MITT

2025–2026

Year in Review

Land Acknowledgement

MITT is situated on Treaty 1 land and the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Anisininew, Dakota, and Dene peoples, the homeland of the Red River Métis, and the ancestral lands of the Inuit. We honour the sacredness of these lands and waters and dedicate ourselves to reconciliation.



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A Year in Review

The 2025-2026 academic year marked a significant shift in the Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology's (MITT) path. On January 28, 2026, MITT announced that it would wind down operations and transfer selected programs to Red River College Polytech (RRC Polytech).

The decision followed rapid, ongoing changes made by the federal government to the international student program over the past few years, which created significant uncertainty for students and post-secondary institutions across Canada.

As a result, MITT saw international enrolment drop by more than 55 per cent, a financial and operational impact that would be challenging for it to absorb.

From the outset, MITT's focus was on our students. We committed to ensuring students across all programs, including English language training, Adult Learning Centres, high school vocational training, and our post-secondary programs, would be supported to complete their programs at their existing campus and receive an MITT credential.

After the announcement, MITT entered a transition period, with major decisions made in consultation and agreement with RRC Polytech and in close collaboration with the Government of Manitoba.

In the months that followed, MITT and RRC Polytech staff worked collaboratively on a comprehensive academic program review with the goal of preserving training capacity across key industries. The review confirmed the quality and ongoing value of MITT's programs, identifying 19 to continue as RRC Polytech programs beginning in September 2026. RRC Polytech will also continue to deliver high school vocational programming in partnership with school divisions beginning in 2027. Most of this training will take place at the South Winnipeg Campus, made up of the Henlow, Fultz, and Pembina buildings.

Following the academic program review, working groups across both institutions turned their focus to the phased transition of programs, operations and services. This complex work required close coordination across academic and administrative areas to determine what would transfer to RRC Polytech, what MITT would continue to deliver during the teach-out period, and what would gradually be wound down. As organizational activity decreased, work was reduced or ceased in many areas of the institution, resulting in changes to department structures and staffing levels.

That coordinated planning provided the structure for the transition, but the purpose of the work remained unchanged: ensuring a positive and supportive student experience.

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This student-centred commitment shaped MITT's work throughout the year, as staff remained focused on supporting students through their studies, preparing them for the workplace, and celebrating their achievements along the way.

In April, MITT hosted its fourth and final Pow Wow. Through dancing, drumming, community, and celebration, the event recognized the journey of 19 Indigenous students and provided a meaningful moment of reflection for the entire MITT community.

Students also demonstrated the quality of MITT training through exceptional results at Skills Manitoba. MITT hosted six competitions and supported students in many more, contributing to a record-breaking year in which students earned 24 medals across secondary and post-secondary competitions.

Eight MITT gold medalists went on to represent Manitoba at the Skills Canada National Competition in Toronto, Ontario, with four students bringing home national medals. These achievements reflected the strength of MITT's hands-on training, the dedication of instructors and staff, and the skills and confidence students will carry into Manitoba's workforce.

Behind these milestones and positive student experience was the steady commitment of faculty and staff. Throughout the transition, the Board of Governors and leadership have been deeply grateful for their professionalism, care, and commitment to sustaining day-to-day learning, services, and transition planning, even as the organization adjusted to the realities of winding down.

As the academic year drew to a close, collaborative planning with RRC Polytech increasingly focused on the next phase of the transition: establishing a smooth and coordinated operating model for the South Winnipeg Campus. This work will support MITT and RRC Polytech as we prepare to work alongside one another in Fall 2026, ensuring programs and services are delivered with as much clarity as possible.

The 2025-2026 academic year marked the beginning of MITT's final chapter. As the institution continues through the transition, the focus remains on supporting students, fulfilling commitments, and ensuring a responsible and orderly wind-down through continued collaboration with RRC Polytech and the Government of Manitoba.

Enrolment



Adult Learning Centres	**1010**
English Language Training: EAP and ESL	**N/A***
Industry Training and Continuing Education	**441**
Post-Secondary Programs	**1381**
Secondary Programs	**419**

Total Students

3251

*Not available due to the wind down of program operations.

MITT'S FIVE-YEAR GRADUATION* RATE IS

88%

Based on a rolling average graduation rate from 2020-21 to 2024-25.

*Graduation: Students in post-secondary programs who graduated in the academic year they enrolled or later.



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