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MATURE STUDENT STATUS

POLICY STATEMENT

Valemount College welcomes adults who have made the decision to return to school, but may not be able to meet the requirements for program prerequisites. Students may be admitted to Valemount College with Mature Student Status if they are 19 years of age or above and may meet program prerequisites by taking a Placement Assessment or a Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition assessment.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Valemount College encourages adult members of the community to pursue post-secondary studies by increasing accessibility to course registration based on their previous experience.

PRINCIPLES

1. Students are responsible for declaring Mature Student status by filling out the Mature Student Declaration Form in Appendix G. Only students who believe that they have reasonable potential for success based on previous work experience or other criteria, should declare Mature Student status.
2. Valemount College may waive certain course prerequisites for students who declare Mature Student status.
3. Mature Student status cannot be used for meeting program admission requirements.
4. Students who declare Mature Student status for a course are responsible for understanding prerequisites and coursework demands for that course before they register.
5. Students may refer to Appendix G - Procedures for Mature Students.
6. Mature students will be held to all the same academic standards, policies and academic deadline dates as those students who have met the pre-requisites.

GUIDELINES

1. Regular fees and tuition are required for all course registrations.

2. Students not wishing to participate in course work, assignments and exams or who wish to take a course simply for their own interest, are encouraged to consider auditing the course. (See Student Audit Policy #3-02).

3. Students wishing to declare Mature Student status are strongly encouraged to meet with the Valemount College Campus Assistant or College Director before registering.

4. Once students have successfully completed a required course or assessment under this policy, they may then use that course as a pre-requisite for other college courses without further use of this policy.

5. Students must self-identify or indicate that they wish to be considered as a Mature Student prior to the published deadline to meet pre-requisites. Valemount College will not assume Mature Student status if it is not declared. Students may only be considered qualified for a course as a Mature Student after the Mature Student Declaration form is completed and signed.

REFERENCES
Appendix G - Procedures for Mature Students
Fees and Refunds policy #3-01
Student Audit Policy #3-02
Registration Policy #3-03