

NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE



VANCOUVER ISLAND, CANADA

International Viewbook

Your journey begins here.



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**LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR
PROGRAMS AND COURSES:**

www.international.nic.bc.ca

Why NIC?

Five reasons why students choose NIC

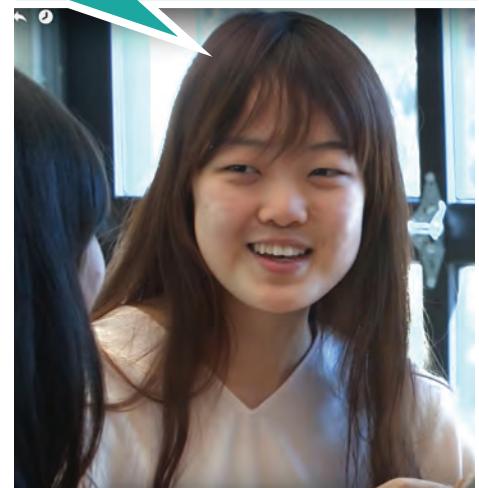


"I learned a lot... and the best part is I'm able to apply all that in my job right now so it's like the icing on the cake."

Akhilaa Radhakrishnan, India

"Instead of writing Gaukau in China I came to NIC. [After one year at NIC] I was accepted by SFU and UBC."

Yang Zhou, China



With a wide range of study areas, small class sizes and exclusive transfer agreements, NIC is the perfect place for you to start your studies and transfer seamlessly to university.

Watch our **Students Say** video series on YouTube for more first-hand student experiences:

bit.ly/nic-students-say

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Employer connections

Co-op and internship opportunities

Every year, business and tourism students earn professional experience and valuable employer connections by participating in our well-established co-operative education and internships.

Career fair

NIC's annual career fair and other networking events, held throughout the year, allow you to explore potential career paths and learn about job opportunities in the community. Advisors are available to help with interview, resume and job search strategies.

See page 12 to learn about opportunities for industry experience while studying at NIC.

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University degree pathways

Seamless transfer

Transfer seamlessly to university. In addition to NIC's exclusive university transfer agreements, universities across Canada give transfer credit for NIC programs and courses.

Guaranteed admission

Take advantage of dual or guaranteed admission with UVic, VIU, UNBC and Royal Roads. Secure your seat at the start of your education and receive full credit for your NIC coursework at university. If you meet minimum GPA requirements, your admission is guaranteed.

See page 20 for information on NIC's exclusive partnerships.

"NIC costs are very competitive and it's cheaper than other colleges here in Canada but it offers a good variety of programs.

Decery Marquez, Phillipines



"I fell in love with North Island College; the people here, and also with the Comox Valley."

Ximena Paz Ramos, Chile



"I was impressed by the teaching methods. Our teachers regularly take care of us to see what we need."

Ton Chi Pham, Vietnam



3

Affordable education

Save money on tuition

Start at NIC and spend less for the same degree. Our tuition is among the lowest in the province. You can save over \$10,000 per year by taking your first year courses at NIC and then transferring to university.

Scholarships and bursaries

NIC offers entrance awards for applicants with high levels of English language proficiency. All applicants are automatically reviewed for this award so no application is required.

Additionally, thanks to generous people in our community, there are scholarships and bursaries available to new and continuing NIC students. Visit www.nic.bc.ca/awards to learn how to apply.

See page 16 to learn more about program costs and cost of living.

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Desirable community

Make lifelong friendships

Students have many opportunities to connect outside of the classroom. Enjoy beachside campfires, karaoke, potluck dinners, football/soccer games and more.

Live in a popular tourist destination

NIC is located in one of Canada's most spectacular tourist destinations. Explore music festivals, art galleries, beaches, walking trails, golfing, skiing and more.

See page 8 for an overview of the arts, culture and recreation opportunities available on Vancouver Island.

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Great reputation

Internationally recognized credentials

NIC graduates are highly employable and qualifications earned through NIC's programs are widely recognized by employers and other post-secondary institutions.

Highly qualified faculty

NIC's expert faculty, including international doctorates, will provide you with deep learning experiences, research and networking opportunities to inform academic choices and inspire your career.

See page 6 for examples of NIC's commitment to students.

100%
committed to
student success



Large Alumni Network

Over 155,555 alumni

have taken a course or improved their lives through education at NIC.



Save on Tuition

More than \$10,000
saved per year in NIC tuition
compared to what you'd pay to
study at an urban university.



Employable Skills

90% of students
graduating from BC colleges
transition into the workforce
within 6 months.



Diverse Student Body

36 countries

represented by 377 international
students attending NIC in 2016/17.



Internship & Co-op Opportunities

3,087 students
have earned academic credit
for work experience through
internships or co-ops at NIC.





Growing International Community

164% increase
in international students attending NIC over the past five years.



Seamless Transfer to University

83 partnership agreements

including study abroad, educational exchanges, dual admission and guaranteed admission partnerships.



Scholarships & Bursaries

to help pay for college

Every year, new, continuing and graduating NIC students receive scholarships and bursaries that range in value from \$100 to more than \$3,000.



Job Openings

934,000 job openings

projected to 2025 will require some post-secondary training, according to BC 2025 Labour Market Outlook.



**Your
journey
begins
here.**

About Vancouver Island



Enjoy arts, culture and outdoor adventures in a safe, welcoming community.

Comox Valley fast facts

Population (2016)	66,527 (approx)
Size	1,700 km ²
Location	Vancouver Island
Currency	Canadian Dollar
Time zone	Pacific Standard Time (UTC/GMT - 8 hours)
Electricity	110 V
Primary language	English
Total annual rainfall	1,096 mm
Days over 0° Celsius	316.4

www.discovercomoxvalley.com

Make Vancouver Island Your Classroom

North Island College international students study at three campuses on Vancouver Island, a popular tourist destination with beaches, mountains, wilderness areas and lively, friendly communities.

There are many activities to enjoy; kayaking and paddle boarding; golfing; sailing; walking on the beach; hiking in the forest; playing sports; swimming in rivers, oceans or lakes; visiting local farms and wineries; attending music and art festivals; cruising through the farmer's market for fresh produce or browsing artisan studios and galleries and dining on local and international cuisine.

Whether you study in the Comox Valley, Campbell River or Port Alberni, each community offers one-of-a-kind restaurants, social activities and opportunities for adventure you can't get anywhere else.

Comox Valley

The Comox Valley campus is referred to as the main campus and is located in the City of Courtenay, 15 minutes from the Comox Valley airport. There are three municipalities located in the Comox Valley: Courtenay, Comox and Cumberland.

Campbell River

Campbell River has been dubbed the 'Salmon Fishing Capital of Canada' and is a 40 minute drive north of the Comox Valley by car. Campbell River is known for its friendly residents and easy access to outdoor adventures.

Port Alberni

Port Alberni is a port city in the centre of Vancouver Island, 1½ hours southwest of the Comox Valley. The community is linked to forestry, fishing and marine commercial industries. Its central location makes it easy to explore tourist destinations such as Tofino and the West Coast.



I thought to myself 'wow, this is what it feels like to breathe clean air.' It smelled like nature. I had never smelled that before. I could see trees. That sounds cliché but that was such a big deal. I have never seen trees this big."

Marielle Virtucio
United Arab Emirates

Watch the video



international.nic.bc.ca/study-at-nic/island-life



Getting here is easy.

The Comox Valley (YQQ) is a short 35-minute flight from Vancouver (YVR), with flights arriving regularly from Edmonton (YEG) and Calgary (YYC).

For more travel information, visit international.nic.bc.ca

Campus Life



Learn in a supportive environment with small class sizes and modern facilities.

College fast facts

# of students	4,127
# of international students	377
# of faculty	over 200
Average class size	20-30
Credit programs	80
Courses	over 1,000
Scholarships and bursaries	\$290,000
Campuses	4
Area served	80,000 km ²
Population served	157,000

Take a virtual tour of our campuses:
www.nic.bc.ca/galleries/tours

Make Lifelong Connections

Make the most of your NIC experience by getting involved in campus life. Throughout the school year you will have many opportunities to connect with your classmates. Participate in multicultural events and explore Vancouver Island on field trips organized by NIC's Office of Global Engagement (OGE).

Enjoy multicultural events

OGE proudly hosts campus events to celebrate the diversity of our students. Often these events are led by international student leaders and include engaging activities with food and music.

Many events are also hosted by multicultural societies in the communities surrounding our Comox Valley, Campbell River and Port Alberni campuses. This is a wonderful way for international students to transition into life in Canada and make connections outside of campus life.

Explore Vancouver Island

Vancouver Island is a beautiful and exciting island to explore. From day hikes to whale watching excursions in the summer or skiing and beach walks in the winter, Vancouver Island has something for everyone. Each semester OGE staff take students on various outings around the island to visit art galleries, studios, and shops and to discover the region's natural beauty, Indigenous culture and history.

Leadership opportunities

There are many opportunities for students to take a lead role at NIC. We encourage you to take part in peer mentoring, peer tutoring and the Student Leadership Team. The personal and professional connections you establish while serving as an NIC student leader or student elect will provide you with valuable knowledge and experience as you launch into your working career.



I really like the classes and the location. It is very connected to nature with lots of green open spaces and I think it is a fantastic place. Regarding the instructors, you receive a lot of support from them, which I definitely believe is a key point for students and I really like that."

Adriana Aguilar Maciel
Mexico



Start a conversation with us

Share your student experiences
with us on social media:



Industry Experience



International students can access a wide range of employment services and opportunities, both during college and after graduation.

Co-op and internship fast facts

Length of co-op term	4 months
Length of internship	180-360 hours
Minimum wage in BC	\$11.35/hour

Learn more about Student Employment Services at NIC:
www.nic.bc.ca/services/employment_resources

Connect with Local Employers

Co-operative education and internships

Co-operative education combines academic studies with paid, practical experience. As a co-op student you will alternate between periods of full-time study and periods of full-time paid work experience.

Internship students gain valuable work experience and on-the-job training related to their field of study. Some internships are paid positions, while others are unpaid.

What's the difference? Co-op work terms take place over four months periods, and are full-time, paid positions.

Internships take from 180 to 360 hours, and can be full or part-time, paid or unpaid.

Off-campus employment

Many businesses near the college regularly hire NIC students. Your study permit may allow you to work up to 20 hours/week during regular academic sessions and full-time during winter and summer holidays.

Industry relevant research

Many NIC programs regularly bring industry experts into the classroom to connect students and employers. From biology students researching the distribution of eelgrass beds as part of a nationally-funded research project, to industrial automation students revolutionizing the way sparkling wine is manufactured, students participate in hands-on research that demonstrates their ability to solve challenges confronted by industry.

Employment resources

NIC's annual career fair and other networking events allow you to explore potential career paths and connect with employers during your school year. NIC's Student Employment Services hosts employer panels, workshops and mock interviews with real employers. If you need help with interview, resume and job search strategies, support is available.



My internship changed my goals. I love what I'm doing. I'm looking at taking a CPA to become a chartered accountant in Canada."

Gbemi Falade
Nigeria



Support Services



NIC offers a range of services to help you reach your academic and career goals.

Academic Advising

Counselling

Student Employment Services

Co-op and Internships

Library & Learning Commons

Peer Tutoring

Accommodation

Visas and Permits

Peer Tutoring

Support for Students With Children

Learn more:

[international.nic.bc.ca/study-at-nic/
student-guide/services-and-support](http://international.nic.bc.ca/study-at-nic/student-guide/services-and-support)

Our Focus is Your Success

Academic support

Academic advising and planning

Our experienced, knowledgeable staff can help you choose your courses, answer your questions and help you create an educational plan.

English language support

We can help you gain the skills you need to speak and understand English. Gain confidence and meet academic English requirements for university/college academic programs.

Turn to page 19 to learn more.

Peer tutoring

Peer tutors are available through NIC's Library and Learning Commons in various subjects and skills including math, writing, study skills and more. If you need a peer tutor for a specific course, we'll do our best to find a match, depending on tutor availability.

Student support

Study permit renewal

Our expert staff have extensive knowledge about the process to apply for and renew study permits and temporary resident visas. We offer regular information sessions, drop-in appointments and individual help to ensure you have the information you need.

Housing support

A variety of housing options are available to suit your lifestyle and preferred living arrangements. Whether you are interested in homestay, living independently or connecting with room-mates, we can help. See page 17 for details.

Counselling services

NIC's professionally-trained counselling staff offer crisis counselling, career and educational counselling, problem solving, learning strategies and help navigating NIC policies and procedures.

Visit www.nic.bc.ca/services/counselling for more information.



Library and Learning Commons

Students have access to approximately 135,000 e-books, 19,000 streaming videos, 50 research databases as well as:

- **MATH SUPPORT:** Tutorials take place each semester and math specialists are available for in-person support.
- **WRITING SUPPORT:** Submit your written work for free feedback from online tutors or make an appointment with a faculty member on campus.
- **PEER TUTORING:** Peer tutors are available in various subjects on a weekly or one-time basis.
- **RESEARCH HELP:** Help with library research is available in person, by email and on the library website chat tool, *AskAway*.

For links to resources, research guides and tutorials, visit us online at library.nic.bc.ca.

Ton Chi Pham
Vietnam

NIC sent me emails about Canada's culture, campuses, how to go to school, entertainment places near school... They even let me know how to open a bank account and showed me the best and nearby banks. These things helped me a lot."



Spend Less for the Same Degree

Save over \$10,000 per year by taking your first year of courses at NIC and then transferring to university.

Estimated costs for one year of study (September to April)*

	NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE	URBAN UNIVERSITY
TUITION*	\$12,730	\$21,000
ACCOMMODATION & FOOD* (*Homestay)	\$6,650 (*Homestay)	\$10,000
BOOKS & SUPPLIES*	\$1,500	\$1,500
PERSONAL EXPENSES*	\$1,600	\$1,600
TRANSPORTATION* (varies by campus)	\$600	\$840
	\$23,080*	\$34,940*

* Based on a course load of 10 university transfer courses per year and subject to annual cost of living increase. Approximate costs are stated in Canadian dollars. This estimated cost comparison is intended as a guide only. Actual costs vary depending on institution, program and living arrangements.

Cost of Living

Be financially prepared for academic success

Examples of program costs

English Language Program	\$5,045/term*
University Transfer Programs	\$6,365/term*
1-year Business PDD Programs	\$15,912/program*
2-year Business PDD Programs	\$6,365/term*

* These are examples only, actual cost will vary by program. NIC's fall and winter terms are four months in duration; spring term is two months.

For complete information about program costs, refund policies, college fees and more, please visit international.nic.bc.ca.

Payment and deadlines

You are required to submit your first term fees no later than 30 days after the date on your Letter of Invitation from NIC. Tuition and fees may be paid by certified cheque in Canadian funds, credit card, Canadian postal money order or bank wire.

For a full list of academic deadlines visit www.nic.bc.ca/deadlines.

Entrance awards available

NIC offers entrance awards for applicants with high levels of English language proficiency. All applicants are automatically reviewed for this award, therefore no award application is required. Students in receipt of this award will be notified upon enrollment.

Apply for scholarships and bursaries

As a new or continuing NIC student, you are eligible to apply for scholarships and bursaries to help fund your education. Bursaries are based on financial need, while scholarships are awarded for academic achievement and excellence. The application deadline is April 30 each year.

Work off-campus

If you are a full-time student in an academic program with a valid student permit, you may qualify to work up to 20 hours per week off-campus. You'll find information on employment opportunities on NIC's Employment Resource Centre Job Board. Visit www.nic.bc.ca/studentemployment for more information.

Affordable entertainment

It is relatively inexpensive to live in the Comox Valley. A cup of coffee costs from \$2 to \$5. Dinner out ranges from \$15 to \$50 per person. Going to a movie costs \$14 or you can head to the skating rink or local pool for a student rate of less than \$4 per person.



Accommodation

Find your home away from home

Having a comfortable place to live while you study is essential. It is important to plan where you live ahead of time so you know where you are staying when you arrive. If you choose homestay or peerstay, you will live with a host family. They will help you learn about the community and culture on Vancouver Island, include you in family activities and offer lots of opportunity for you to practise English.

Homestay

Homestay is the most popular choice for new international students. It includes a fully furnished private room with laundry facilities, access to internet and three meals a day.

Placement fee	\$250
Monthly fee	\$800

Peerstay

Peerstay is similar to homestay except students buy their own groceries and cook their own meals. Your host can help you with information or assistance. This is a good choice if you want more flexibility or you prefer a specific kind of food.

Placement fee	\$250
Monthly fee	\$500

To apply for homestay/peerstay

Please visit international.nic.bc.ca/study-at-nic/pre-arrival to complete our online application form and email it to accommodations@nic.bc.ca.

Independent living

You may prefer to live independently, either alone or with a roommate. Rentals are typically advertised on the web. Visit international.nic.bc.ca/study-at-nic/pre-arrival for more information and links to accommodation.

We can help

Contact our Accommodations Officer at accommodations@nic.bc.ca for assistance securing accommodation that best suits your needs.

Watch the video



bit.ly/nic-homestay

Programs

Learn in a supportive environment and succeed with small class sizes as you prepare to transfer to university and earn job-ready skills in NIC's state-of-the-art facilities.

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Academic English Language & Upgrading

WHY NIC?

We can help you achieve academic language prerequisites and develop study skills to successfully enter your program of choice.

Bridge easily into academic programs

Gain direct admission into academic programming after you complete the university/college qualifying level. Depending on your abilities and goals, you may choose to bridge into your program early.

Qualified instructors, small learning groups

At NIC, you'll learn in small classes from qualified teachers who have experience working with students from around the world.

Build confidence and develop fluency

Achieve a high level of academic English and develop the confidence needed to study in a Canadian university environment.



Academic English Language Program

CV

Start: Sep, Oct*, Jan, Feb*, May, Jun*

* Mid-term entry (Please note: mid-term entry students will be examined on full content for that term or can choose to audit the course and then repeat the following term for credit.)

Length: Two and four-month sessions

You need: You will be assessed by an English Language Program faculty member to determine course level for registration. Students who have an IELTS or TOEFL iBT score will be eligible for pre-placement and registration

You'll learn: Build confidence and achieve a high level of English fluency with a focus on preparing for university/college programs.

Start at the right level for you.

Whether you are trying to improve your career options or meet university entrance requirements, we can help. You will progress through the program by skill level to reach your personal goals.

Upgrading (Adult Basic Education)

CR CV PA

Start: Sep to Jun, scheduled courses and continuous entry

Length: Four-month sessions

You need: to take an NIC assessment to determine your basic English proficiency, TOEFL or ILETS are not required. Assessment can be completed upon arrival. If you don't meet the basic English proficiency refer to the Academic English Language program.

You'll learn: Meet university and college admission requirements. NIC offers all high school levels up to Grade 12 in the following subjects:

- English
- math
- biology
- chemistry
- physics



NIC is a good place to study English. Classes are small, and I had to use my English often. The teachers are nice and always encouraged me to ask questions."

Masashi Miyazaki
Japan

Campus

- CR Campbell River
- CV Comox Valley
- PA Port Alberni

How much time will I spend in English language study?

You will typically study 21 to 24 classroom hours per week, depending on your goals.

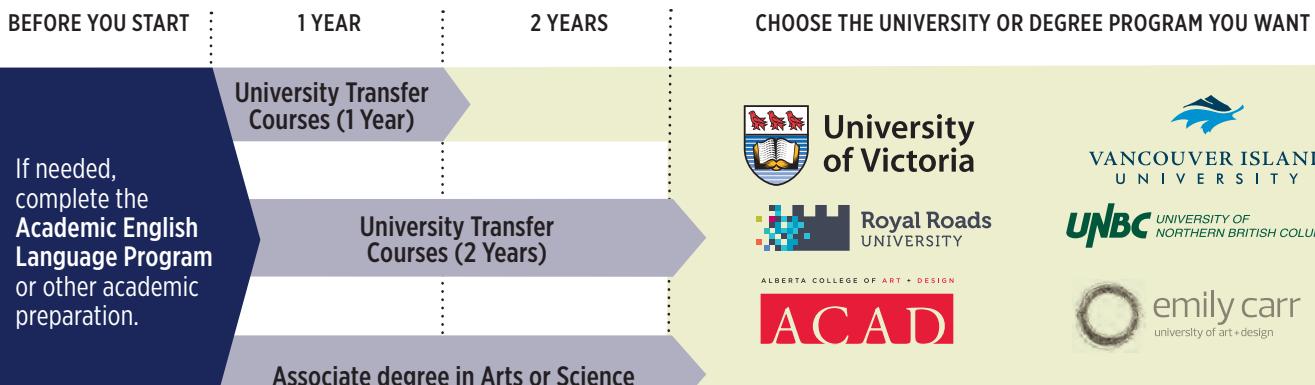
University Degree Pathways

Start here. Graduate there. Guaranteed.

Our exclusive university partnerships give you a guaranteed degree path at the start of your education, plus all the savings and convenience of starting out at college. In addition to guaranteed and dual admission partnerships, NIC courses can be combined to create a general transfer plan to universities Canada-wide.

Learn more: international.nic.bc.ca/programs/university-partnerships

1- & 2-YEAR UNIVERSITY TRANSFER OPTIONS



START YOUR STUDIES AT NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE		With NIC's agreements you can transfer to university programs in:			
	   	BUSINESS AT NIC Learn more on pages 24-25.	Business Administration	G	
		TOURISM & HOSPITALITY AT NIC Learn more on pages 26-27.	Entrepreneurial Management	D	
			International Hotel Management	D	
		FINE ARTS & DESIGN AT NIC Learn more on pages 28-29.	International Hotel Management	D	
			Hospitality Management	G	
			Fine Arts (Visual Arts, Critical & Cultural Practices)		G
			Fine Arts (Film + Video + Integrated Media, Illustration, Photography)		T
			Design (Communication, Industrial, Interaction)		T
			Media (Animation, Interactive + Social Media Arts)		T
			Fine Arts (Ceramics, Drawing, Fibre, Glass, Jewellery and Metals, Media Arts, Painting, Print Media, Sculpture)		T
			Design (Visual Communications, Photography)		T

**ENGLISH &
LANGUAGES AT NIC**
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**HUMANITIES &
SOCIAL SCIENCE
AT NIC**

Learn more
on pages 22-23.

ENGINEERING AT NIC

Learn more on page 23.

**MATH & SCIENCE
AT NIC**

Learn more
on pages 22-23.

**With NIC's agreements you can
transfer to university programs in:**



English	G	G	
French	G		
Anthropology	G	G	
Economics	G	G	
Environmental Studies	G		
First Nations Studies/Indigenous Studies	G	G	
Gender Studies	G		
Geography	G	G	
Geography and Computer Science (Geomatics)	G		
History	G	G	
History in Art	G		
Intercultural Education	G		
Justice Studies			D
Latin American Studies	G		
Liberal Studies		G	
Linguistics	G		
Pacific & Asian Studies	G		
Philosophy	G	G	
Political Science	G		
Professional Communication	G		D
Psychology	G		
Religious Studies	G		
Social Justice Studies	G		
Sociology	G	G	
Women's Studies		G	
Biomedical Engineering	G		
Civil Engineering	G		
Computer Engineering/Computer Science	G		
Electrical Engineering	G		
Mechanical Engineering	G		
Software Engineering	G		
Astronomy	G		
Biochemistry	G		
Biochemistry & Molecular/ Microbiology			D
Biology	G		
Chemistry	G		D
Computing Science/Computer Science	G	G	
Earth & Ocean Sciences	G		
Environmental Science			D
Geoscience		G	
Mathematics	G		D
Physics		G	
Psychology		G	
Statistics	G		

How it works?

Each degree pathway has its own unique deadlines and transfer requirements:



UVic Guaranteed Admission

Achieve a 2.0 GPA (C average) or higher in eight or more eligible courses (24 transfer credits) and UVic will guarantee your admission to select programs. (See UVic Engineering Guaranteed Admission below.)



UVic Engineering Guaranteed Admission

Achieve a minimum GPA of 2.33 (C+ average and no courses less than C) to guarantee your admission into second-year Computer, Electrical, Mechanical, Biomedical, Civil or Software Engineering.



VIU Guaranteed Admission

Achieve a 2.0 GPA (C average) or higher in eight or more eligible courses (24 transfer credits) and VIU will guarantee your admission to select programs.



UNBC Dual Admission

As a dual admission student, your admission is confirmed to UNBC and NIC at the start of your education. Complete two years of eligible classes at NIC and then transfer into Year 3 of UNBC's Bachelor of Science.



Royal Roads Dual Admission

As a dual admission student, your admission is confirmed to Royal Roads and NIC at the start of your education. Upon completion of designated courses and programs you will automatically move into Year 3 of select programs



Emily Carr University of Art + Design Guaranteed Admission

Complete NIC's Fine Arts diploma with a GPA of 3.0 or higher and you can automatically transfer into Year 3 of a Bachelor of Fine Arts or Bachelor of Design.



Alberta College of Art + Design

Complete NIC's Fine Arts diploma with an average of C (2.0) or higher and you can automatically transfer into Year 3 of a Bachelor of Fine Arts on the basis of academic standing and portfolio review.

LEGEND

G = Guaranteed Admission

D = Dual Admission

T = Transfer Agreement

University Studies

WHY NIC?

Explore your options with NIC's wide range of courses that transfer to universities across BC and beyond. With small class sizes, supportive instructors and competitive tuition, you'll be well-prepared for university success.

Explore your interests

Choose between 3-5 first and second-year courses per semester and receive transfer credit to the bachelor degree of your choice.

Transfer to university

Take advantage of dual, guaranteed or general admission with our university partners. Apply at the start of your degree or complete university credits at NIC before applying to university.

Spend less for the same degree

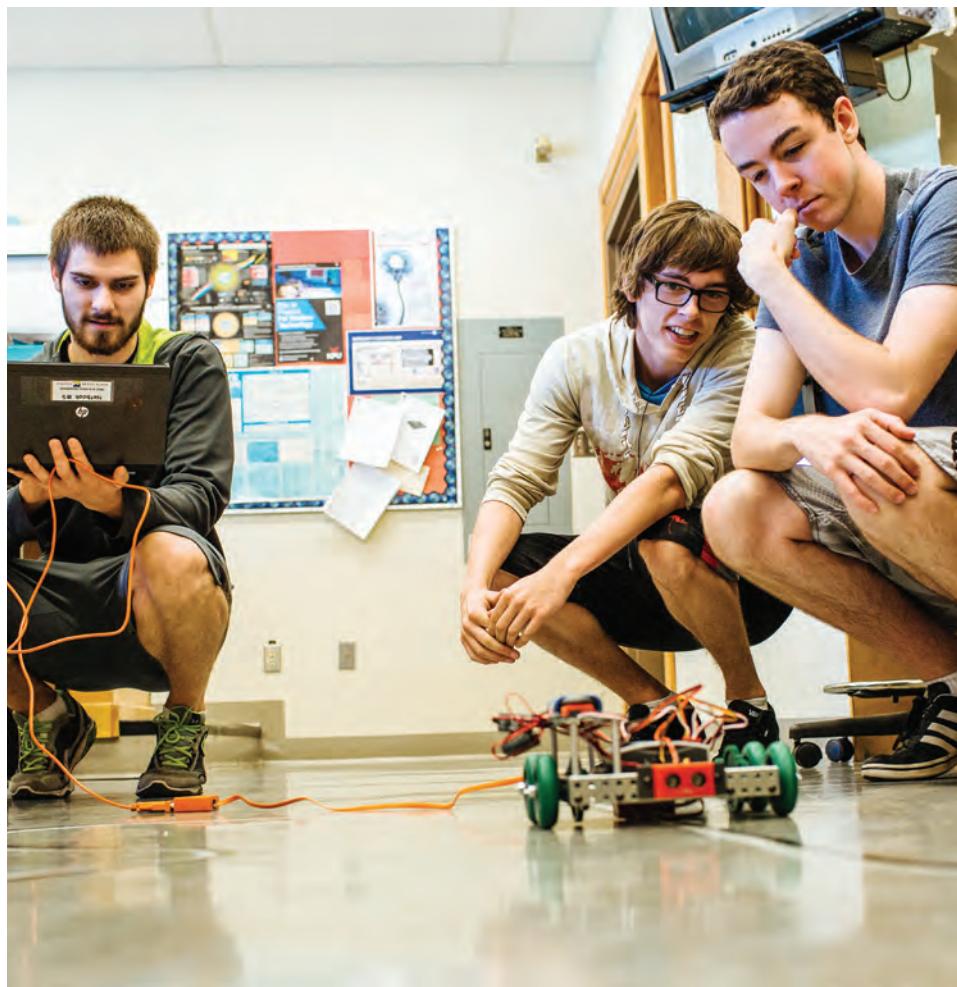
With affordable tuition and a lower cost of living, starting your bachelor's degree at NIC will save you money.

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- UVic University of Victoria
- VIU Vancouver Island University
- UNBC University of Northern British Columbia
- RRU Royal Roads University
- ACAD Alberta College of Art + Design
- ECU Emily Carr University of Art + Design



Develop skills in design, analysis and project management with NIC's Engineering Foundations Certificate before transferring into Year 2 in your specialization.

General transfer to universities Canada-wide

In addition to guaranteed admission partnerships, NIC courses can be combined to create a custom transfer plan.

Take advantage of NIC's lower entrance requirements and work toward the required courses for admittance to universities such as UBC, SFU and UVic.

Each degree pathway has its own unique deadlines and transfer requirements. Meet with an advisor in NIC's Office of Global Engagement to develop a plan that's right for you.



a place of mind
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
THINKING OF THE WORLD



University
of Victoria

Choose courses to fit your interests and goals

NIC courses can be combined to create a custom transfer plan, making it easy for you to transfer to the university program of your choice. Concentrate your studies in one specific area or explore a variety of subjects to meet specific transfer requirements.

Math & Science



Start: Sep

Length: 1 to 2 years

You need: Eng 12 C+ plus any specific course prerequisites posted online.

You'll learn: NIC expert instructors can help prepare you for math, science, medical, optometry, dentistry and veterinary programs across Canada.

Subject areas: biology, chemistry, engineering, mathematics and physics

Keep studying: Work toward a degree in engineering, computer science, microbiology and more with dual admission to UNBC and Royal Roads, guaranteed admission to UVic and VIU and general transfer to UBC, SFU and universities Canada-wide.

NEW Engineering Foundations Certificate



Start: Sep

Length: 1 year

You need: Grade 12 and Phys 12 C+, Chem 12 C+, Pre-Calculus 12 B, Eng 12 C+

You'll learn: Develop robotics skills, test the speed of sound and design solar cookers in NIC's engineering classrooms.

Keep studying: Work toward a degree in biomedical engineering, mechanical engineering, computer science and more with guaranteed admission to UVic and general transfer to UBC, SFU and more.

Humanities & Social Science



Start: Sep, Jan

Length: 1 to 2 years

You need: Eng 12 C+ plus any specific course prerequisites posted online.

You'll learn: Develop skills sought after by employers as you learn how to assess and adapt to change, analyze trends and solve complex problems.

Subject areas: anthropology, criminology, geography, history, liberal studies, philosophy, political science, psychology, sociology and women's studies

Keep studying: Work toward a degree in history, political science, philosophy and more with dual admission to UNBC and Royal Roads, guaranteed admission to UVic and VIU, and general transfer to UBC, SFU and universities Canada-wide.

English & Languages



Start: Sep (all languages), Jan (English only)

Length: 1 to 2 years

You need: Eng 12 C+ plus any specific course prerequisites posted online.

You'll learn: Develop skills to read and analyze complex texts and write effectively to meet academic and career goals.

Subject areas: academic writing, creative writing, literature studies, professional writing, Chinese, French and Spanish

Keep studying: Work toward a degree in English, French, professional communication and more with dual admission UNBC and Royal Roads, guaranteed admission to UVic and VIU as well as general transfer to UBC, SFU and universities Canada-wide.

MORE PROGRAMS

Associate of Arts Degree • Associate of Science Degree • Criminology Diploma

For full program details visit www.nic.bc.ca/university_transfer.



It's easier to learn at NIC. The instructors really focus on teaching and are all really good at it. When I got to UVic I felt more prepared and I was ready to do well."

Nolan Dewitt
Canada

Learn more:



www.nic.bc.ca/university_transfer

Business

WHY NIC?

Navigate the world of business with NIC's broad subject areas, expert faculty and work placement opportunities at home and abroad.

Paid Canadian work experience

Co-op work terms provide opportunities to gain experience and make professional connections which could lead to full-time employment.

Connect with business leaders

NIC's Global Leaders of Tomorrow program pairs motivated students with community leaders to discuss business trends and forge strong connections.

Global opportunities

Study abroad to gain more international experience and work as part of a team on projects in Germany, Denmark, Scotland, Japan, Chile or the USA. Contact istudyabroad@nic.bc.ca to learn more.

Learn more:



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Neera Melaysho's co-op work term in the City of Courtenay's Financial Services Department gave her practical experience and confidence to succeed in business.

Certificates & Diplomas

Business Administration Certificate



Start: Sep, Jan

Length: 8 months

You need: Eng 12 C+, Math (Foundations 11 C+, Principles 11 C, Applications 12 C, or Pre-Calculus 11 C)

You'll learn: Develop fundamental skills in accounting, marketing, economics, computer applications and business writing in a supportive environment.

Keep studying: One year credit toward NIC's business diploma and degree programs.

Start working: Qualify for entry-level opportunities in almost any industry, including administrative assistant positions in marketing, finance and human resources.

Business Administration Diploma



Start: Sep, Jan

Length: 2 years full time

You need: Eng 12 C+, Math (Foundations 11 C+, Principles 11 C, Applications 12 C, or Pre-Calculus 11 C)

You'll learn: Explore career options in general management, marketing or accounting to determine the path that's right for you. Learn from top-notch faculty, connect with business leaders and prepare for great jobs locally and internationally with a range of co-op and applied learning opportunities.

Keep studying: Two years credit toward your business degree at NIC or apply to enter third-year at RGU in Scotland.

Start working: Qualify for a broad range of careers in office administration, accounting, sales, retail, product management and more.

Bachelor Degrees

Bachelor of Business Administration Degree



Start: Sep, Jan

Length: 4 years full time

You need: Eng 12 C+, Math (Foundations 11 C+, Principles 11 C, Applications 12 C, or Pre-Calculus 11 C)

You'll learn: Specialize in accounting, general management or marketing. Develop industry-relevant skills through paid co-op work experience and gain the business skills and education you need to succeed in small business or the global marketplace.

Keep studying: Guaranteed admission to VIU's dual graduate MBA/MScIB program or apply to master's and MBA programs as well as professional CPA designations.

Start working: Management level positions in public accounting, financial management, planning and business consulting.

PATHWAY TO:

Robert Gordon University (RGU)



Start: Sep, Jan

Length: 4 years full time

You need: Eng 12 C+, Math (Foundations 11 C+, Principles 11 C, Applications 12 C, or Pre-Calculus 11 C)

You'll learn: Complete two years at NIC and then transfer to RGU in Aberdeen, Scotland for your third-year to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Management degree. Then, maximize opportunity by returning to NIC for a final year of study and earn a Bachelor of Business Administration as well.

Keep studying: Apply to master's, MBA programs as well as professional CPA designations.

Start working: Qualify for management level positions in public accounting, financial management, planning and business consulting.

Post-Degree Studies

Business Administration Post Degree Diploma (PDD)



Start: Sep, Jan

Length: 1 year full time

You need: Bachelor's degree (Min. 3 year), Eng 12 C+, Math (Foundations 11 C+, Principles 11 C, Applications 12 C, or Pre-Calculus 11 C)

You'll learn: Advance your undergraduate degree with a marketable business education in just one year. Specialize in accounting and finance, general management, international management, human resource management or marketing.

Keep studying: Master's and MBA programs throughout BC and beyond.

Start working: Be well-prepared for employment in business consulting, management or business ownership.

PATHWAY TO:

VIU MBA/MScIB Guaranteed Admission



Start: Sep

Length: 14 to 18 months

You need: NIC BBA or PDD (two-year) in Business Administration, with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

You'll learn: Your NIC BBA degree or post-degree diploma gives you guaranteed admission to VIU's Master of Business Administration. This dual British/Canadian program also earns you a Master of Science in International Business through the University of Hertfordshire.

Start working: Gain the skills and knowledge to be a manager with a global mindset, leading organizations at regional, national and international levels.

Business Administration Post Degree Diploma (PDD), Global Business Management



Start: Sep, Jan

Length: 2 years full time including internship

You need: Bachelor's degree (Min. 3 year), Eng 12 C+, Math (Foundations 11 C+, Principles 11 C, Applications 12 C, or Pre-Calculus 11 C)

You'll learn: Specialize in Canadian and international global business management including trade, marketing and finance. Develop cross-cultural skills studying with classmates with a variety of cultural perspectives.

Keep studying: Master's and MBA programs throughout BC and beyond.

Start working: Qualify for opportunities in consulting, management, marketing, financial advising, international management and more.

Business Administration Post Degree Diploma (PDD), Pre-Professional Accountant



Start: Sep, Jan

Length: 2 years full time including internship

You need: Bachelor's degree (Min 3 year), BUS-100, Eng 12 C+, Math (Foundations 11 C+, Principles 11 C, Applications 12 C, or Pre-Calculus 11 C)

You'll learn: Specialize in accounting with a focus on preparation for entry into the Canadian Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) certification program. Gain work experience through your internship and build your network of personal contacts.

Keep studying: Pursue your designation in accounting with the CPA or apply for master's and MBA programs throughout BC and beyond.

Start working: Qualify for accounting positions in public practice or industry including advanced managerial and financial accounting, corporate taxation, auditing and strategic management.

Tourism & Hospitality

WHY NIC?

Learn from industry leaders as you organize tourism events and travel to top resorts.

Take part in academic exchange and paid work experience opportunities locally and around the world.

Travel and learn

Take part in annual field trips to popular destinations such as New Orleans, Hawaii, Mexico or Cuba, as well as major Canadian tourist destinations like Vancouver and Whistler.

Apply your skills

Host annual tourism events and festivals such as WineFest and other industry networking events to showcase your skills and work closely with local employers.

Co-ops and paid internships

Earn academic credit and develop industry-relevant skills while networking with industry in luxurious hotels and resorts locally and in Victoria, Tofino, Whistler, Banff and Disney World, Florida.



Certificates & Diplomas

Adventure Guiding Certificate



Start: Sep

Length: 8 months full time

You need: Eng 12 C+, Math C+, (Principles 10, Foundations 10, Pre-Calculus 10 or AW 11), medical form and fitness assessment

You'll learn: Qualify as a guide in BC's growing adventure tourism industry. Develop field skills such as sea kayaking, sailing, canoeing, river rafting, swiftwater rescue, avalanche safety, wilderness first aid and more.

Keep studying: Earn credit toward NIC's Tourism and Hospitality Management Diploma with university transfer and business degree bridging options.

Start working: Entry-level leadership and guiding positions with sea kayaking companies, coastal resorts, whale and wildlife tour operators, outdoor centres, youth wilderness camps and interpretive centres.

Tourism & Hospitality Management Certificate



Start: Sep, Jan

Length: 8 months full time

You need: Eng 12 C+, Math (Foundations 11 C, Applications 11 C, Pre-Calculus 11 or Principles 11)

You'll learn: Learn industry-specific skills required in tourism sectors such as accommodation, food and beverage, adventure tourism and recreation, events and conferences, transportation, attractions and travel trade.

Keep studying: Earn credit toward NIC's Tourism and Hospitality Management Diploma.

Start working: Launch a career in restaurants, hotels, resorts, event planning, conferences and cruise ships or expand your earlier experience to acquire a management level position.

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Tourism & Hospitality Management Diploma



Start: Sep, Jan

Length: 2 years full time

You need: Eng 12 C+, Math (Foundations 11 C or Applications 11 C, AW 11 B, Pre-Calculus 11 or Principles 11)

You'll learn: Gain a solid business education with tourism industry knowledge. Choose between four specialties including hospitality, sustainable tourism, hospitality and sustainable tourism, and adventure guiding.

Keep studying: Earn credit towards tourism and business degrees in BC and Canada-wide, including NIC's Bachelor of Business Administration. Or, apply for Royal Roads University Dual Admission at NIC and earn a Bachelor of Arts in International Hotel Management.

Start working: Build a career with international hotel chains, resorts, restaurants, adventure companies, interpretive centres, parks and the travel trade, or operate your own tourism business.

Professional Cook 1, 2 & 3 (Culinary Arts)



Level 1



Levels 2-3

Start: Varies (Check website for schedule)

Length:

PC1 = 28 weeks (840 hours)

PC2 = 14 weeks (420 hours),

PC3 = 6 weeks (180 hours)

To gain Red Seal certification, you require 5,000 hours in the workplace, completion of three levels of technical training, and successfully pass the Red Seal examination.

You need: Eng 12 C+, NIC Culinary Arts Assessment, Food Safe Level 1

You'll learn: Become a skilled, qualified culinary professional. You'll begin at Professional Cook 1 (PC1) as a registered apprentice, qualify for work and apprenticeship credit during the program and finish after Professional Cook 3 (PC3) as a culinary professional ready to write your Red Seal exam.

Keep studying: Work toward your Interprovincial (Red Seal) certification.

Start working: Qualify for a successful career as a baker or sous-chef in bistros, hotels, spas, destination resorts, extended care facilities and more.

Post-Graduate

Global Tourism & Hospitality Management Advanced Certificate



Start: Sep, Jan

Length: 8 months full time

You need: Two-year diploma or three-year degree, Eng 12 C+, Math (Foundations 11 C+ or Pre-Calculus 11 C or Principles 11 C or Applications 12 C)

You'll learn: Gain management skills for a career in international tourism. Advance your degree or diploma with post-graduate study of accounting, marketing, events management and more.

Keep studying: Receive credit toward NIC's Global Tourism and Hospitality Management Advanced Diploma.

Start working: Qualify for positions in hotel and restaurant general management, human resources management, sales and marketing management, convention services management, hotel revenue and financial management and more.

Global Tourism & Hospitality Management Advanced Diploma



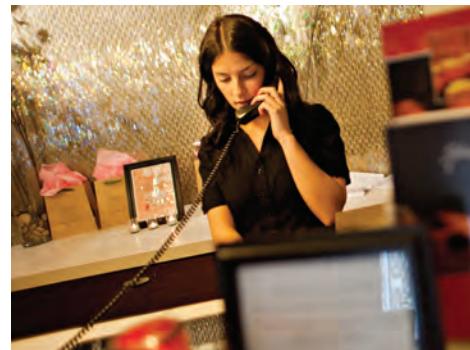
Start: Sep, Jan

Length: 2 years including internship

You need: Two-year diploma or three-year degree, Eng 12 C+, Math (Foundations 11 C+ or Pre-Calculus 11 C or Principles 11 C or Applications 12 C)

You'll learn: Launch a career in international tourism by combining post-graduate study of business with valuable workplace experience. Choose between hospitality or sustainable tourism.

Start working: Domestic and international careers with leadership and management opportunities in resorts, hotels, restaurants and other special interest tourism operations.



After completing my tourism diploma I realized that I could graduate with a business degree and go on exchange in Germany."

Paresa Habibi
Canada

Learn more:



www.nic.bc.ca/tourism

Fine Arts & Design

WHY NIC?

Explore printmaking, painting, digital visual arts, ceramics and more in NIC's well-equipped fine arts studios.

Inspiring facilities

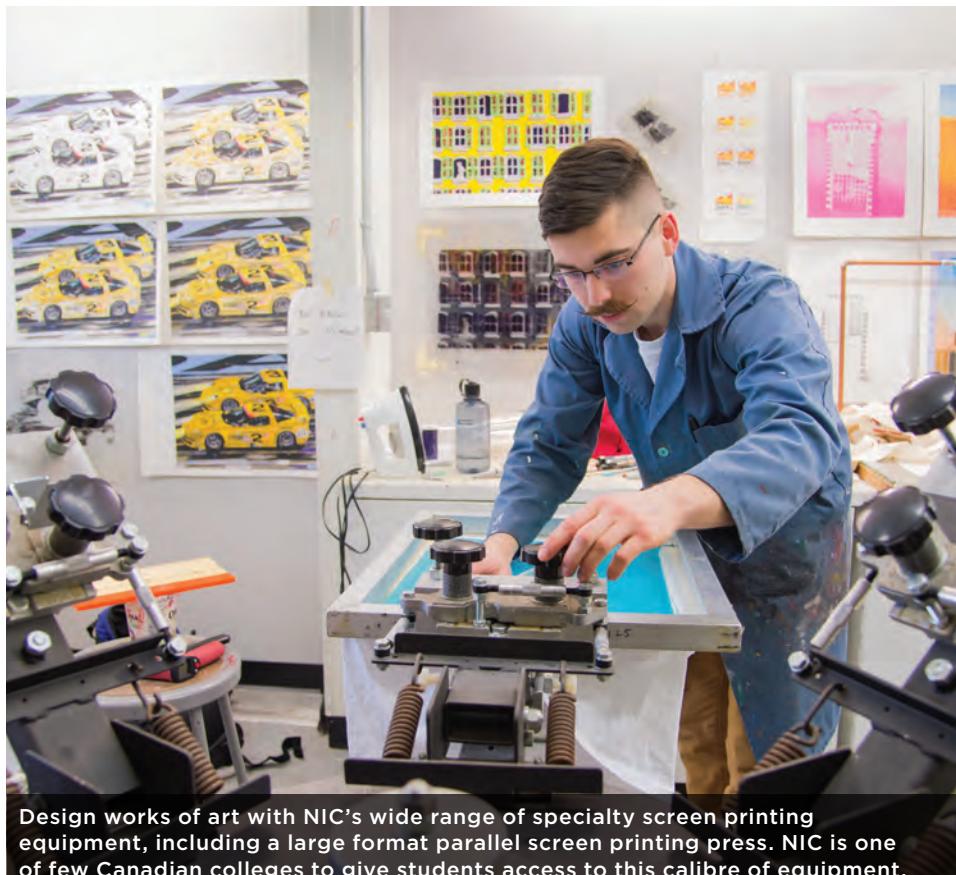
Create art in NIC's Shadbolt studio, a modern 7,500 square foot building with separate ceramics, painting and sculpture studios.

Exhibit your work

NIC's fine arts students and faculty regularly join exhibits at Courtenay's Muir Gallery, the Potters Place, the Comox Valley Art Gallery and the Courtenay and District Museum.

Guaranteed transfer

Develop core technical abilities, critical thinking, communication and problem solving skills at NIC before transferring to Emily Carr, ACAD, UVic or VIU to complete your degree.



Design works of art with NIC's wide range of specialty screen printing equipment, including a large format parallel screen printing press. NIC is one of few Canadian colleges to give students access to this calibre of equipment.

Fine Arts

Metal Jewellery Design Certificate

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Start: Sep

Length: 32 weeks full time

You need: Eng 12 C+, minimum age 19

You'll learn: Gain the technical skills and industry knowledge needed to conceptualize and create metal jewellery. Apply professional techniques through extensive hands-on studio practice and gain business skills to effectively promote your designs.

Start working: Qualify for employment in the retail jewellery industry or pursue self-employment by marketing your jewellery at festivals, fairs, art galleries or your own studio.

Fine Arts Diploma

CV

Start: Sep

Length: 2 years full time

You need: Eng 12 C+, portfolio, admissions essay (See international.nic.bc.ca/programs/fine-arts-and-design for portfolio and essay guidelines)

You'll learn: Develop strong analytical, problem solving and critical thinking skills to further your career and gain expertise in a broad range of disciplines that encompass traditional, interdisciplinary and digital art practices.

Keep studying: Transfer to degree programs in BC, Alberta and across Canada, including Alberta College of Art + Design, Emily Carr University of Art + Design, UVic and VIU.

Start working: Work as an artist, gallery assistant, teaching assistant, community arts programmer and arts educator or pursue a career in painting, sculpture, printmaking, ceramics, video, film and more.

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Professional Potter Advanced Diploma



Start: To be determined

Length: 10 months full time

You need: Eng 12 C+, two-year Fine Arts diploma or Bachelor of Fine Arts with ceramics component, portfolio, 300-word statement.

You'll learn: Develop advanced-level design skills and production techniques, plus the business education you'll need to market your work effectively. Progressively develop design and production skills, while integrating technical knowledge of clays, glazes and firing processes.

Keep studying: Apply for a residency at Medalta International in Alberta.

Start working: Graduate with the advanced skills and industry knowledge to become a professional potter with your own studio or workshop-based business.

Interactive Media

Web Design Certificate



Start: Sep

Length: 8 months full time

You need: Eng 12 C+

You'll learn: Get your web design career started in just eight months. Gain skills in HTML, CSS, Java Script, PHP and Database. Explore web analytics and social media, and learn the fundamentals of effective design, web tools and graphics, basic marketing, business foundations and more.

Keep studying: Earn credit toward NIC's Interactive Media (Web and Mobile Application Development) Diploma.

Start working: Work as a freelance/corporate web designer, database technician or front-end web developer.

Mobile Application Development Certificate



Start: Sep

Length: 8 months full time

You need: Eng 12 C+

You'll learn: Develop programming skills for the rapidly changing mobile applications industry. Learn the fundamentals of application development for smartphones, tablets and web.

Start working: Qualify to work as a mobile app developer, front-end web designer or interactive media programmer.

Web & Mobile Application Development Diploma



Start: Sep

Length: 2 years full time

You need: Eng 12 C+

You'll learn: Develop design skills for print and web, programming, mobile and web development, web game development and project management. Take part in optional workplace practicums to expand your professional experience and industry connections.

Keep studying: Advance your skills with NIC's Advanced Communication and Interactive Design Diploma

Start working: Qualify for work as a web applications designer/developer, e-commerce site developer, mobile application developer, web analytics specialist and more.

Communication Design Diploma



Start: Sep

Length: 2 years full time

You need: Eng 12 C+

You'll learn: Learn to design commercially effective print and online communications. Gain applied experience through optional workplace practicums that give you industry experience and connections.

Keep studying: Earn credit toward NIC's Advanced Communication Design Diploma.

Start working: Work as a book and editorial designer, online or print publication designer, graphic designer, web designer, digital artist, brand identity and more.

Advanced Communication & Interactive Design Diploma



Start: Sep

Length: 3 years full time

You need: Eng 12 C+

You'll learn: Develop a strong combination of design and programming skills to keep pace with industry advances and manage a high level of client communication needs in print, mobile and online.

On-the-job experience is an optional part of the program, giving you increased personal confidence, a stronger understanding of client expectations and direct professional connections.

Keep studying: Graduates are eligible for membership with the Society of Graphic Designers of Canada.

Start working: Work as a graphic designer, web developer, web consultant, multimedia project coordinator, e-commerce site designer, web and mobile applications developer or mobile prototyper.

Learn more:



www.nic.bc.ca/finearts

I have learned things I never thought I would and in such a short period of time! I am not only talking about coding etc. but I feel like I learned a lot about myself too.

Thais Lescano

Brazil

Community Care

WHY NIC?

Gain the practical experience and employer connections to care for children, students and adults in BC.

Work experience

Take part in practicums with local employers to gain practical, first-hand training and experience as well as the professional connections and confidence to succeed in your career.

Community involvement

Human Services students participate in community-based partnerships and volunteer at local events to gain hands on experience and learn about local and global issues.

Industry connections

NIC works closely with community agencies as well as industry and government associations to ensure coursework is relevant, comprehensive and valued by employers.



Each year, NIC human services students take part in an interactive, experiential Village Workshop at the K'omoks Big House, developing critical thinking skills and intercultural awareness crucial to their future careers.

Certificates

Early Childhood Care & Education Certificate

CV CR PA

Start: Sep

Length: 10 months full time

You need: Eng 12 C+, Requisite Skills & Abilities document

You'll learn: Make a difference in the lives of young children by providing quality care and education for healthy early development. Take the first step toward your BC Early Childhood Educator certification, applying theory to practice in a variety of learning settings.

Keep studying: Earn transfer credit toward an Early Childhood Care and Education Diploma at colleges across BC.

Start working: Work as an early childhood educator in preschools, childcare centres and out of school care programs. Facilitate community early learning programs such as Strong Start at child and family serving agencies.

Educational Assistant/Community Support (Human Services Certificate)

CV

Start: Sep

Length: 10 months full time

You need: Eng 12 C+, 20 hours volunteer experience and professional reference form, 300-word letter of intent and Requisite Skills & Abilities document

You'll learn: Prepare to provide support to individuals with a broad range of disabilities in the classroom and in the community. Learn intercultural communication skills and understand contemporary Canadian social and family issues through practical training and weekly seminars.

Keep studying: Earn credit toward NIC's Human Services Diploma.

Start working: Qualify for a career as an education assistant providing classroom support or as a support worker in group home, employment agencies, community organizations and other human service agencies.

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Educational Assistant/ Community Support Indigenous Focus (Human Services Certificate)

PA

Start: Sep

Length: 10 months full time

You need: Eng 12 C+, 20 hours volunteer experience and professional reference form, 300-word letter of intent and Requisite Skills & Abilities document.

You'll learn: Prepare to provide support to individuals with a broad range of disabilities in the classroom and in the community. Learn intercultural communication skills and understand contemporary Canadian social and family issues, with a focus on Indigenous populations, through practical training and weekly seminars.

Keep studying: Earn credit toward NIC's Human Services Diploma.

Start working: Qualify for a career as an education assistant providing classroom support or as a support worker in a group home, employment agencies, community organizations and other human service agencies.

Diplomas **Human Services Diploma**

CV

Start: Sep

Length: 1 year full time (post 10 month Education Assistant/Community Support certificate)

You need: Education Assistant/ Community Support Human Services Certificate

You'll learn: Further your career with advanced theory and practice in community support, education assistance and social service. Take part in workplace practicums to continue building your professional network while gaining hands-on experience.

Keep studying: Earn transfer credit toward Bachelor of Social Work and Bachelor of Child and Youth Care degree programs.

Start working: Employment opportunities include community support worker, mental health and addictions positions, family support worker and education assistant.



Early Childhood Care and Education students study the role of play in student learning.

Social Service Diploma

CV

Start: Sep

Length: 2 years full time

You need: Eng 12 C+, 20 hrs volunteer experience with HSA professional reference form, 300-word letter of intent, Requisite Skills & Abilities document.

You'll learn: Gain insight into social justice to support and empower individuals, families and communities. Take part in workplace practicums to build a professional network and gain hands-on experience in the social service field. Develop an understanding of current and emerging areas of best practice through community-based partnerships and research opportunities.

Keep studying: Earn transfer credit toward social work or child and youth care degree programs.

Start working: Career options include family support worker, community outreach worker, transition house counsellor, employment counsellor and addictions support worker.



These courses gave me confidence to plan activities that support the development of the whole child. I learned foundational theories and strategies."

Amanda Taylor

Student, Early Childhood Care and Education Certificate

Learn more:



www.nic.bc.ca/communitycare

Trades & Technology

WHY NIC?

Discover your trade at NIC. From carpentry to electrical foundation to industrial automation, you'll develop nationally recognized skills with guidance from NIC's inspiring, industry-recognized instructors.

Hands-on learning

Develop a solid mastery of applied skills in NIC's industry-approved training programs.

Job-ready skills

Connect with industry experts and work with specialized equipment to develop a strong foundation of employable skills.

Red Seal instructors

Learn from highly skilled professionals who know their trades and are committed to helping you succeed in your chosen industry.



Aircraft Structures Technician (AME-S)

CR

Start: Sep

Length: 10 months approx full time

You need: Eng 12 C+, Math C+ (Principles 10, Applications 11, AW 11, Foundations 11 or successful NIC math assessment.)

You'll learn: Develop technical skills to work in the field of aircraft structures. The program includes two technical tests required for your AME-S license and you will receive recognition from Transport Canada for formal training.

Keep studying: Work toward your Transport Canada Aircraft Maintenance Engineer Structures (AME-S) licence.

Start working: Qualify for high-demand jobs in aircraft repair and servicing, aircraft manufacturing, composite component repair, aircraft parts manufacturing and aircraft parts technician.

Automotive Service Technician Foundation Harmonized

CR PA

Start: Sep

Length: 30 weeks full time

You need: Eng 12 C+, Math C (Principles 10, AW 10, Foundations 10, Pre-Calculus 10, Applications 11 or successful NIC math assessment.)

You'll learn: Master essential skills identified by employers, from brake system servicing and steering to suspension service, wheel alignment, electronic systems and more.

Keep Studying Transfer to colleges across BC to work toward your Interprovincial (Red Seal) certification.

Start working: Qualify for work as an automotive service technician, parts technician, service writer or service manager.

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Carpentry Foundation Harmonized

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Start: Sep, Jan

Length: 24 weeks full time

You need: Eng 12 C+, Math C (Principles 10, Applications 11, AW 11, Foundations 11 or successful NIC math assessment.)

You'll learn: Build your carpentry career in BC's booming construction industry.

Keep Studying: Transfer to colleges across BC to work toward your Interprovincial (Red Seal) certification.

Start working: Carpenters work in residential, commercial, or industrial construction. Work may include, but would not be limited to framer, finisher, carpenters' assistant and home renovation.

Electrical Foundation

CR

Start: Sep, Jan

Length: 24 weeks full time

You need: Eng 12 C+, Math II C+ (Principles, Foundations or Pre-Calculus or NIC Electrical Assessment), Phys 11 C, NIC Trades assessment.

You'll learn: Develop a solid mastery of applied skills, from workplace safety to blueprint reading and wiring methods.

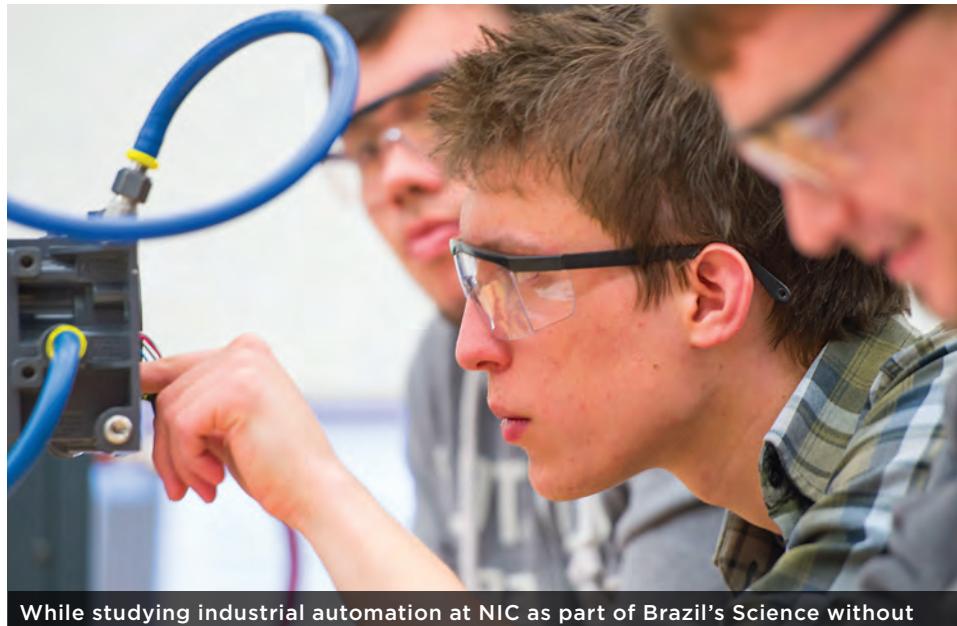
Keep Studying: Transfer to colleges across BC to work toward your Interprovincial (Red Seal) certification.

Start working: Qualify for work in residential, commercial and industrial electrical construction, electrical maintenance and service, marine electrical work or alternate energy and utilities



I have been incredibly satisfied with the quality and motivation of NIC's Aircraft Structures students, I have hired many of them."

Bill Alder
President, Sealand Aviation
Campbell River



While studying industrial automation at NIC as part of Brazil's Science without borders program, Douglas Chesini worked on specialized equipment and made connections with industry experts.

Electronics Technician Core Certificate

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Start: Sep

Length: 9 months full time

You need: Eng 12 C+, Math C+ (Principles 11, Applications 12, Foundations 11, Pre-Calculus 11 or successful NIC math assessment.)

You'll learn: Take the first step toward an exciting career in electronics. Learn to repair, maintain and install electronic circuits including microprocessors and robotic equipment.

Keep studying: Continue into NIC's Industrial Automation Technician Diploma or transfer to electronics specialty diplomas in BC and beyond.

Start working: Qualify for further training in a specialty option to achieve certification as a technician or technologist.

Industrial Automation Technician Diploma

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Start: Sep

Length: 9 months full time

You need: NIC's Electronics Technician Core certificate

You'll learn: Learn to work on all types of electronic systems, including motor controls, programmable logic controllers, data acquisition, computer control systems and robotics. Participate in interactive field trips and gain hands on experience with NIC's state-of-the-art equipment and technology.

Keep studying: Receive transfer credit toward some instrumentation programs.

Start working: Qualify to work in renewable energy, oil and gas, pharmaceuticals, forest products and more.

More Programs

- Heavy Mechanical Foundation
- Joinery/Cabinetmaking Foundation
- Metal Fabrication Foundation
- Plumbing & Piping Foundation

For full program details visit
international.nic.bc.ca/trades-and-technology

Learn more:



www.nic.bc.ca/trades



Get Connected

We look forward to welcoming you to NIC's community.

Pre-Arrival

Book your plane ticket.

The Comox Valley Airport (YQQ) is only a 35-minute direct flight from Vancouver Airport (YVR).

Apply for a Visa or eTA.

The Government of Canada requires students from some countries to have a temporary resident visa or an electronic travel authorization (eTA). Find out if you need a visa to study in Canada at www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit. For information on how to apply for your eTA, visit <https://canada.evisa-travel.org/eta/>

Secure Accommodation.

Ensure you have confirmed housing arrangements before arrival.

See homestay information on page 17.

Attend Pre-departure Session.

Approximately one month prior to start of the term, we will provide a pre-departure session to review important information in preparation for your studies at NIC.

Attendance is mandatory.

Attend orientation

Every day during orientation, we will host fun and informative workshops to help you make the most of your NIC experience. Attendance at orientation is mandatory.

Workshop topics include:

- adapting to Canadian educational culture
- medical insurance
- banking
- community safety
- Canadian law
- volunteer opportunities
- and so much more.

During orientation you will tour the campus, meet other students and faculty, make new friends and learn how to access essential resources to succeed as an NIC student.

Questions? Email study@nic.bc.ca

What to bring

Bring the following key documents with you to orientation:

- Passport
- Study permit or Visitor's Visa stamp.
- Address and phone number of your new accommodation. If you are in homestay, please provide the family name and family email address.
- Original transcripts and documents required by admissions.

Questions? Email study@nic.bc.ca for assistance.

Join our online community

We encourage you to post photos of your journey to Canada on social media with the hashtag #IamNIC so that we can share your adventures in real time. Join us on Instagram @NorthIslandCollege or like us on Facebook @NorthIslandCollegeGlobal.

How to Apply

Apply to NIC in two easy steps.

Once you have chosen your program, determine your eligibility by reviewing the admission requirements. Then, simply gather the necessary information and prepare to apply in just two easy steps.

1 Submit an application

To qualify for admission to North Island College you must meet the following requirements – Applicant must:

1. Be 18 years of age or older within the calendar year in which they are applying to study.
(Consideration may be given for younger students who have completed high school and meet all other admission requirements.)
2. Meet other academic and admission requirements for your chosen program. Full admission requirements are found under each program description.
3. Meet the minimum Academic English language requirement by completing one of:
 - NIC Academic English Language Program; or
 - BC Grade 12 English C(+); or
 - CAEL 60 and writing 60; or
 - IELTS 6.0 no band below 5.5; or
 - TOEFL iBT 80 no section below 19; or
 - TOEFL 550 (Code 8538); or
 - PTE Academic minimum 54 with no component below 46.

2 Submit supporting documents

- personal contact information
- copy of passport with signature page
- high school transcripts
- post-secondary transcripts from all post-secondary institutions you've attended
- post-secondary credentials (certificate, diploma, degree, etc.)
- official language proficiency scores
- supplemental information required by your program.

Once you have received your Letter of Acceptance from North Island College, you can apply for a study permit. For more information on study permit requirements to study in Canada, visit www.cic.gc.ca.



Need help?

Find an agent

NIC collaborates with numerous recognized agents around the world who can assist with application, admission and preparation for studies at NIC. If you are from India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka or Nigeria, you are required to work with an authorized representative.

Visit: international.nic.bc.ca/study-at-nic/admission

Contact us today

Whether you need help understanding admission and university transfer requirements, course planning, registration or information about student accommodation and study permits, we are here to answer your questions.

Email: study@nic.bc.ca Visit: international.nic.bc.ca

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