

VCC INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION +



Studying in Vancouver



Canada-second largest country in the world

This wealthy and beautiful land is also one of the safest countries in the world.

From coast to coast, Canada has world-class cities, breathtaking landscapes, spectacular mountains, rivers and more! British Columbia is set between the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific Ocean. It is the most western province in Canada. With its economic stability and beautiful nature, B.C. attracts visitors, international students, and immigrants from all over the world.

Vancouver-third largest city in Canada

When you choose to study in Vancouver, you can expect to have priceless experiences. This exciting city sits beside the beautiful Pacific Ocean and is just minutes away from stunning mountains. Vancouver has clean water, excellent health care, friendly people, a safe environment and mild temperatures.

Vancouver was home to the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. The city offers exciting sports and outdoor activities, arts and culture, entertainment, nightlife, outstanding restaurants, and world-class shopping. Vancouver has something for everyone!

Studying at VCC

Vancouver Community College (VCC) is located in the heart of the city of Vancouver and is the first and largest government accredited public post-secondary college in British Columbia.

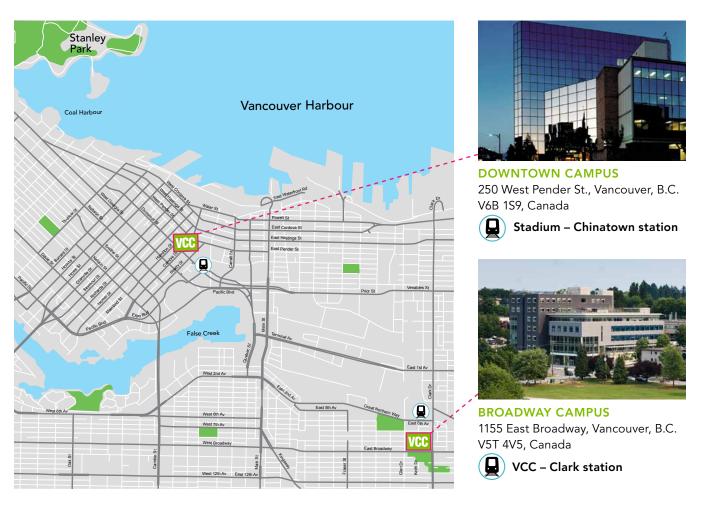
Practical education

VCC offers award-winning career programs and firstyear university programs, all taught by highly-qualified faculty and instructors.

You will learn practical and hands-on skills in an interactive learning environment. This type of

experiential learning will prepare you for your dream job in a new career.

The Vancouver campuses are easily accessible by transit and are located one or two blocks from a SkyTrain station.



Make VCC your first choice

Vancouver Community College understands what education means to you. Every student has a goal. Let us help you find the pathway that will lead to your success.

Pathway to jobs

VCC plays a key role in helping industry meet today's need for highly-skilled employees. Most of VCC's programs integrate classroom learning and practical training to prepare students for employment. Students develop job-ready and academic skills that can be applied in the real world. Our graduates have one of the highest success rates for finding jobs in B.C.

Canadian work experience

International students studying at VCC may be eligible to work in Canada during their studies and after graduation.

Practicum and internship opportunities

Many of VCC's programs provide students with the opportunities to gain practical experiences during their studies. Graduates with related experiences are more competitive in the labour market.

Working off-campus

International students may be eligible to work off-campus when studying at VCC. For details, visit the website of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada at **www.cic.gc.ca**.

Post-graduation work permit (PGWP)

International students may be eligible for a PGWP after completing a full-time program at VCC. For details, visit the website of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada at **www.cic.gc.ca**.

Pathway to university

VCC offers first-year university arts and sciences courses. Credits from these courses can be transferred to many other universities and colleges.

Quality and dedicated instructors

Learn from the best. Our instructors are highly qualified experts with real-world experience in their fields of expertise, and many have won national awards. Small classes will ensure you get personal attention from your instructors and have the opportunity to interact with classmates.

Industry recognition

Our strong partnerships with business and industry ensure your training and skills are relevant and in demand.



What do VCC students have to say?



"I chose VCC because it's in the heart of hospitality in Vancouver and has a fantastic reputation. The course load is relevant and flexible, and the instructors are industry professionals."

CAITLIN CINDRIC, HOSPITALITY GRADUATE



"Canada is like one of the best countries to chase your dreams because everything is here. You want to become a chef, pursue it. I'm really glad I came to VCC."

JEFFERSON BUENO, CULINARY ARTS GRADUATE



"I loved the people. You're taught and critiqued by some of the top musicians in the country. It felt more inclusive than other music programs."

KIRSTEN JONES, MUSIC GRADUATE



"The instructors all had their own experiences to share and give you as much knowledge as they can, without holding back."

MARVIN OMAQUE, AUTOMOTIVE GRADUATE



"Studying hair design at VCC was one of the most fun years of my life. I was passionate, I loved what I was doing every day and that made it all seem easy."

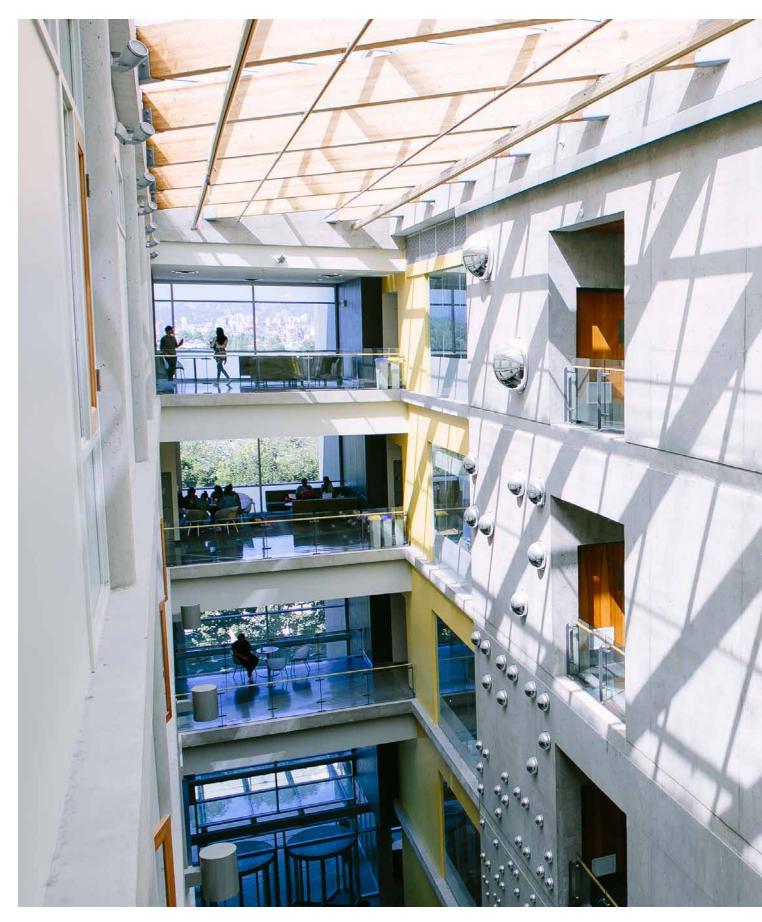
JACKIE PENEV, HAIRSTYLIST GRADUATE



"At VCC, there's small classes, it's easier to ask questions, and it's not as expensive as university."

RIWAZ KARKI,

FIRST-YEAR UNIVERSITY TRANSFER ENGINEERING GRADUATE





Programs

VCC offers a wide variety of full-time programs for students to gain skills and knowledge for employment.

Credentials range from certificates, diplomas, associate degrees, bachelor's degrees and post-degree diplomas. For the most up-to-date information and details, please visit vcc.ca/**international**.

What should you consider when choosing a college program?

1. YOUR INTERESTS

Whether it's creating truffles and hand-dipped chocolates, inspecting and repairing car engines, developing client consultation skills at the spa, preparing to transfer to university, or learning to analyze online business models, our students are doing what they love. At VCC, we want you to look forward to going to work every day, and to feel passionate about what you do.

2. THE JOB MARKET

British Columbia is expecting nearly one million job openings by 2025. VCC offers many programs that provide students the necessary skills and experiences for employment in these fields. Find the latest numbers and research your options further at **WorkBC.ca**.

3. THE INSTITUTION

It's important to feel comfortable at your school, confident in your instructors, and engaged in your program. VCC's instructors are always here to help students succeed in their studies. We also offer various types of services to support students during their time at VCC.





Baking and Culinary

BAKING AND PASTRY ARTS

Artisan Baking Certificate

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE START: MAY LENGTH: 11 MONTHS Develop professional skills for artisanal bread and pastry production, including pastries, gluten-free, savoury, and ethnic products. Includes bakery management and retail operations.

Pastry Certificate

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** JANUARY, MARCH, APRIL **LENGTH:** 11 MONTHS Develop professional skills for fine pastry production including foundational baking, plated desserts, cake design, and chocolate and confection work.

Artisan Baking and Pastry Certificates (International Cohort)

CREDENTIAL: DUAL CERTIFICATE START: FEBRUARY, SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 2 YEARS Acquire both artisan baking and pastry skills to be more competitive in the job market.

CULINARY

Asian Culinary Arts Certificate

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE START: FEBRUARY, SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 5 MONTHS Get professional training for an entry-level career cooking Chinese, Japanese, Malaysian, Thai, Singaporean, Vietnamese, Korean, and fusion cuisine.

Culinary Arts Diploma (International Cohort)

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA START: MONTHLY LENGTH: 2 YEARS Prepare for employment as line cooks or third cooks in hotel kitchens, restaurants, catering companies, airport flight kitchens, trains, cruise ships, camps and institutional kitchens.













Business

Accounting Diploma

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA START: JANUARY, SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 2 YEARS Gain specialized expertise in business and individual financial management for introductory careers in accounting, auditing, and tax preparation.

Administrative Professional Certificate

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE START: JANUARY, APRIL, AUGUST LENGTH: 8 MONTHS Learn advanced skills in Microsoft Office, business communication, financial record keeping, data management, and office procedures. Includes a two-week practicum.

Business and Project Management Post-Degree Diploma (International Cohort)

CREDENTIAL: POST-DEGREE DIPLOMA START: JANUARY, MAY, SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 2 YEARS Extend your knowledge and build on skills developed through an undergraduate degree to enhance your career prospects in the field of business and project management.

Business Management Post-Degree Diploma (International Cohort)

CREDENTIAL: POST-DEGREE DIPLOMA START: JANUARY, MAY, SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 2 YEARS Develop your extended knowledge and skills of business management in a Canadian context, and gain industry work experiences to increase employability in a specialized subject area.

Legal Administrative Assistant Certificate

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE START: FEBRUARY, SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 5 MONTHS Acquire the skills and knowledge to work with legal documents relating to corporate law, conveyancing, litigation, family law, wills, and estates. Administrative assistant certificate or equivalent experience required.

Marketing Technology Diploma

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA START: JANUARY, SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 2 YEARS Gain a foundation in business management while developing advanced, specialized, job-ready skills in marketing software, data analytics, and customer relationship management (CRM).

Medical Office Assistant Certificate

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** MARCH, SEPTEMBER **LENGTH:** 6 MONTHS Gain the knowledge and skills needed to manage patient records, medical billing, scheduling, perform clinical procedures, and other administrative duties in various healthcare environments.









Design

FASHION

Fashion Design and Production Diploma

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA START: SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 2 YEARS Expand your creative and technical skills for the fashion and apparel industry. Gain hands-on experience through conception, design, production, and sales in multiple fashion cycles. Includes a 120-hour practicum.

GRAPHIC DESIGN

Graphic Design Diploma

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA START: JANUARY, SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 2 YEARS Learn advanced design tools, theory, and processes used in print and web media. Get trained in Adobe Creative Cloud and work directly with public clients in a mentored studio setting.

Graphic Design Diploma – Advanced Entrance

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA START: JANUARY, SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 1 YEAR Expand your technical skills and design industry experience working with public clients in a mentored studio setting. Graphic design certificate or equivalent required.

JEWELLERY

Jewellery Art and Design Diploma

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA START: SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 2 YEARS Get hands-on experience in the design and fabrication of jewellery. Learn drawing, art history, gemmology, and business management while getting the opportunity to display and market your work.

Early Childhood Care and Education

Early Childhood Care and Education Diploma

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA START: JANUARY, MAY, SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 2 YEARS Gain the knowledge and skills to specialize in the inclusive care and development of children aged 0-6 and children with special needs. Graduates qualify for the Infant Toddler Educator (ITE) and Special Needs Educator (SNE) certifications from the B.C. Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Hair and Esthetics

Hairstylist Certificate

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE START: JANUARY, MARCH, MAY, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER LENGTH: 10 MONTHS

Get full theoretical knowledge and practical training in hair design, including treatments for men and women, facials, manicures, and overall salon management. Earn industry certification while working with real clients at VCC's Downtown salon. Practicum included.

Esthetics and Body Therapy Certificate

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** JANUARY, MAY, SEPTEMBER, NOVEMBER **LENGTH:** 10 MONTHS

Get top industry training in manicure, pedicure and gel nail service, body treatments, hair removal and advanced skin treatments while working with real clients at VCC's Downtown spa.

Cosmetology Diploma

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA START: JANUARY, MARCH, MAY, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER LENGTH: 2 YEARS

Complete both hairstylist and skin and body therapy certificates to obtain a cosmetology diploma.

Health Sciences

Dental Technology Sciences

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA START: SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 2.5 YEARS Learn traditional and digital technologies as well as specialized knowledge needed to design and fabricate dental restorative prostheses, orthodontic appliances, and implant-supported restorations.

Health Care Assistant Diploma (International Cohort)

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA START: JANUARY, SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 2 YEARS Acquire the knowledge and skills to provide person-centered care and promote physical, emotional, cognitive, and social well-being of clients in continuing care environments.

Occupational/Physical Therapist Assistant (Rehab Assistant)

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA START: SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 2 YEARS / FULL-TIME Learn to assist in the delivery of rehabilitation plans that promote independence and function for patients recovering from illness or injury.

Optician Diploma

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA START: JANUARY, SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 2 YEARS Through theory and lab courses and clinical experience, students will gain comprehensive education in all areas of opticianry, including eyeglasses, contact lenses, low vision devices, and automated refraction.











Hospitality Management

Hospitality Management Diploma

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA START: JANUARY, MAY, SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 2 YEARS Learn professional business management practices for hotel and restaurant settings, including food and beverage cost controls, human resources, marketing and law.

Hospitality Management Post-Degree Diploma

CREDENTIAL: POST-DEGREE DIPLOMA START: JANUARY, MAY, SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 2 YEARS Learn job-ready operations and management skills for leadership roles in the global hospitality and tourism industry.

Bachelor of Hospitality Management

CREDENTIAL: BACHELOR'S DEGREE START: SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 2 YEARS Get a comprehensive understanding of management and business practices related to the hospitality industry. Learn to manage guest services for a hotel or a cruise ship, convention centre or fine dining establishment.



Music and Dance

Music Diploma

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA START: SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 2 YEARS

Prepare for a career in music and music-related professions by learning from some of Canada's finest musicians. Major in areas like classical voice, composition, keyboard studies, or instrumental studies. VCC welcomes instrumentalists and vocalists in rock and popular music, as well as world music traditions from other countries.

Bachelor of Applied Music

CREDENTIAL: BACHELOR'S DEGREE **START:** SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 2 YEARS Get comprehensive, top-tier training from working professionals in music theory, performance and collaboration. Music diploma required.

Dance Diploma

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA START: SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 2 YEARS

Acquire the highest standard of professional dance technique including performance, administration, and entrepreneurship. Offered in partnership with Arts Umbrella.



Technology

CAD & BIM

Computer-Aided Drafting (CAD) and Building Information Modelling (BIM) Technician Diploma

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA START: SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 2 YEARS Combine the qualifications from two CAD and BIM certificates. Choose from Architectural Technician, Civil/Structural Technician, Mechanical or Steel Construction Modelling Technician. Capstone project included.

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

Computer Systems Technology Diploma

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA **START:** JANUARY, **SEPTEMBER LENGTH:** 2.5 YEARS Learn to solve computer-related issues and prepare for a career as a computer systems technologist.

VR/AR Design and Development Diploma

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA START: SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 8 MONTHS AT VCC Create the tools of tomorrow by learning to develop and produce human-centred virtual reality (VR) or augmented reality (AR) experiences using Oculus Rift, Oculus Quest, HTC Vive, and Unreal and Unity engines.

Network Technology Administration and Security Post-Degree Diploma

CREDENTIAL: POST-DEGREE DIPLOMA START: JANUARY, MAY, SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 2 YEARS Develop or upgrade your skills in the design, security, and maintenance of wired and wireless network infrastructures.

ELECTRONICS REPAIR TECHNOLOGY

Electronics Repair Technology Diploma

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA START: JANUARY, SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 2 YEARS Gain the technical and practical skills needed to work in the consumer electronics repair industry as a computer, television, appliance, and mobile device repair technician.









Transportation Trades

Automotive Collision and Refinishing Diploma (International Cohort) CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA START: JANUARY, MAY, SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 2 YEARS Learn to perform repairs related to collision damage and prepare a vehicle for refinishing. Develop hands-on skills and experiences by training on real vehicles in VCC's well-equipped automotive repair shop.

Automotive Service Technology Diploma (International Cohort) CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA START: JANUARY, MAY, SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 2 YEARS Learn basic and advanced skills to examine, test, and repair real vehicles in VCC's well-equipped automotive service shop.



University Transfer

First-Year University Transfer Arts Certificate

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE START: JANUARY, MAY, SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 1 YEAR Start your university arts degree in a supportive learning environment. Earn credits in English, humanities, and social sciences at VCC and transfer to schools across Canada.

First-Year University Transfer Science Certificate

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE START: JANUARY, MAY, SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 1 YEAR Start your university science degree in hands-on classes with award-winning instructors. Earn credits in calculus, physics, chemistry, biology, and English at VCC and transfer to schools across Canada.

First-Year University Transfer Computing Science and Software Systems Certificate

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE START: SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 1 YEAR Complete first-year credits at VCC and transfer directly into second year of the Computing Science and Software Systems degree program at Simon Fraser University (SFU) or the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science program at the University of British Columbia (UBC) on a competitive GPA.

First-Year University Transfer Engineering Certificate

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE START: SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 1 YEAR Complete first-year credits at VCC and transfer directly into second-year Engineering Science programs at Simon Fraser University (SFU) or the University of British Columbia (UBC) on a competitive GPA.

Associate of Science Degree

CREDENTIAL: ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE **START:** JANUARY, SEPTEMBER **LENGTH:** 2 YEARS Complete the first two-year of a four-year baccalaureate degree at VCC. The credits are transferrable to many post-secondary institutions in B.C.





Services for Students

From applying for admission to applying for graduation, you can be assured that we are here to support you throughout your educational experiences at VCC.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

We support and provide assistance to our international students in many ways, including new student orientation, medical insurance, educational planning, and information about studying and working in Canada.

LEARNING CENTRES

Staffed with experienced tutors and free to all enrolled VCC students, the Learning Centres are committed to supporting students in becoming strong, independent learners. From homework help to mastering study skills, you'll work with our specialists to develop techniques that will lead to your academic success.



BOOKSTORE

Specialized learning needs at VCC demand a wide range of learning materials. Our bookstores at each campus offer superior choices to meet student needs, including classroom-approved tools such as commercial kitchen knives and baking utensils, learning materials, supplies and more. vcc.ca/**store**

COUNSELLING

Professional, free and confidential counselling is available to help you set goals, manage your workload, make decisions, deal with stress, anxiety and personal matters.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

VCC has an Arbiter of Student Issues (ASI) ready to provide support to VCC students around conflict and complaints.

ID/LIBRARY CARD

VCC student cards can be used at the VCC Library, as student ID for the U-Pass and for discounts from various businesses.

LIBRARY

The collection at the VCC Library includes a wide variety of print and electronic materials that have been selected to assist students with their studies. vcc.ca/**library**

myVCC

myVCC is your gateway to individualized services and information. Check your grades, find course materials, read college news, and more.

STUDENTS' UNION (SUVCC)

The SUVCC offers an inclusive, practical, and fun environment, on-campus as well as online, for students to share experiences, skills, and concerns. **suvcc.ca**

U-PASS BC

U-Pass is a universal transit pass program for students offered in partnership by VCC, the SUVCC, TransLink, and the B.C. government. vcc.ca/**upass**

WIRELESS INTERNET SERVICE

Enjoy free WiFi when you log in with your student account. vcc.ca/**wifi**

Campus Facilities

Get pampered at the VCC Salon & Spa, enjoy a gourmet meal at a bargain price, or grab a coffee to go. VCC offers a wide variety of on-campus services.

ASIAN CULINARY COUNTER

Asian culinary arts students serve up dishes from Malaysia, Korea and Japan at the downtown campus. Open for lunch.

AUTO SHOP

Get discounted prices on car repairs and maintenance by students in the transportation trades program at the Broadway campus. **604.871.7416**

CHILD CARE

McGregor Child Care Centre is VCC's licensed non-profit childcare centre, located at the Broadway campus. vcc.ca/childcare 778.783.5147

DENTAL CLINIC

Receive quality, low-cost dental hygiene at the Downtown campus, delivered by caring students with instructors' guidance. **604.443.8499**

DOWNTOWN CAFETERIA

Grab a bite at VCC's cafeteria, run by students and instructors in the culinary arts program. Open for breakfast and lunch service.

JJ'S FINE DINING RESTAURANT

Enjoy high-end gourmet cuisine prepared by the culinary arts students, located at the downtown campus. Open for lunch reservations. vcc.ca/**jjs 604.443.8479**

QUIZINE KITCHEN

Feast on upscale diner food at the Broadway campus cafeteria, run by international culinary arts students. Open for breakfast and lunch. vcc.ca/**quizine**

SEIFFERT MARKET

Savour freshly baked goods made by students in the baking and pastry arts program at the Downtown campus. vcc.ca/**bakery 604.443.8585**



THE BISTRO

Try a variety of tasty food in a relaxed atmosphere at the Downtown campus. Hospitality management students run the show. Hours and dates vary. vcc.ca/bistro 604.443.8352

VCC SALON & SPA

Relax and enjoy a haircut or spa treatment provided by VCC's hairstylist and skin and body therapy students, located at the Downtown campus. vcc.ca/salonspa 604.443.8332 (salon) 604.443.8334 (spa)



Get started at VCC

Choosing the right college in Canada is a big decision and an important investment in your future. VCC's highly qualified faculty and dedicated staff are committed to helping international students achieve their goals.

1. Choose a program

- Check availability at vcc.ca/ieavailability
 - Check application availability for the next available intake
- Contact an advisor if you have questions
 - Phone: 604.443.8600
 - Email: study@vcc.ca

2. Apply

- Apply online at vcc.ca/ie-apply
 - Check application availability before applying
 - Upload transcripts and supporting documents
 - Include proof of English proficiency
 - Pay international application fee



APPLICATION PERIODS (2023-24) Applications Term Applications (Program start month) **Open Date Close Date** Winter 2024 February 1, 2023 Varies by (Jan, Feb, Mar, or Apr) program and seat availability Spring/Summer 2024 June 1, 2023 Check vcc.ca/ (May, Jun, Jul, or Aug) ieavailability before applying Fall 2024 October 1, 2023 (Sep, Oct, Nov, or Dec)

* Study permit must be valid as of the start of the term (Winter, Spring/Summer, and Fall)







3. Prepare to study in Canada 4. Get ready to start

- Once you receive an offer, confirm your acceptance by:
 - Paying a tuition deposit
 - Submitting proof of study permit
 - Satisfying conditions indicated on the offer letter
 - Bringing original transcripts to Canada

- Receive a class schedule
- Find housing or homestay
- Attend a new international student orientation
- Welcome to VCC!



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