



# Quick Start

## For Alberta's Educators in 4-H Communities

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## Starting Points

High Schools that want to incorporate 4-H project based learning and gain CTS, Leadership or Special Projects credits for their students can do so in three ways:

1. In the classroom -- If class numbers warrant, schools can offer CTS module that fits with the 4-H program curriculum and access the benefits of 4-H Program and its resources by working cooperatively with local 4-H club.
2. As an independent study course.
3. As a distance learning course.

### Agriculture 1010:

#### Agriculture - The Big Picture

There are no prerequisites for Agriculture 1010 but it would be beneficial for the practical components of this course that the student has access to a farm. Students registered in a 4-H youth or similar community program are ideal candidates for these CTS courses as they are already receiving adult supervision and instruction. In addition they are already

- aware of how agriculture affects their locality,
- familiar with basic farm implements and produce, and
- exploring the diverse agricultural setting in which they live.

### Agriculture 2020:

#### Animal Husbandry/Welfare

Animal Husbandry/Welfare is an ideal starter module as the practical components of the knowledge skills and attitudes identified in the Alberta Education program of studies are fully covered in each of the 4-H livestock projects. If the teacher chooses to partner with the local 4-H club this course will require very little classroom/lab setup. The inclusion of a portion of the Alberta 4-H Program for Alberta Education high school credits is a partnership between the school and the local 4-H club. This course can be delivered off-campus with a certified school representative facilitating their delivery. The school representative would establish a process for monitoring and assessing the progress and performance of each student under his or her care. Similar to all school programs, student assessment, grading and submission of marks to Alberta Education for credit is the responsibility of the designated school representative.

Community Health 2030:  
Community Volunteerism

In the volunteerism module the student needs to research a suitable community placement which will enhance their interests and abilities and practice approximately 20 hours of volunteer work in a teacher approved community locale.

- Every 4-H club has a mandatory volunteerism component as part of 4-H year.
- 4-H members are under the direct supervision of adults and community leaders at all times making this an ideal project for partnering with a school and earning CTS credits.

Note: The 4-H program does not require 20 hours of volunteer work from members but I have found that most 4-H leaders would be willing to document and extend the supervision of the community placement to 20 hours if they knew the student could earn a high school CTS credit.

This makes, Agriculture 1010: Agriculture the Big Picture,  
Community Health 2030: Community Volunteerism ideal CTS starter courses for every 4-H member.