

# the Rock

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## What happened at Rocky Mountain College?

Rocky Mountain College was formed 23 years ago when Mountain View Bible College and Hillcrest Christian College were merged. For over 130 combined years, RMC and its heritage colleges have providing biblical training for adults heading into ministry as professionals or as lay people.

Last year, we seized the opportunity to deliver our Bible and leadership training courses in a whole new way. Pathways is Rocky Mountain College in a new form. We are still a Bible College. We still teach Biblical courses, and Leadership and Human Services courses for our students who obtain certificates, diplomas and degrees. Our students pursue a wide range of leadership opportunities, in traditional ministry positions, at agencies or as lay people in their fields.

Some of you have asked, "What happened to Rocky Mountain College?"

Now that we have moved to a distributed learning model which uses online education along with our classroom based education, some of our long time supporters and alumni are concerned that Rocky Mountain College has lost the campus community, face-to-face education, and a focus on biblical ministry.

Not so! We are happy to report that our students continue to benefit from Christian community wherever they are in ministry, in the classroom, or while they study online with us. Furthermore, there is a growing body of evidence about how vibrant, rich and rewarding **online communities** can be for Christian students who engage with each other and professors through live online conversations, threaded chats, and other online forums.

What we have gained is this: We can now reach students we could not have reached before.

They are "**adult learners**" with families, and jobs, and often ministry positions. They could not leave wherever they are to come to Rocky Mountain College.

They are "**applied learners**". They apply what they are learning immediately because they are learning and working at the same time. Educational studies show that applied learning is a better way to learn, to understand concepts and put them into practice right away. This is the basis of internships, apprenticeships, articling and practicums in the fields of medicine, law, education and many trades.

At Rocky Mountain College, we are focused on how we can have the same biblical and professional content we've always had.

RMC is prayerfully pursuing the opportunities, and exciting role we are playing in building God's kingdom across Canada and even internationally!

Where is Rocky Mountain College? Where it always has been...following God's leading to train leaders, anyone, anywhere, anytime.



### What is an Adult Learner?

At Pathways, we discover people who are already leaders, and provide them with the training they need to fulfill their calling and purpose in life.

These people are highly committed to what they do, and highly motivated to learn.

Pathways allows us to invest in people who are already leading.

These adults are our Pathways students and potential students.

# Pathways Students Make the Most of Summer

For two Pathways students, this past summer was full of new learning opportunities.

## Felicity Vanderlist

*Felicity is now entering her fourth year towards a Rocky Mountain College degree in Leadership Development.*

This summer, she was a summer intern at Westside King's Church in Calgary. As the Children's Ministry Summer Coordinator, Felicity was responsible for overseeing the church's day camps and the Children's Ministries.



"I used a lot of my leadership courses while at the church this summer," says Felicity. "For example, in our Team Leadership class, we went to a retreat centre for a day long spiritual retreat. We learned so much about the importance of team work and while I was at Westside King's, I got to experience that with the team at Westside."

Now Felicity is heading off to Brazil for a five month practicum for her degree. "I will be working in the Davis Lar Orphanage in Fortaleza Brazil," says Felicity. "I learned a lot in the cultural courses at Rocky which will help me to adapt material to children's ages and abilities and backgrounds. This will be extremely helpful in Brazil."

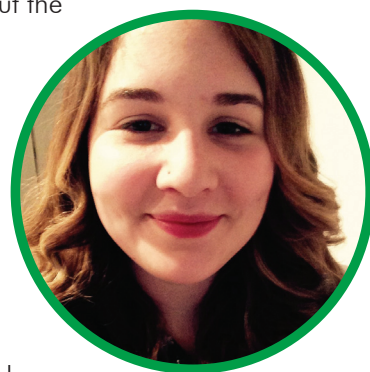
"What I have appreciated most about Rocky is the professors who aren't just professors," she adds. "They have many connections outside the school. One of my professors connected me to the orphanage in Brazil. I have appreciated the fact that the professors link what we learn to real life ministry and relationships. They have opened my eyes to see beyond the classroom."

## Annie Ogilvie

*Annie is entering a 4 year Counseling degree program with Pathways.*

For Annie Ogilvie, Pathways has enabled her to continue to be in ministry while taking classes. For the past two years, she has been working full time for a social service agency in Edmonton to develop after school programs. She is now starting a 4 year counseling degree with Pathways.

"When I found out about the program, I got very excited because I realized that I could continue to work in ministry in Edmonton and take courses," says Annie. It was through her work at the agency in Edmonton that she has discovered a passion for counseling.



Her own journey with mental health issues has also been a part of her desire to use her personal and work experience in a counseling role.

The after school program in Edmonton involves helping kids set goals, assisting with their training for a 5K race, providing a healthy meal, and most importantly, developing relationships. Annie hopes eventually to focus her counseling practice on kids and youth.

"Pathways is solving the problem of studying while working for me," says Annie. "I am excited about learning while working, and putting into practice what I am learning right away."



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