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Welcome

For more than 55 years, VCC grads have been making our lives better. During the COVID-19 pandemic, this “VCC Effect” was clearer than ever.

VCC grads treated the sick, delivered vaccines, and provided child care. They also kept our vehicles running, cooked our takeout, cut our hair, and contributed in countless other ways to keep our entire community safe and well.

Are you ready to learn valuable skills while also serving your community? At VCC, our goal is to help you discover a career with purpose – to find your effect.
FIND YOUR EFFECT

Elevating experiences
BAKING, CULINARY, HOSPITALITY, HAIRSTYLING

Advancing creativity
DRAFTING, FASHION, GRAPHIC DESIGN

Redefining work
BUSINESS, LANGUAGES, WRITING

Cultivating care
HEALTH, COUNSELLING SKILLS, ECCE

Driving innovation
TRANSPORTATION TRADES, TECHNOLOGY
VCC’s learning network reaches far beyond our students and instructors. Our connections with local industry, business, and employers are unparalleled – and our students reap the benefits.

**BMW**
VCC’s BMW Group Canada Body and Paint Pre-Apprentice Scholarship ensures students learn the latest BMW technology.

**DIVERSEcity**
VCC proudly works with local nonprofits to support newcomer students and entrepreneurs.

**Fairmont Hotels and Resorts**
VCC Hospitality Management students complete 500 hours each of work experience in world-class establishments.

**Goldwell, Dermalogica**
VCC Hairstyling and Esthetics students receive products and online training from leading beauty companies.

**Lululemon**
VCC Fashion Design and Production students enjoy industry practicums and project feedback from top apparel companies.

**Microsoft**
VCC is newly certified to offer official training in Microsoft Azure cloud computing technology.

**Pyrrha**
Cutting-edge jewellery designers support VCC students through scholarships and job opportunities.

**RJC Engineers, Dowco**
VCC’s CAD and BIM technicians-in-training get real experience and scholarship support from top engineering and design firms.

**Vancouver Coastal Health**
VCC Health Sciences students complete hands-on training at medical centres across the region.
VCC is proud to operate two campuses serving 13,000 students per year in the Metro Vancouver area.

**Downtown campus**  
250 West Pender St.  
- Adult Special Education  
- Baking  
- Business  
- CAD and BIM (Drafting)  
- Counselling Skills  
- Culinary  
- Dental  
- Early Childhood Care and Education  
- Esthetics  
- Fashion  
- Graphic Design  
- Hairstyling  
- Hospitality Management  
- Jewellery Art and Design

**Broadway campus**  
1155 East Broadway  
- Academic Upgrading  
- Automotive Collision and Refinishing  
- Automotive Service  
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
- English as a Second Language  
- Health Care  
- Instructor Training  
- Music  
- Nursing  
- Sign Language  
- University Transfer  
- Visually Impaired

**LIVE AND LEARN**  
Our Downtown and East Vancouver neighbourhoods are more than awesome places to shop and hang out. Many local businesses also serve as practicum hosts, training partners, mentors, and employers of VCC students.
Creating a safe and empowering environment for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis learners

Indigenous engagement advisors
VCC offers one-on-one assistance with program applications, funding research, and educational planning.

Elders on Campus
VCC’s Elders on Campus program allows Indigenous learners to connect with Elders to explore Indigenous ways of knowing and being, traditional teachings, and engage in culturally reflective counselling.

Gathering Spaces
VCC’s Indigenous Gathering Spaces support the needs of Indigenous learners by promoting cultural safety and belonging, as well as offering the use of computers, printers, kitchenettes, and casual meeting areas.

Cultural expression

Furthering reconciliation through education
VCC is committed to honouring the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and responding to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Calls to Action addressing the historical exclusion of Indigenous people in post-secondary education and career training. Our current initiatives include:

- a purposeful Indigenous enrolment policy that guarantees spaces and flexible payment deadlines for Indigenous learners,
- career programs delivered on campus and in community, partnering with local First Nations and the Native Education College,
- a curated Indigenous book and film selection in the VCC Library, and
- enhanced programming throughout the college that incorporates Indigenous ways of knowing and being.

Learn more and connect with us by calling 604.871.7000, option 5 or visiting vcc.ca/indigenous.
Indigenous students enrolled at VCC
2020/21

672

OUR PARTNERS

Skwxwú'mesh Nation
shíshálh Nation
Lií’wat Nation
Tsleil-Waututh Nation
Musqueam Nation
At VCC, we believe that learning is a life-changing experience that impacts everyone around us.

Serving food security
To support local food security during the COVID-19 pandemic, VCC opened its Downtown campus kitchens to produce thousands of pre-packaged meals for vulnerable neighbours.

Giving in style
VCC’s fashion students regularly design and sew business attire which is donated to charities like Dress for Success and YWCA Career Zone.

Showing pride
VCC’s nursing and jewellery students collaborated to design a pin that identifies health care workers who appreciate the needs of trans and non-binary patients.

Making smiles
Students in VCC’s dental programs offer free checkups to hundreds of young children each year at our Tooth Trolley event.

Building connections
VCC’s CAD and BIM (drafting) students volunteer with Habitat for Humanity Greater Vancouver, gaining on-site construction experience in the process.

Welcoming the world
VCC’s English as an additional language students provide tutoring to refugees and newcomer families through community partners like the Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House.

Training for trouble
VCC’s health sciences students and instructors coordinate the largest and most realistic annual earthquake simulation in B.C.
VCC has more than 140 programs to choose from, but we know you’re only looking for one – the right one.

Learn more about many popular VCC programs by attending free information sessions held throughout the year. See the schedule at vcc.ca/infosessions.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The programs in this Viewbook are available to Canadian citizens and permanent residents. Find program options for international students by calling +1.604.443.8600 or visiting vcc.ca/international.

ALREADY PICKED A PROGRAM?

Turn directly to page 40 for step-by-step instructions on how to apply.
Types of Study

**Degree**
At VCC, you can earn full bachelor’s degrees in hospitality management (p. 19), music (p. 26), and nursing (p. 23). These programs typically involve four years of full-time study.

**Associate Degree**
Earn a standalone credential or a solid foundation for upper-level university programs in as few as two years (p. 20).

**Diploma**
Get in-depth training and hands-on experience, becoming job-ready in two years. Some diplomas can be used as credit towards VCC degree programs.

**Certificate**
Gain technical knowledge and experience that you can apply immediately in the workplace. Most full-time certificates can be completed in less than one year. Many certificates can be used as credit towards VCC diplomas.

**Apprenticeship**
Earn a B.C. trade certificate through a combination of on-the-job training and classroom learning. Most apprenticeships take four years to complete, with 80 per cent of your time spent working and earning an income (p. 33).

**University Transfer**
Start your university journey by taking first-year arts, science, or engineering courses in small, supportive classes at VCC. Credits can be transferred to post-secondary institutions across British Columbia (p. 20).

**Prep/Upgrading**
Earn a high school diploma or individual credits to use as prerequisites for programs at VCC or other institutions. Most upgrading programs are tuition-free, self-paced, and open to learners with any level of education (p. 32).

**Continuing Studies**
Expand your skills, earn a professional credential, or just learn something new. VCC Continuing Studies offers a range of popular part-time classes as well as certificate and diploma programs (p. 34).
Gain expert skills in finance, communications, and more while learning proven leadership practices.

vcc.ca/business

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATION**

**Administrative Professional**
- CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE
- START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, MAY
- LENGTH: 8 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

**Accounting**
- CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA
- START: SEPTEMBER
- LENGTH: 2 YEARS / FULL-TIME

**Executive Assistant**
- CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE
- START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL
- LENGTH: 2 YEARS / PART-TIME

**LEGAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION**

**Legal Administrative Assistant**
- CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE
- START: SEPTEMBER, FEBRUARY
- LENGTH: 5 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

**MEDICAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION**

**Medical Office Assistant**
- CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE
- START: SEPTEMBER, MARCH
- LENGTH: 6 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

**Medical Transcriptionist**
- CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE
- START: SEPTEMBER
- LENGTH: 8 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

**MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Marketing Technology**
- CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA
- START: SEPTEMBER
- LENGTH: 2 YEARS / FULL-TIME
**SACRED STORIES**

VCC’s Gladue Report Writing program is the first of its kind in Canada, teaching the legal standards for addressing an Indigenous offender’s personal and cultural history in advance of sentencing.

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**CONTINUING STUDIES**

**BUILDING AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

**Building Manager**
- Credential: Certificate
- Start: September, January, April
- Length: 4 months / part-time

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**LEGAL AND OFFICE ADMINISTRATION**

**Gladue Report Writing**
- Credential: Certificate
- Start: September
- Length: 1 year / part-time

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**BUSINESS AND LEADERSHIP**

**Business Leadership and Management**
- Credential: Certificate
- Start: Varies
- Length: 1 year / part-time

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**Leadership**
- Credential: Certificate
- Start: Varies
- Length: 1 year / part-time

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**Leadership Coaching (Associate Certificate)**
- Credential: Certificate
- Start: Varies
- Length: 1 year / part-time (6 courses)

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**Leadership Coaching (Certificate)**
- Credential: Certificate
- Start: Varies
- Length: 1 year / part-time (12 courses)

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**Management Skills for Supervisors**
- Credential: Certificate
- Start: September, January, April
- Length: 1 year / part-time

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**FOOD AND HOSPITALITY**

**Wedding and Event Management**
- Credential: Certificate
- Start: September, January, April
- Length: 1 year / part-time

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**PARALEGAL STUDIES**

**Paralegal (Certificate)**
- Credential: Certificate
- Start: Continuous
- Length: 2 years / part-time

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**Paralegal (Diploma)**
- Credential: Diploma
- Start: Continuous
- Length: 3 years / part-time

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**LEGAL OFFICE SKILLS**

**Legal Office Skills**
- Credential: Certificate
- Start: September, January, April
- Length: 1 year / part-time

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**Medical Office Skills**
- Credential: Certificate
- Start: September, January, April
- Length: 1 year / part-time

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**ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERVISION SKILLS**

**Administration and Supervision Skills**
- Credential: Certificate
- Start: September, January, April
- Length: 1 year / part-time

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**RECORD MANAGEMENT SKILLS**

**Record Management Skills**
- Credential: Certificate
- Start: September, January, April
- Length: 1 year / part-time

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BAKING AND CULINARY

THE GOLD STANDARD
VCC baking students consistently earn top spots at provincial and national Skills Canada competitions. In 2021, our bakers swept all medal categories in B.C.'s provincial competition and brought home two golds at the national level.

Sharpen your skills under highly acclaimed chefs in Western Canada’s largest culinary school.

vcc.ca/baking-culinary

BAKING

Baking and Pastry Arts – Artisan Baking
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: MAY
LENGTH: 11 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

Baking and Pastry Arts – Pastry
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: JANUARY, MARCH, APRIL, OCTOBER
LENGTH: 11 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

Baking and Pastry Arts – (Baker) Apprentice
CREDENTIAL: APPRENTICESHIP  START: VARIES
LENGTH: THREE 4-WEEK TRAINING SESSIONS OVER 3 YEARS / FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING

Baking Foundation – High School
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: AUGUST
LENGTH: 6 MONTHS / FULL-TIME
Part of the Youth Train in Trades program by the B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA)
**THE VCC EFFECT**

VCC baking and culinary grads are the talent behind many of Vancouver’s most innovative and successful restaurants.

CinCin Ristorante + Bar
Chez Christophe
Heritage Asian Eatery
Joey Restaurant Group
Mr. Bannock
Thomas Haas

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**CULINARY**

**Professional Cook 1 Plus**
*CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: MONTHLY
LENGTH: 8 MONTHS / FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING*

**Professional Cook 2**
*CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: MONTHLY
LENGTH: 4 MONTHS / FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING*

**Culinary Arts (Cook) Apprentice**
*CREDENTIAL: APPRENTICE  START: VARIES
LENGTH: 5 WEEKS / FULL-TIME OR 12 WEEKS / PART-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING*

**Professional Cook 1 – High School**
*CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: SEPTEMBER, FEBRUARY
LENGTH: VARIES / FULL-TIME
Part of the Youth Train in Trades program by the B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA).*

**Asian Culinary Arts**
*CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: SEPTEMBER, FEBRUARY
LENGTH: 5 MONTHS / FULL-TIME*

**Professional Cook 1 – ESL**
*CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 10 MONTHS / FULL-TIME*

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**PERFECT TIMING**

Most VCC culinary arts programs run Monday to Thursday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. to accommodate students and apprentices currently working in the restaurant industry.
WHAT ARE CAD AND BIM?
CAD stands for Computer-Aided Design, and BIM stands for Building Information Modeling. Both have become industry-standard technologies used in the drafting and engineering of modern buildings, systems, and infrastructure.

Develop your inner artist while learning the tools for success in B.C.’s creative industries.

vcc.ca/design
SHINE BRIGHT
Each year, VCC Jewellery Art and Design students showcase their work in a public exhibition and gala attended by industry professionals.

**GRAPHIC DESIGN**

Graphic Design
**CREDENTIAL:** DIPLOMA  **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY  **LENGTH:** 2 YEARS / FULL-TIME

Graphic Design – Advanced Entrance
**CREDENTIAL:** DIPLOMA  **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY  **LENGTH:** 10 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

**JEWELLERY**

Jewellery Art and Design
**CREDENTIAL:** DIPLOMA  **START:** SEPTEMBER  **LENGTH:** 2 YEARS / FULL-TIME OR UP TO 5 YEARS / PART-TIME

**CONTINUING STUDIES**

Fashion Design and Production (Certificate)
**CREDENTIAL:** CERTIFICATE  **START:** SEPTEMBER  **LENGTH:** 1 YEAR / FULL-TIME OR 2 YEARS / PART-TIME

Fashion Design and Production (Diploma)
**CREDENTIAL:** DIPLOMA  **START:** SEPTEMBER  **LENGTH:** 2 YEARS / FULL-TIME OR 3 YEARS / PART-TIME

Fashion Merchandising
**CREDENTIAL:** CERTIFICATE  **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL  **LENGTH:** 1.5 YEARS / PART-TIME

vcc.ca/cs/fashion
HAIR AND ESTHETICS

GOING GREEN
VCC runs the largest Green Circle Salon in Canada. Our 100-seat facility recycles and repurposes chemicals, foils, hair clippings, and other spa waste, diverting them from landfills and waterways.

Train with experienced instructors in VCC’s state-of-the-art salon and spa facility at our Downtown campus.

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**HAIRSTYLING**

**Hairstylist**
- CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE
- START: SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, JANUARY, MARCH, MAY
- LENGTH: 10 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

**Hairstylist Apprentice – Level 1**
- CREDENTIAL: APPRENTICESHIP
- START: MAY, SEPTEMBER
- LENGTH: 10 WEEKS / FULL-TIME

**Hairstylist Apprentice – Level 2**
- CREDENTIAL: APPRENTICESHIP
- START: AUGUST, JANUARY, APRIL
- LENGTH: 5 WEEKS / FULL-TIME

**Hair Design – High School**
- CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE
- START: SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER
- LENGTH: 10 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

**ESTHETICS**

**Esthetics and Spa Therapy**
- CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE
- START: SEPTEMBER, NOVEMBER, JANUARY, MAY
- LENGTH: 10 MONTHS / FULL-TIME (3 DAYS A WEEK)

**Nail Technology**
- CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE
- START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, MAY
- LENGTH: 4 MONTHS / FULL-TIME OR 8 MONTHS / PART-TIME
Learn professional management practices for hotel, restaurant, and resort settings while gaining experience in VCC’s popular on-campus service outlets.

vcc.ca/hospitality

Back to Business

Did you know? Tourism has traditionally been one of B.C.’s top industries, employing over 160,000 people annually and contributing more to the provincial economy than mining, logging, or oil and gas.

Source: Power of Tourism Fact Sheet, Destination British Columbia, 2008-2018
UNIVERSITY TRANSFER

Start your university degree in a supportive learning environment with small classes and attentive instructors.

**University Transfer**
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE
START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, MAY
LENGTH: 4 MONTHS PER COURSE / FULL-TIME

PROGRAMS AVAILABLE
- Arts (Humanities, Social Science)
- Computing Science and Software Systems
- Environmental Studies
- Mathematics
- Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- Pathway to Health Sciences

**University Transfer – SFU Assured Admission**
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE
START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, MAY
LENGTH: 4 MONTHS PER COURSE (MAX. 16 MONTHS) / FULL-TIME

Complete first-year university credits at VCC and transfer directly into second-year degree programs at Simon Fraser University (SFU) with a minimum grade point average (GPA).

PROGRAMS AVAILABLE
- Applied Mathematics
- Applied Physics
- Biological Physics
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Engineering
- Environmental Studies
- Mathematics
- Molecular Biology and Biochemistry
- Physics
- Software Systems
- Statistics

**University Transfer – Engineering**
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE
START: SEPTEMBER, MAY
LENGTH: 4 MONTHS PER COURSE / FULL-TIME

Complete first-year engineering credits at VCC and apply for admission into second-year degree programs at the University of British Columbia (UBC), University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC), University of Victoria (UVic), or Thompson Rivers University (TRU).

**Associate of Science – Computer Science**
CREDENTIAL: ASSOCIATE DEGREE
START: SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 2 YEARS / FULL-TIME, 4 YEARS /
PART-TIME AVAILABLE

Complete two years of university-level credits at VCC to earn a standalone credential or gain a solid foundation for third-year university programs.

**START SMART**

Moving from a high school classroom to university lecture hall can be an overwhelming change for many students. VCC university transfer programs are designed to help ease this transition and set you up for academic success.

vcc.ca/ut
**HEALTH SCIENCES**

**KEEPING IT REAL**

VCC’s health sciences building is home to a state-of-the-art hospital environment where students in multiple programs coordinate their learning.

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Make an impact as a front-line caregiver or support worker in numerous in-demand health care careers.

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**DENTAL**

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**HEALTH ADMINISTRATION**

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<td>Certificate</td>
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<td>Medical Office Assistant</td>
<td>Certificate</td>
<td>September, March</td>
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THE NERVE CENTRE

What is a Health Unit Coordinator? This important team member works at the core of all health care activity, processing physicians’ orders, organizing patient records, and coordinating tasks in hospitals and other specialized care facilities.

HEALTH CARE

Medical Transcriptionist
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 8 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

Health Care Assistant
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: SEPTEMBER (F/T AND P/T), JANUARY (F/T), MAY (F/T)
LENGTH: 7 MONTHS / FULL-TIME OR 12 MONTHS / PART-TIME

Health Care Assistant – EAL
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 9.5 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

Medical Laboratory Assistant
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: SEPTEMBER, MAY
LENGTH: 6 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

Occupational/Physical Therapist Assistant (Rehab Assistant)
CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA  START: SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 2 YEARS / FULL-TIME

Pharmacy Technician
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: SEPTEMBER 2021
LENGTH: 8 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

NURSING

Nursing (BScN)
CREDENTIAL: DEGREE  START: SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 3 YEARS / FULL-TIME

Nursing – Advanced Entry (BScN)
CREDENTIAL: DEGREE  START: JANUARY
LENGTH: 2 YEARS / FULL-TIME
Intended for Licensed Practical Nurses holding current Canadian registration

Practical Nursing
CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA  START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY
LENGTH: 16 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

Access to Practical Nursing
CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA  START: SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 13 MONTHS / FULL-TIME
Intended for certified and experienced Health Care Assistants (HCA) or Resident Care Attendants (RCA)

CONTINUING STUDIES
HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Medical Device Reprocessing Technician
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, MAY
LENGTH: 3.5 MONTHS / FULL-TIME
HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Creating Room
Modeling real child care centres, VCC’s Downtown campus is home to a dedicated Early Childhood Education space that can be set up for learning activities like dramatic play, storytelling, science, art, music, and more.

CONTINUING STUDIES
HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Counselling Skills – Foundational
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL  LENGTH: 1 YEAR / FULL-TIME OR 3 YEARS / PART-TIME

Addiction Counselling Skills
CREDENTIAL: ADVANCED CERTIFICATE  START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, MAY  LENGTH: 1 YEAR / FULL-TIME OR 3 YEARS / PART-TIME

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION

Early Childhood Care and Education (Certificate)
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY  LENGTH: 1 YEAR / FULL-TIME OR 2 YEARS / PART-TIME

Early Childhood Education Post-Basic (Diploma)
CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA  START: SEPTEMBER  LENGTH: 15 MONTHS / PART-TIME

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INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

Provincial Instructor Diploma Program (PIDP)
CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA  START: CONTINUOUS
LENGTH: 10 MONTHS / FULL-TIME OR UP TO 36 MONTHS / PART-TIME

Online/eLearning Instruction
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: CONTINUOUS
LENGTH: 135 HOURS (ONLINE)

SIGN LANGUAGE

ASL and Deaf Studies
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 10 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

CONTINUING STUDIES
LANGUAGE AND WRITING

Business and Technical Writing
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: CONTINUOUS
LENGTH: 1 YEAR / PART-TIME

vcc.ca/cs/technical-writing

INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

Learn top methods for teaching adults in schools, government institutions, and private companies across Canada and the world.

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LANGUAGE STUDIES

Boost your communication skills for work or personal growth.

vcc.ca/asl
MUSIC AND DANCE

THE VCC EFFECT

VCC music grads can be found performing and working with top names across the country.

BESTiE
Dan Mangan
Mazacote
Mother Mother
Queer as Funk

Launch your career in music and music-related professions by learning from Canada’s finest performers, composers, and producers.

vcc.ca/music-dance

MUSIC

Music (Diploma)
CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA  START: SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 2 YEARS / FULL-TIME

Bachelor of Applied Music
CREDENTIAL: DEGREE  START: SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 2 YEARS / FULL-TIME
Music diploma required

DANCE

Dance
CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA  START: SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 2 YEARS / FULL-TIME
Offered in partnership with Arts Umbrella

TAKE THE STAGE

VCC Music applications are open from November 1 to April 1, and auditions are held between February and May for September admission.
MAKE CONNECTIONS

The world turned digital during the COVID-19 pandemic, advancing in many areas from contactless payments to virtual meetings. Where do you see yourself making a difference?

Learn to build the networks and develop the software that keep our digital world running.

vcc.ca/technology

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Computer Systems Technology
CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA  START: SEPTEMBER, MAY
LENGTH: 2 YEARS / FULL-TIME

VR/AR Design and Development
CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA  START: SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 16-20 MONTHS / FULL-TIME
Designed and delivered in partnership with Vancouver Film School

REPAIR TECHNOLOGY

Electronics Repair Technology
CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA  START: JANUARY  LENGTH: 1 YEAR / PART-TIME

CONTINUING STUDIES
COMPUTING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

IT Operations Professional
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 1 YEAR / PART-TIME
Short Certificate also available

Network Security
CREDENTIAL: ADVANCED CERTIFICATE
START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL  LENGTH: 1 YEAR / PART-TIME

vcc.ca/cs/computing
Train on real vehicles and equipment in VCC’s on-campus shops using the most up-to-date tools and technology.

vcc.ca/tt

AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE

Automotive Service Technician
Harmonized Foundation
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, MAY
LENGTH: 8 MONTHS / FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING

Automotive Service Technician Apprentice
CREDENTIAL: APPRENTICESHIP
START: SEPTEMBER, NOVEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY
LENGTH: FOUR 7 WEEK SESSIONS / FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING

Automotive Service Technician Apprentice E-pprentice
CREDENTIAL: APPRENTICESHIP
START: SEPTEMBER, NOVEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY
LENGTH: 3 MONTHS ONLINE PLUS 2 WEEKS CLASS-BASED / FULL-TIME

VCC’s Broadway campus houses more than 33,000 sq. ft. of shop space, making it one of the largest automotive training facilities in B.C.
THE VCC EFFECT

VCC grads can be found working for notable companies across the automotive repair industry.

Boyd Autobody & Glass
Craftsman Collision
Dilawri Group
Kirmac Collision
OpenRoad Auto Group

COLLISION AND REFINISHING

Automotive Collision and Refinishing Foundation
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY  LENGTH: 8 MONTHS / FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING

Automotive Collision and Refinishing Foundation E-pprentice
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: NOVEMBER  LENGTH: 8 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

Automotive Collision Repair Technician Apprentice
CREDENTIAL: APPRENTICESHIP  START: SEPTEMBER, NOVEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY, JUNE  LENGTH: THREE 5-WEEK SESSIONS / FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING

Automotive Collision Repair Technician E-pprentice
CREDENTIAL: APPRENTICESHIP  START: SEPTEMBER, NOVEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY, JUNE  LENGTH: 4 MONTHS ONLINE PLUS 3 WEEKS CLASS-BASED / FULL-TIME

Automotive Glass Technician E-pprentice
CREDENTIAL: APPRENTICESHIP  START: JANUARY  LENGTH: 4 MONTHS ONLINE PLUS 1 WEEK CLASS-BASED / FULL-TIME

Automotive Paint and Refinishing Technician Apprentice
CREDENTIAL: APPRENTICESHIP  START: AUGUST  LENGTH: 1 MONTH / FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING

Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician Apprentice
CREDENTIAL: APPRENTICESHIP  START: JANUARY  LENGTH: 1 MONTH / FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING
ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

TERMINOLOGY: ESL OR EAL?
At VCC, we acknowledge that the terms “English as a Second Language” and “ESL” do not represent many of our learners. We prefer and use the term “English as an Additional Language” or “EAL,” however we continue to use “ESL” in our program names to assist people searching online.

Learn the English skills you need to work, study, and participate in everyday life in Canada.

vcc.ca/english

ENGLISH FOR CAREERS

Culinary Arts – Professional Cook 1 – ESL
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 10 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

Health Care Assistant – ESL
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 9.5 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

ESL Pathways
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE (Canadian Language Benchmarks Levels 5-7)  START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL
LENGTH: VARIES / FULL- OR PART-TIME

ESL Pathways – Advanced
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE (Canadian Language Benchmarks Levels 8-9)  START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL
LENGTH: VARIES / FULL- OR PART-TIME

University Transfer English for EAL Students
CREDENTIAL: N/A  START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL
LENGTH: VARIES / FULL- OR PART-TIME
LEARNING FOR LIFE

Need to brush up? VCC offers individual courses in American Sign Language, English upgrading, and speechreading for Deaf and hard of hearing students.

vcc.ca/access

Discover your potential through career-focused programs that lead to meaningful employment for people of all abilities.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

LEADERS IN ACADEMIC DISABILITY SERVICES

ADULT SPECIAL EDUCATION
PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS WITH COGNITIVE DISABILITIES

Adult Special Education
CREDENTIAL: N/A  START: SEPTEMBER  LENGTH: VARIES / PART-TIME

Career Awareness
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: SEPTEMBER  LENGTH: 9 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

Food Service Careers
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: SEPTEMBER  LENGTH: 9 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

Retail and Hospitality Careers
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: SEPTEMBER  LENGTH: 9 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

Deaf and Hard of Hearing – Job Readiness
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: SEPTEMBER  LENGTH: 10 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Visually Impaired
CREDENTIAL: N/A  START: CONTINUOUS (SEPTEMBER-JUNE)  LENGTH: VARIES / FULL- OR PART-TIME
**FEEL THE FREEDOM**

Adult Basic Education (ABE) and English as an Additional Language programs in B.C. have been tuition-free for domestic students since September 2017. Learn more at upgradebc.ca.

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**Earn the credits you need to complete high school, start a career program, or apply to college or university.**

vcc.ca/upgrading

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What is an apprenticeship?
An apprenticeship combines on-the-job training with classroom learning and leads to a Certificate of Qualification (CoQ) or “ticket” for a skilled trade that is recognized by employers across British Columbia.

How long is an apprenticeship?
Most apprenticeships take four years to complete. Apprentices spend about 80 per cent of their time on the job, earning an income throughout their studies.

Is funding available?
Yes. Many apprentices are eligible for the Apprenticeship Incentive Grant (up to $2,000 for men and $6,000 for women) from the Government of Canada. Other scholarships and bursaries may also be available.

Do I need a job before starting an apprenticeship?
No. Apprenticeships can be started during high school, after graduation, or at any point in your career. VCC offers pre-apprenticeship (foundation) programs in many popular trades.

What is a Red Seal?
A Red Seal is proof of excellence in certain skilled trades that is recognized by employers across Canada. A Red Seal Endorsement (RSE) is earned at the end of an apprenticeship by completing a comprehensive examination.

Apprenticeship programs at VCC
- Automotive Collision Repair Technician
- Automotive Glass Technician
- Automotive Refinishing Technician
- Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician
- Automotive Service Technician
- Baking and Pastry Arts (Baker)
- Culinary Arts (Cook)
- Hairstylist

YOUTH APPRENTICESHIPS
Did you know you can start apprenticeship training as early as Grade 11? Get hands-on trades training at VCC while earning credits that also count toward high school graduation. Learn more about the B.C. Industry Training Authority’s (ITA) Youth Train in Trades program by visiting youth.itabc.ca.
Upgrade your skills and develop new knowledge that can be quickly applied to the workplace—all in your spare time.

vcc.ca/cs

VCC Continuing Studies offers a special selection of programs and courses designed for the working professional. More than 40 certificates and diplomas are available, with most classes held during evenings and weekends.

Programs and courses
Any Continuing Studies program offering a diploma or certificate is already listed in this Viewbook (pg. 13-27). Other popular courses include:

- Building Service Worker
- Impacts of Colonization
- Microsoft Office
- Photoshop and InDesign
- Quickbooks
- Sewing and Pattern Making
- Small Business Management
- Social Media Marketing
- Urban Farming
- And more...

Continuing Studies catalogue
View the current list of courses and programs at vcc.ca/cs.

Register for VCC Continuing Studies
- Online at vcc.ca/cs
- By phone at 604.443.8484

Questions?
Email: continuingstudies@vcc.ca
Phone: 604.443.8484

NEW EASY REGISTRATION
VCC Continuing Studies has a new online registration system! Check out our streamlined site and register for programs and courses now with an easy-to-use shopping cart.
Enjoy the perks of VCC life at our famous on-campus restaurants and service outlets.

**DOWNTOWN**

**Asian Culinary Counter**  
Enjoy authentic Chinese and other Asian dishes prepared by students in VCC’s Asian Culinary Arts program.

**Cafeteria**  
Fuel up with a wide variety of affordable dishes expertly prepared by VCC culinary arts students and chef instructors.

**Dental Clinic**  
Receive quality, low-cost dental hygiene delivered by caring students with instructors’ guidance.

**JJ’s Restaurant**  
Enjoy gourmet cuisine prepared by upper-level VCC culinary arts students in our on-campus fine-dining establishment.

**Seiffert Market**  
Sink your teeth into freshly baked breads, cookies, cakes, and more, made daily by VCC baking and culinary arts students.

**The Bistro**  
Let VCC hospitality management students serve you a variety of tasty appetizers and hearty meals in a trendy atmosphere.

**VCC Salon and Spa**  
Relax and enjoy professional treatments by VCC hairstyling and esthetics students in our beautiful facility.

vcc.ca/eat
EATING CLEAN

All of VCC’s on-campus service outlets prepare food using whole ingredients and use compostable containers and utensils.

THE CHEF’S TABLE

Experience VCC’s gourmet pop-up kitchen dinner operated seasonally by international culinary arts students and special guest chefs. Learn more at vcc.ca/chefstable.

BROADWAY

Auto Shop
Get discounted prices on car repairs and maintenance by students and instructors in VCC’s transportation trades programs.

Blenz
Treat yourself to local, expertly crafted coffee and a friendly study space in our health sciences building.

Quizine Kitchen
Get top-quality entrees and upscale diner-style food in our popular cafeteria run by VCC international culinary arts students and chef instructors.
Get the help you need to succeed at VCC and beyond.

**STARTING OUT**

**Advising Services**
VCC’s program advisors can help you plan your studies and your career path. Meet with them to get detailed information on programs, admission requirements, and applications. Book an appointment by calling 604.871.7000, option 2, or visiting vcc.ca/advising.

**Assessment Centre**
VCC administers assessment tests for students who need to determine language, education, or skill levels for entry into VCC courses and programs. Inquire by calling 604.871.7093, emailing assessments@vcc.ca, or visiting vcc.ca/assessments.

**Child Care**
The McGregor Child Care Centre is a licensed, non-profit childcare centre located at the Broadway campus. Priority enrolment is given to VCC students and employees. Learn more by calling, 778.783.5147, emailing mcgregorccs@outlook.com, or vcc.ca/childcare.

**Disability Services**
VCC welcomes students of all abilities. Please contact us four months in advance of classes beginning to arrange access to specialized equipment or other accommodations by calling 604.871.7000, option 2, emailing disabilityservices@vcc.ca, or visiting vcc.ca/disabilities.

**Financial Aid**
VCC helps students access a variety of scholarships, bursaries, and student loans. Learn more about the types of financial assistance available, find application deadlines, and access forms by calling 604.871.7046 or visiting vcc.ca/financialaid.

**Interpreting Services**
VCC provides high-quality, personalized interpreting for Deaf, DeafBlind, and hard of hearing students. Make arrangements by calling 604.871.7518, emailing interpreting@vcc.ca, texting/FaceTime 604.328.8742, or visiting vcc.ca/interpreting.
Registrar’s Office
Your central resource for information about admissions, registration, credits, fees, and student records. Inquire by calling 604.871.7000, option 4 or visiting vcc.ca/ro.

U-Pass and Compass Card
U-Pass BC is a universal transit pass program for post-secondary students offering full access to bus, SeaBus, and SkyTrain services in Metro Vancouver. Learn more by visiting vcc.ca/upass.

VCC Bookstores
Buy textbooks, course materials, and equipment online or on campus via VCC’s Broadway or Downtown campus bookstores. Browse and order by visiting vcc.ca/bookstore.

VCC Student ID Card
Your VCC Student ID card can be used at the VCC Library, as a student identification to access the U-Pass, and for discounts at various local businesses. For information on obtaining your VCC Student ID, contact the Registrar’s Office by calling 604.871.7000, option 4.

STUDENT LIFE
Counselling
Free, professional, and confidential counselling is available to help VCC students set goals, manage workloads, and deal with stress, anxiety, and personal matters. Make an appointment by calling 604.871.7000, option 2 or visiting vcc.ca/counselling.

Dispute Resolution
VCC’s Arbiter of Student Issues (ASI) provides neutral support to VCC students experiencing conflict related to college policies. Connect with the ASI by calling 604.871.7040.

myVCC
VCC’s internal website for students is a portal to individualized services like grades, schedules, and course materials, as well as news and important college information. Access myVCC by logging in to my.vcc.ca using your VCC Student ID number.

Safewalk
VCC Security will accompany students to cars or transit stations upon request. Inquire by calling 778-783-5020 for Broadway campus security, 604-443-8361 for Downtown campus security, or dialling 4444 on any campus phone.

Students’ Union
The Students’ Union of VCC (SUVCC) offers inclusive, fun, and helpful environments at both the Broadway and Downtown campuses where students can share experiences and concerns. Connect by emailing services@suvcc.ca or visiting suvcc.ca.

VCC Learning Centres
Free online tutoring, academic workshops, and a variety of educational resources are available to students via the VCC Learning Centre. Make an appointment by visiting vcc.ca/tutoring.

VCC Library
Our Broadway and Downtown campus libraries offer a wide variety of resources for educational use, as well as experienced librarians available to help with research by email and online chat. Connect by visiting vcc.ca/library.

Wi-Fi
Free, fast, and reliable Wi-Fi is available at all VCC campuses. Students can access VCC’s network by logging in with a myVCC account. Guests receive two hours of free access.

PLANNING AHEAD
Alumni Relations
Graduating from VCC has perks beyond a credential and an awesome job. Stay in touch through a VCC Alumni membership and get discounts on campus and at local businesses. Learn more by visiting vcc.ca/alumni.

Career Guidance
Research your chosen field, search postings, write a resume, and access valuable resources on VCC’s online hub for job seekers by visiting vcc.ca/career-guidance.
HOW TO APPLY

COMPLETE AN APPLICATION

- Apply at vcc.ca/apply
  - A non-refundable $35 application fee is required (subject to change).
  - For most programs, you will be directed to EducationPlannerBC.
- Track your application
  See your status by logging in to my.vcc.ca

SUBMIT SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- Official transcripts
  Original documents only. Documents not in English or French must be translated by a certified translation service.
- Provincial Education Number (PEN)
  If applicable. PEN is issued to every Kindergarten to Grade 12 student in British Columbia.
- Copy of Permanent Resident Card
  If applicable. Required from Permanent Resident students.
- Educational Credential Assessment (ECA) report
  If applicable. Applicants with educational documents not from Canadian or American institutions must have their credentials evaluated by the International Credential Evaluation Service (ICES).
- Proof of English language proficiency
  For all applicants. To check requirements, visit vcc.ca/elp.

Online Payments
Learn more about VCC’s convenient, online payment options by visiting vcc.ca/fees.
MAKE A COMMITMENT

- Pay the commitment fee
  After receiving a letter of acceptance by email, pay your commitment fee online.

- Satisfy other program requirements
  - Academic – e.g. prerequisites or final high school grades
  - Non-academic – e.g. criminal record checks, respiratory mask fit testing, or CPR

PAY FOR YOUR CLASSES

- Check your invoice
  You will be sent an official invoice outlining your payment amounts and dates.

- Pay online
  Log in to my.vcc.ca and visit My Services to make an online payment, or mail a cheque to:
  Student Accounts Office
  Vancouver Community College
  1155 East Broadway
  Vancouver, BC V5T 4V5

Deferrals and Financial Aid

Students with approved student loans or external sponsorships may be eligible for a fee deferral.

If you require financial assistance, please contact VCC Financial Aid at least eight weeks prior to the start of your program by calling 604.871.7046 or visiting vcc.ca/financialaid.
This Viewbook is current at the time of production and is intended to provide an overview of VCC program areas for the 2021-22 school year. For the official and most up-to-date information, visit vcc.ca.