

EDUCATION



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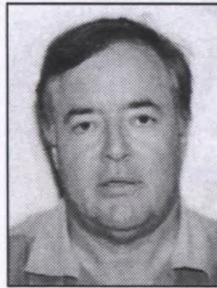
Key products/services:
Distance education

Athabasca University, Canada's Open University, was founded under the Alberta Universities Act in 1970 as a publicly funded institution specializing in distance education. To more than 17 000 students annually, throughout Canada and around the world, we offer 470 home-study courses at undergraduate and graduate levels, and 40 university credentials. Students can enrol in programs for a degree or credential, or they may register for courses only.

Students are provided with a package of home-study materials that can include textbooks, study guides, audio-and video-cassettes, lab kits, and computer software. Internet-based courses give students anywhere access to materials and online interaction with professors and other students.

Educational applications of information technology have enabled our MBA and Master of Distance Education programs to become the largest of their kind in North America. All-inclusive course fees cover tuition, all books and materials, and one-on-one tutor support. Our undergraduate tuition fees are among the lowest in Canada.

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Key products/services:
Construction

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In addition to supplying materials and construction labour for standard sized homes in Japan, ABS is currently supplying all materials for the largest 2X4 house in Nagano and other luxury home projects in Sapporo, Yamagata, Tochigi-ken, Fukui, Nagoya, and Hiroshima. Light commercial projects include an outdoor recreational facility in Hokkaido and a restaurant in Nagoya.

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