou!



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Have Questions? contact: victoria.eke@concordia.ab.ca

This initiative is brought to you by CUE Library & CUE's International Office.

MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOPS

CUE Wellness is offering several virtual workshops this Spring which are FREE and open to students, staff and faculty. Participants will receive a certificate upon completion. These trainings are great pro-fessional development opportunities and are filling up fast! Don't delay, register today!

Mental Health First Aid Standard (Virtual)

What you can expect from this course:

Gain the confidence and skills to engage someone with an emerging mental health problem or in a mental health crisis; Greater recognition of mental health problems; Decreased stigma; and improved mental health for yourself.

Dates for employees:

May 6 & 7 from 1:00-4:00pm; plus a 2-hour self-directed module that must be completed by May 4th. Click <u>here</u> to register.

June 15 & 16 from 1:00-4:00pm; plus a 2-hour self-directed module that must be completed by June 14th. Click <u>here</u> to register.

Dates for students:

April 29 & 30 from 1:00-4:00pm; plus a 2-hour self-directed module that must be completed by April 27th. Click <u>here</u> to register.

June 14 from 9:00am-4:00pm; plus a 2-hour self-directed module that must be completed by June 12th. Click <u>here</u> to register.

Suicide Awareness & Prevention

We've had to postpone our face-to-face trainings this Spring due to Covid restrictions. We hope to be able to offer ASIST and safeTALK again in the summer but, for now, you can still participate in a 1 hour online training through Living Hope. You can take this training at any time that is convenient for you!

LivingWorks Start

What you can expect from this course:

- Learn to recognize when someone is thinking about suicide and connect them to help and support.

Click here to register and ensure you enter Concordia's postal code: T5B 4E4.

Repaying Your Student Loans

Repayment is the process of returning the money you have borrowed to the lenders, which includes the principal amount of the loan plus interest.



When does repayment begin? Repayment begins when you graduate or leave school for more than six months or are no longer a full-time student.

6-Month Non-Repayment Period: After you leave school, a six-month non-repayment period starts. During this period, you are not required to make any payments but interest can accrue depending on your loan program. You can, however, choose to make payments during this period.



What am I responsible for? You are responsible for repaying your loan & associated interest according to the terms of your loan agreement, and notifying your student loan provider if you:

- Change your name, address, banking information, or phone number
- Change from full-time to part-time studies or vice versa
- Leave or transfer to another school



Create an online account with your student loan lender/s! This allows you the flexibility to access your student loan information at your convenience and update your contact information. It also gives you access to important communications and documents.



It is very important that when you go into repayment you make your full loan payment on time each month. If you don't, you could end up in default, which has serious consequences and your credit rating may be affected. Student loans are real loans—just as real as car loans or mortgages. You have to pay back your student loans. Tip: You can make "extra" payments towards your loan debt at any time!

The National Student Loans Service Centre (NSLSC) offers an online Repayment Presentation which is easy to access. We highly recommend watching it! On Demand Repayment Presentation:

https://dhcorp.webex.com/dhcorp/ldr.php?RCID=db89eb61e35c98dadf77ad8f754f24dc

Questions? finaid@concordia.ab.ca





Now Recruiting Students for the Peer Wellness & Support Team 2021/22

Peer Wellness & Support student volunteers offer a variety of events, activities, campaigns, workshops, supportive listening and other exciting initiatives throughout the year focused on wellness. Peer Wellness & Support Team members are expected to commit to **5 hours per week** to participate in campus mental health and wellness initiatives during the fall 2021 and winter 2022 semesters. Team members will receive about **70 hours of training** throughout the summer and then have the opportunity to specialize in one or more pillars of wellness such as:

Food & Nutrition Social & Mental Wellness Alcohol & Drug Awareness Sexual Health & Sexual Violence Prevention Active Living & Physical Activity Social Media & Website Peer Supportive Listening

Based on areas of interest, responsibilities may include: developing and/or facilitating workshops; creating displays, resources or writing articles on various wellness topics; organizing events and campaigns; creating and managing content on Peer Wellness & Support social media platforms and CUE Wellness google site; graphic design; supportive listening; policy development; etc.

Benefits of being part of the Peer Wellness & Support Team include: (1) real life skills, training and practical experience, (2) a boost to your Co-Curricular Record, resumé and potential grad application, (3) additional training opportunities in the fields of mental health and health promotion.

To apply...

Fill out the online application here

Selected students will be invited to an in-depth conversation about their suitability, availability and commitment to the program. Successful applicants will be required to get a Vulnerable Sector Police Information Check (cost reimbursed). **Recruitment closes April 30th.**

For more information...

Contact wellness@concordia.ab.ca or peersupport@concordia.ab.ca



Student Library Assistant

At the CUE Library we are committed to providing excellent service to our community. If you love helping people and strive for service excellence, the CUE Library has an opportunity for you.

Three part-time jobs are available:

Responsibilities

- Open or close the library facility
- Circulate, renew and place holds or recalls on library items, create user accounts and issue library cards
- Explain library policies to borrowers, provide directional information
- Answer basic reference questions; refer complex questions to Information Services staff
- Refer fines and lost book fee appeals to Borrower Services Coordinator
- Shelve library materials
- File, maintain supplies, tidy up library public use areas
- Provide project assistance as needed

Qualifications

- Current CUE student
- Strong service orientation and prior customer service experience
- Must be able to work alone and as a member of a team, unsupervised
- Must have a good attention to detail and physical capacity to push full book trucks and lift materials up to 15 lbs

Schedule:	Evening and Weekends 12-18 hours per week
Wage:	\$16.00 per hour
Application Deadline:	April 30th 2021
Term of Employment:	August 30th 2021 – April 23rd 2022

Please submit your resume with the names and phone numbers of two work-related references to:

Debbie Quast Borrower Services Coordinator Phone: (780) 479-9365 Email: <u>debbie.quast@concordia.ab.ca</u>

GRADUATION INFORMATION – SAVE THE DATE: MAY 28-30, 2021

The past year will be remembered for the challenges and uncertainty created by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; however, it will also be remembered for the strength and resiliency shown by our <u>Class of 2020</u> and Class of 2021.

Convocation is a time for celebration and, while it will look and feel different than in previous years, *we are doing everything we can to host an in-person ceremony this spring.*

The convocation ceremonies are scheduled for the following dates and times according to faculty and convocation year:

- Faculty of Science Class of 2020: Friday, May 28 start time: 3:00pm
- Faculty of Science Class of 2021: Friday, May 28 start time: 3:00pm
- Faculty of Arts Class of 2020: Saturday, May 29 start time: 10:00am
- Faculty of Arts Class of 2021: Saturday, May 29 start time: 3:00pm
- Faculty of Management Class of 2020: Sunday, May 30 start time: 10:00am
- Faculty of Management Class of 2021: Sunday, May 30 start time: 10:00am
- Faculty of Education Class of 2020: Sunday, May 30 start time: 3:00pm
- Faculty of Education Class of 2021: Sunday, May 30 start time: 3:00pm

All graduates are encouraged to review the <u>website</u> regularly for current information, and to <u>RSVP</u> their attendance to Convocation.



JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL INFO SESSION!

The Office of Extension and Culture is excited to offer 2 new music courses, Classical Music Appreciation and Introduction to Popular Music.

Classical Music Appreciation (X-MUE 1)

A survey of nearly two thousand years of music history, from Gregorian chant to new works of the twenty-first century. Students will be exposed to many musical genres including motets, symphonies, opera, and jazz, as well as learn about representative composers' lives and compositions.

Popular Music (X-MUE 3)

Study the development of Western popular musical styles such as blues, gospel, jazz, folk, country-andwestern and rock-and-roll. The course examines the musical elements that define these common genres, how those elements have changed over time and how popular music has both reflected and influenced social change.





To learn more about the courses and see if they're right for you, join us at our INFO SESSION: Tuesday, April 20th from 7-8: 00 pm Register for the INFO SESSION <u>HERE</u> Questions? Contact us at: extension@concordia.ab.ca

Financial Aid and Awards

\$\$ Need government funding for Spring and/or Summer term?

Domestic students can apply for full-time or part-time funding for the Spring and/or Summer terms. If interested, be sure to apply soon! <u>Click here</u> to learn more.

Contact a financial aid advisor if you have questions, or need help applying.

Check out these upcoming External Scholarship Opportunities!

1. Helen Rose STEM Award

Value: \$10,000 Application Deadline: June 30, 2021

The Helen Rose Academic Award can be applied to tuition at an accredited Canadian University or College program. To apply for this Award, you must **be a woman between the ages of 18-25**, a resident of Canada, and be pursuing a field of study that will help you in the future create or contribute to a new mindset for a better world. For more information and to apply, visit the <u>Opterus Helen Rose Awards</u>. *This is an external scholarship opportunity and is not administered by Concordia University of Edmonton*.

2. Education for Life Bursary

Value: \$300 - \$2000 Application Deadline: July 15, 2021

Each year, the Alberta Committee of Citizens with Disabilities (ACCD) awards Education for Life bursaries, the Elsa Marie Lodewyk Memorial Bursary, the Certificate of Recognition for Academic Achievement and the Council of Canadians with Disabilities Award. The Alberta Committee of Citizens with Disabilities actively promotes full participation in society and provides a voice for Albertans with disabilities. Applicants must visit the <u>Voice of Albertans with Disabilities</u> <u>website</u> for more information. *This is an external scholarship opportunity and is not administered by Concordia University of* Edmonton.

3. ATCO Indigenous Education Awards Program Value: \$1500 Application Deadline: August 31, 2021

Atco's Indigenous Education Awards Programs supports First Nation, Inuit and Métis students across Canada by providing financial assistance to help them in their quest for higher education. These awards, bursaries and scholar-ships are given to students enrolled in degree or graduate programs who demonstrate leadership capabilities and strive to be role models in their schools and communities. Visit the <u>ATCO website</u> for more information and application details. *This is an external scholarship opportunity and is not administered by Concordia University of Edmonton.*

Have questions about student loans, scholarships, or bursaries? Ask us!

<u>Click here</u> to book a Google Meet online advising appointment with a Concordia financial aid advisor. Our Financial Aid and Awards office is open through the spring and summer months.

> Financial Aid & Awards Office Email: <u>finaid@concordia.ab.ca</u> Website: financialaid.concordia.ab.ca