We acknowledge that the land on which we work and study is the traditional and unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples.

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Welcome

Let’s get your journey started.

Vancouver Community College (VCC) has been one of B.C.’s major post-secondary institutions for over 50 years. We’re proud to be your first choice for innovative, experiential learning in the heart of this great city.

In this Viewbook, you’ll read about more than 120 programs in which thousands of students have learned to succeed in their careers and to make a difference in the world around them. You’ll also see photos of our classrooms, kitchens, workshops, labs, studios, and study spaces. We’re proud to show you our cutting-edge facilities as well as some of the 14,000 students and 1,100 employees who make our campuses come alive every day.

Already picked a program? Read more about your new campus on page 4, check out the many student services available to you on page 36, or turn directly to page 40 for step-by-step instructions on how to apply.
Why VCC?

Students come first
We keep our classes small. At VCC, you’ll get individual attention from your instructors and build valuable networks with your classmates.

Your time matters
Study on your schedule. Choose from full-time, part-time, and online programs offering various credentials and intake dates throughout the year.

93% of VCC students are satisfied with the quality of instruction*
Grads are job-ready
VCC students learn in real-world environments. Whether in on-campus facilities or through internships, practicums, or apprenticeships, you’ll get the skills and experience you need to start your career.

It’s worth it
We work hard to keep tuition competitive. VCC students also have access to more than $570,000 in scholarships and bursaries each year as well as free counselling, advising, and tutoring services.

95% of VCC graduates are employed*

280+ scholarships and bursaries are awarded annually to VCC students

* Source: BCStats Student Outcomes 2017: Diploma, Associate Degree and Certificates Survey (DACSO)
The heart of the city

The beautiful city of Vancouver is our classroom, our workspace, and our inspiration.

With restaurants, salons, hospitals, shopping centres, and countless other businesses right outside our campus doors, busy students can meet their everyday needs quickly and efficiently.

These same local businesses are also integral members of VCC’s educational community, with many serving as practicum hosts, mentors, training partners, and employers of VCC students.

Downtown campus

250 WEST PENDER STREET

- Adult Special Education
- Baking
- Business
- CAD and BIM Technologies
- Culinary
- Counselling
- Dental
- Digital Media Design
- Early Childhood Care and Education
- Fashion
- Hairstylist
- Hospitality Management
- Interior Design
- Jewellery Art and Design
- Skin and Body Therapy

OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Experience our corner of Downtown Vancouver by strolling the cobblestone streets of Gastown, the city’s oldest neighbourhood, now a centre for architecture, design, and Indigenous art, as well as a hot spot for trendy eateries.

You’ll also find Vancouver’s city centre only steps from our Downtown campus, home to Rogers Arena, BC Place, Queen Elizabeth Theatre, the Vancouver Art Gallery, and the Robson Street shopping district.
Outside Vancouver?
The SkyTrain or SeaBus can get you to VCC from...
- Coquitlam Central in 35 minutes (45 minutes to Downtown)
- Surrey Central in 40 minutes (50 minutes to Downtown)
- Richmond-Brighouse in 40 minutes (50 minutes to Broadway)
- North Vancouver/Lonsdale Quay in 25 minutes (40 minutes to Broadway)

U-PASS
Most VCC students are eligible for a universal transit pass, or “U-Pass,” offering full access to bus, SeaBus, and SkyTrain services within Metro Vancouver. vcc.ca/upass

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Broadway campus 1155 EAST BROADWAY
- Academic Upgrading
- Automotive Service
- Collision and Refinishing
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- English as a Second Language
- Health Sciences
- Instructor and Teacher Training
- Music
- Sign Language Studies
- Technology
- University Transfer
- Visually Impaired

Annacis Island campus 1608 CLIVEDEN AVE, DELTA
MOTIVE POWER CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE
- Heavy Mechanical Trades

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OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD
We love East Van! With the vibrant Commercial Drive neighbourhood just blocks from our Broadway campus, our students enjoy independent art, music, theatre, and food from around the world.

To the west, you’ll also find Mount Pleasant, perfect for those with a taste for local coffee and craft beer, hip diners, jewellery boutiques, and vintage shopping.
Indigenous Education and Community Engagement

Furthering reconciliation through education

At VCC, we are dedicated to creating a safe and empowering environment for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis learners.

Indigenous Gathering Spaces
VCC has Indigenous Gathering Spaces at both our Broadway and Downtown campuses. Each space features study areas, computers, lounges, and kitchens. These are intended to be places of inclusivity where Indigenous students feel at home and non-Indigenous students are welcome to visit.

Cultural expression
Many Indigenous students across Canada have lost languages, communities, and identities. VCC aims to be a place of belonging where cultural expression is encouraged. This involves hosting regular events like luncheons, workshops, talks, film screenings, and performances.
Reconciliation and Indigenization

VCC is committed to responding to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Calls to Action relating to post-secondary education and career training.

Our current initiatives include:
- introductory college programs delivered within local First Nations and in partnership with Native Education College,
- priority seating for Indigenous students in nursing and other health sciences programs,
- Indigenous elders and advisors available at our Downtown and Broadway campuses,
- a curated Indigenous book and film selection in the VCC Library, and
- enhanced curricula throughout the college that incorporate Indigenous ways and knowledge.

Learn more and connect with us by visiting vcc.ca/indigenous.
The information in this Viewbook is current at the time of printing. For the most up-to-date details on programs, courses, and admissions, please visit vcc.ca/programs.

Types of credentials

**DEGREE**
At VCC, you can earn full bachelor’s degrees in hospitality management, music, and nursing. These programs typically involve four years of full-time study in small classes with supportive instructors.

**DIPLOMA**
These programs provide in-depth training and experience, making you job-ready in 16 months to two years. Some diplomas can also be used as credit towards VCC degree programs.

**CERTIFICATE**
Learn technical knowledge and gain 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.
Programs

VCC has more than 120 programs to choose from, but we know you’re only looking for one – the right one.

What should you consider when choosing a college program?

1. YOUR INTERESTS
Whether it’s crafting perfect pastries, repairing cars, or caring for others, 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 between 2015 and 2025. Most will require post-secondary education, especially trades certificates. Learn more about in-demand careers and discover your possibilities 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 offers regular, free information sessions where you can tour the facilities, meet instructors, and ask questions before applying. See the schedule at vcc.ca/infosessions.

APPRENTICESHIP
Earn a B.C. trade certificate with the 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. Learn more about apprenticeships on page 32.

UNIVERSITY TRANSFER
Study in small classes and save money on tuition by taking first-year university arts, science, or engineering courses at VCC. Certain programs provide assured admission to Simon Fraser University (with a minimum grade point average). Credits may also be transferred to post-secondary institutions across Canada.

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 youth and adult learners with any level of education.

CONTINUING STUDIES
Expand your skills, explore a different career, or simply learn something new. Most Continuing Studies courses are scheduled during evenings and weekends and include languages, business, interior design, counselling, and more. Learn more about VCC Continuing Studies on page 33.
ACADEMIC UPGRADING

Adult Basic Education (ABE) Graduation Program
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: MONTHLY  LENGTH: VARIES/FULL- OR PART-TIME
Earn credits toward a B.C. Adult Graduation Diploma (“Adult Dogwood”) in a supportive and flexible learning environment. Students may continue into other VCC trades or academic programs.

ABE Intermediate Program
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: MONTHLY  LENGTH: VARIES/FULL- OR PART-TIME
Complete all the necessary high school-level prerequisites to access trades and career programs at VCC and other post-secondary institutions where Grade 10 is required.

ABE Intermediate Program for Youth (self-paced)
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: CONTINUOUS  LENGTH: VARIES/FULL-TIME
Earn your Grade 10 equivalency while studying at the Broadway Youth Resource Centre, located at 2455 Fraser Street in Vancouver. Intended for students aged 15-18.

Basic Education (beginning skills to Grade 8)
CREDENTIAL: TRANSCRIPT  START: CONTINUOUS  LENGTH: VARIES/FULL-TIME
Improve your reading, writing, math, computer, and career exploration skills from beginner levels to Grade 8. Intended for students aged 17 and older. Classes available in group and self-paced formats.

Career Access
CREDENTIAL: TRANSCRIPT  START: CONTINUOUS  LENGTH: VARIES
Learn how to research occupations, set goals, and conduct a successful job search. Available in flexible, ongoing courses to suit your schedule.

Computers – Academic Upgrading (self-paced)
CREDENTIAL: TRANSCRIPT  START: CONTINUOUS  LENGTH: VARIES/FULL- OR PART-TIME
Get one-on-one training in Windows, word processing, spreadsheets, and internet use. Courses can be used as prerequisites for VCC career programs and university transfer.

English, Social Sciences and Humanities – Academic Upgrading
(class-based or self-paced)
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE OR GRADE 12 DIPLOMA  START: CONTINUOUS  LENGTH: VARIES/FULL- OR PART-TIME
Earn high school-level credits while advancing your academic writing and critical thinking. Courses can be used as prerequisites for VCC career programs and university transfer.

Mathematics – Academic Upgrading (class-based or self-paced)
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE OR GRADE 12 DIPLOMA  START: CONTINUOUS  LENGTH: VARIES/FULL- OR PART-TIME
Earn high school-level credits in algebra, trigonometry, and technical mathematics. Courses can be used as prerequisites for VCC career programs and university transfer.

Sciences – Academic Upgrading (class-based or self-paced)
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE OR GRADE 12 DIPLOMA  START: CONTINUOUS  LENGTH: VARIES/FULL- OR PART-TIME
Earn high school-level credits in biology, chemistry, physics, and general science. Courses can be used as prerequisites for VCC career programs and university transfer.

BUSINESS

BUILDING SERVICE WORKER AND MANAGEMENT

Building Manager
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL  LENGTH: 4 MONTHS-3 YEARS/PART-TIME
Get professional training in key areas of building management and leadership including landlord-tenant law, basic building maintenance, fire safety, security, and record keeping.

Everyone deserves an education. Adult Basic Education (ABE) programs in B.C. are tuition-free for domestic students as of September 2017.
**BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS**

**Business and Technical Writing**

*CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE*  
*START: ONGOING*  
*LENGTH: 1-3 YEARS/PART-TIME*

Learn how to adapt complex writing for general audiences. Ideal for communicators in technical sectors.

**LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT SKILLS**

**Business Leadership and Management**

*CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE*  
*START: ONGOING*  
*LENGTH: 1-3 YEARS/PART-TIME*

Explore proven leadership practices and gain skills to successfully lead, supervise, and manage in public, private, or non-profit sectors.

**Leadership**

*CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE*  
*START: ONGOING*  
*LENGTH: 1-2 YEARS/PART-TIME*

Develop the skills, insight, and judgment required to transition from managing to leading people in an organization. Ideal for managers, executives, and entrepreneurs.

**Leadership Coaching Associate**

*CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE*  
*START: ONGOING*  
*LENGTH: 1-2 YEARS/PART-TIME*

Learn the basics of genuine coaching partnerships and the keys to a motivational workplace where creativity is inspired and new ideas are utilized to reach organizational goals.

**Leadership Coaching**

*CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE*  
*START: ONGOING*  
*LENGTH: 1-2 YEARS/PART-TIME*

Learn comprehensive and effective strategies to connect with and manage teams, identify goals and priorities, and work through obstacles for organizational success.

**Management Skills for Supervisors**

*CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE*  
*START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL*  
*LENGTH: 1-3 YEARS/PART-TIME*

Learn practical, up-to-date methods for leading and motivating teams to achieve maximum productivity. Topics include performance management, coaching, delegating, and interpersonal dynamics.

**Sport and Recreation Management**

*CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE*  
*START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL*  
*LENGTH: 18 MONTHS-3 YEARS/PART-TIME*

Gain comprehensive knowledge and experience in the Canadian sport and recreation industry while preparing for roles such as coordinator, leader, or manager.

**Wedding and Event Management**

*CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE*  
*START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL*  
*LENGTH: 1-2 YEARS/PART-TIME*

Learn the broad range of skills needed to professionally manage weddings and events. Topics range from logistics and marketing to décor and cultural traditions.

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATION**

**Administrative Assistant**

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

Learn advanced skills in Microsoft Office, business communication, financial record keeping, data management, and office procedures. Includes a two-week practicum.

**Executive Assistant**

*CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE*  
*START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL*  
*LENGTH: VARIES/PART-TIME*

Learn communication skills, office technology, business law, human resources, accounting, and economics for a career in office administration at the executive level.

**Legal Administrative Assistant**

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

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. Includes a two-week practicum.
Medical Office Assistant  
**CREDENTIAL:** CERTIFICATE  
**START:** SEPTEMBER, MARCH  
**LENGTH:** 6 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Gain the knowledge and skills needed to manage patient records, medical billing, scheduling, and perform clinical procedures and other administrative duties in various health care environments. Includes a three-week practicum.

Medical Transcriptionist  
**CREDENTIAL:** CERTIFICATE  
**START:** SEPTEMBER  
**LENGTH:** 8 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Gain the skills to professionally interpret and document complex medical reports. Graduates can work from home, in a hospital, or in a medical office setting. Includes a three-week practicum.

Office Administration  
**CREDENTIAL:** CERTIFICATE  
**START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL  
**LENGTH:** 1-3 YEARS/PART-TIME
Earn a professional certification in one of four specialties: administration and supervision, legal office skills, medical office skills, or records management.

**PARALEGAL**

**Paralegal** (Certificate)  
**CREDENTIAL:** CERTIFICATE  
**START:** ONGOING  
**LENGTH:** 1-3 YEARS/PART-TIME
Learn the fundamental theories and professional procedures required for a career in the legal system. Legal experience and practicum required.

**Paralegal** (Diploma)  
**CREDENTIAL:** DIPLOMA  
**START:** ONGOING  
**LENGTH:** 1-3 YEARS/PART-TIME
Expand your skills in legal terminology and procedures for work in specialized areas like litigation, corporate law, and real estate. Legal experience and practicum required.

**DESIGN**

**CAD AND BIM TECHNOLOGIES** (formerly drafting)

**Architectural Technician** (Certificate)  
**CREDENTIAL:** CERTIFICATE  
**START:** SEPTEMBER  
**LENGTH:** 10 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Learn Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) and Building Information Modelling (BIM) software used in developing residential housing, commercial buildings, and institutional complexes.

**Civil/Structural Technician** (Certificate)  
**CREDENTIAL:** CERTIFICATE  
**START:** SEPTEMBER  
**LENGTH:** 10 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Learn Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) and Building Information Modelling (BIM) software (such as Autodesk Revit Structure, AutoCAD, and Civil 3D) used in developing highways, high rises, and commercial buildings.

**Steel Detailing Technician** (Certificate)  
**CREDENTIAL:** CERTIFICATE  
**START:** SEPTEMBER  
**LENGTH:** 10 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Learn Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) and Building Information Modelling (BIM) software (such as Autodesk Revit Structure, AutoCAD and Civil 3D) used in developing infrastructure such as roads, bridges, schools, stadiums, high rises, and commercial buildings.

**CAD and BIM Architectural Technician** (Diploma)  
**CREDENTIAL:** DIPLOMA  
**START:** SEPTEMBER  
**LENGTH:** 8 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Further develop your Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) and Building Information Modelling (BIM) skills for work in engineering firms, architecture firms, government, or private industry. Civil/Structural Technician or Steel Detailing Technician certificate required.

**CAD and BIM Civil/Structural Technician** (Diploma)  
**CREDENTIAL:** DIPLOMA  
**START:** SEPTEMBER  
**LENGTH:** 8 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Further develop your Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) and Building Information Modelling (BIM) skills for work in engineering firms, development companies, government, or private industry. Architectural Technician or Steel Detailing Technician certificate required.
## DIGITAL MEDIA DESIGN

**Graphic Design (Certificate)**  
**CREDENTIAL:** CERTIFICATE  
**START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL  
**LENGTH:** 9 MONTHS/FULL-TIME  
Learn industry-standard tools, design theory, and professional techniques used in print and web media.

**Graphic Design (Diploma)**  
**CREDENTIAL:** DIPLOMA  
**START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL  
**LENGTH:** 2 YEARS/FULL-TIME  
Learn advanced design tools, theory, and processes used in print and web media. Get training in Adobe Creative Cloud and work directly with public clients in a mentored studio setting.

**Graphic Design – Advanced Entrance**  
**CREDENTIAL:** DIPLOMA  
**START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY  
**LENGTH:** 10 MONTHS/FULL-TIME  
Expand your technical skills and design-industry experience working with public clients in a mentored studio setting. VCC graphic design certificate or equivalent required.

## FASHION

**Fashion Design and Production (Certificate)**  
**CREDENTIAL:** CERTIFICATE  
**START:** SEPTEMBER, APRIL  
**LENGTH:** 1-2 YEARS/FULL- OR PART-TIME  
Develop creative and technical skills for the fashion and apparel industry. Students learn through a fast-paced production process, from design conception to sales. Includes a 120-hour practicum.

**Fashion Design and Production (Diploma)**  
**CREDENTIAL:** DIPLOMA  
**START:** SEPTEMBER  
**LENGTH:** 2-3 YEARS/FULL- OR PART-TIME  
Expand your creative and technical skills for the fashion and apparel industry. Gain hands-on experience in conception, design, production, and sales through multiple fashion cycles. Includes a 120-hour practicum.

**Fashion Merchandising Associate**  
**CREDENTIAL:** CERTIFICATE  
**START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL  
**LENGTH:** 1 YEAR/PART-TIME  
Learn business fundamentals and fashion theory essentials for a career as a buyer, fashion consultant, wholesale representative, or retail manager.

## INTERIOR DESIGN

**Interior Design**  
**CREDENTIAL:** CERTIFICATE  
**START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL  
**LENGTH:** 2-5 YEARS/PART-TIME  
Learn the principles of professional design used in the selection, arrangement, and assembly of materials, finishes, textiles, colours, and furnishings in residential interior spaces.

## JEWELLERY AND GEMMOLOGY

**Jewellery Art and Design**  
**CREDENTIAL:** DIPLOMA  
**START:** SEPTEMBER  
**LENGTH:** 2 YEARS/FULL-TIME  
Get hands-on experience in the design and fabrication of jewellery. Learn drawing, art history, gemmology, and business management while displaying and marketing your work.

**Gemmology and Jewellery (Industry Certifications)**  
**CREDENTIAL:** CERTIFICATE OR DIPLOMA  
**START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL  
**LENGTH:** Varies/FULL- OR PART-TIME  
Earn a Canadian Gemmological Association diploma or MasterValuer certificate for careers in jewellery, gemstone wholesale, laboratories, and appraising.
BAKING AND CULINARY

BAKING

Baking and Pastry Arts – Artisan Baking
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: MAY  LENGTH: 11 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Develop professional skills for artisanal bread and pastry production including gluten-free, savoury, and international products. Includes bakery management and retail operations. Students obtain apprenticeship Level 1 upon completion.

Baking and Pastry Arts – Pastry
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: JANUARY, MARCH, APRIL  LENGTH: 11 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Develop professional skills for fine pastry production including foundational baking, plated desserts, cake design, and chocolate and confection work. Students obtain apprenticeship Level 1 upon completion.

Baking and Pastry Arts – (Baker) Apprentice
CREDENTIAL: TRANSCRIPT  START: VARIES  LENGTH: THREE 4-WEEK TRAINING SESSIONS OVER 3 YEARS/FULL-TIME
Get a B.C. trade certificate and earn an income while you learn all the elements of professional artisan baking and pastry arts. Read more about B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA) apprenticeships on page 32.

Baking Foundation – High School
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: AUGUST  LENGTH: 6 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Learn the foundations of professional baking and earn your apprenticeship Level 1 while still in high school. Part of the Youth Train in Trades program by the B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA). Learn more on page 32.

Baking and Pastry Arts – Pastry ESL
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: OCTOBER  LENGTH: 11 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Gain professional baking and pastry arts skills while upgrading your English speaking, writing, and listening for the workplace.
CULINARY

Culinary Arts – Professional Cook 1 + Catering
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE    START: MONTHLY
LENGTH: 32 WEEKS (4 DAYS/WEEK)/FULL-TIME
Take the first step toward a B.C. trade certificate and food industry career. Learn soup and stock basics, meat, seafood, poultry, breakfasts, cold kitchen, and desserts. No previous experience required. Students obtain apprenticeship Level 1 upon completion.

Culinary Arts – Professional Cook 2
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE    START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL
LENGTH: 16 WEEKS (4 DAYS/WEEK)/FULL-TIME
Elevate your skills and advance your cooking career while gaining work experience in VCC’s service outlets. Professional Cook 1 or equivalent industry experience required. Students obtain apprenticeship Level 2 upon completion.

Culinary Arts (Cook) Apprentice
CREDENTIAL: TRANSCRIPT    START: VARIES
LENGTH: 5 WEEKS FULL-TIME/12 WEEKS PART-TIME
Get a B.C. trade certificate and earn an income while you learn all the elements of professional cooking from casual to fine dining. Professional Cook 2 or equivalent industry experience required. Read more about B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA) apprenticeships on page 32.

Culinary Arts – High School
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE    START: SEPTEMBER, FEBRUARY
LENGTH: VARIES/FULL-TIME
Learn the foundations of professional culinary arts and earn credits toward your apprenticeship Level 1 while still in high school. Part of the Youth Train in Trades program by the B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA). Learn more on page 32.

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

Culinary Arts – Professional Cook 1 – ESL
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE    START: SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 10 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Gain professional culinary skills while upgrading your English speaking, writing, and listening for the workplace.

PLAN YOUR APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAY
Students with no cooking experience must complete foundational training in Professional Cook 1 + Catering to earn apprenticeship Level 1. Apprentices then advance toward industry certification (and Red Seal Endorsement) by completing a combination of work hours, classroom training, exams, and practical assessments. Learn more about B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA) apprenticeships on page 32.
## ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

### ESL Pathways
**CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE**  
**START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL  
**LENGTH:** VARIES/FULL- OR PART-TIME

Learn the English skills you need to work, study, and participate in everyday life. Earn Canadian Language Benchmarks Levels 5-7, recognized in educational and professional settings across Canada.

### ESL Pathways Advanced
**CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE**  
**START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL  
**LENGTH:** VARIES/FULL- OR PART-TIME

Improve your English for real-world scenarios such as job interviews, informal conversations, and public speaking. Earn Canadian Language Benchmarks Levels 8-9, recognized in educational and professional settings across Canada.

### English for Academic Purposes
**CREDENTIAL: TRANSCRIPT**  
**START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL  
**LENGTH:** VARIES/FULL-TIME

Earn first-year university English credits with the benefit of integrated language support. Credits transferrable to all degree-granting post-secondary institutions in B.C.

### LINC – Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada
**CREDENTIAL: N/A**  
**START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL  
**LENGTH:** VARIES/FULL- OR PART-TIME

Learn English from beginner to intermediate levels (Canadian Language Benchmark Levels 1-8) while gaining knowledge about community resources for newcomers to Canada. Intended for adult permanent residents and Convention refugees.

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VCC’s original, award-winning ESL Pathways curriculum focuses on real-life language needs such as conversations, job interviews, and public speaking.
HAIR, ESTHETICS AND MAKEUP

**Hairstylist**  
**CREDENTIAL:** CERTIFICATE  **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, MARCH, MAY  
**LENGTH:** 10 MONTHS/FULL-TIME  
Get full theoretical knowledge and practical training in hair design including cutting, colouring, styling, and overall salon management while serving real clients at VCC’s Salon and Spa at the Downtown campus. Practicums included.

**Hairstylist Apprentice 1**  
**CREDENTIAL:** TRANSCRIPT  **START:** APRIL, JULY  
**LENGTH:** 10 WEEKS/FULL-TIME  
Take the first step toward a B.C. trade certificate and hairstyling career while you learn the latest techniques in cutting, styling, colouring, and chemical treatments. No experience required. Students obtain apprenticeship Level 1 upon completion.

**Hairstylist Apprentice 2**  
**CREDENTIAL:** TRANSCRIPT  **START:** FEBRUARY, JUNE, SEPTEMBER  
**LENGTH:** 5 WEEKS/FULL-TIME  
Elevate your skills and advance your hairstyling career by learning advanced techniques including up-dos, shaving, extensions, and chemical relaxing. Hairstylist Apprentice 1 or equivalent industry experience required. Students obtain apprenticeship Level 2 upon completion.

**Hair Design – High School**  
**CREDENTIAL:** CERTIFICATE  **START:** SEPTEMBER  
**LENGTH:** 10 MONTHS/FULL-TIME  
Learn the foundations of professional hairstyling and earn credits toward your trade certificate while still in high school. Part of the Youth Train in Trades program by the B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA). Learn more on page 32.

**Skin and Body Therapy**  
**CREDENTIAL:** CERTIFICATE  **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, MAY  
**LENGTH:** 9 MONTHS/FULL-TIME  
Get expert industry training in facial treatments, manicure, pedicure, gel application, hair removal, makeup, and body massage while working with real clients at VCC’s Salon and Spa at the Downtown campus.

**Makeup Artistry**  
**CREDENTIAL:** CERTIFICATE  **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL  
**LENGTH:** 1.5-2 YEARS/PART-TIME  
Develop the technical and professional skills needed to build a portfolio for the professional makeup, film, photography, theatre, fashion, and bridal industries.

VCC has 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.
VCC’s hospitality management students get hands-on experience in service, bartending, and cooking in The Bistro, our newest and trendiest on-campus eatery.

**HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT**

**Hospitality Management** (Diploma)

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

Learn professional business management practices for hotel and restaurant settings including food and beverage cost controls, human resources, marketing, and law.

**Bachelor of Hospitality Management**

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

Get a comprehensive understanding of business practices related to the hospitality industry. Learn to manage guest services for hotels, cruise ships, convention centres, and fine dining establishments. Hospitality management diploma required.

**Bachelor of Hospitality Management** (Executive Cohort)

**CREDENTIAL:** DEGREE  **START:** SEPTEMBER  **LENGTH:** 2 YEARS/PART-TIME

Take your hospitality career to the next level by learning top business practices in financial management, operations, marketing, and community engagement. Professional hospitality experience required.

**Tea Sommelier**

**CREDENTIAL:** CERTIFICATE  **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL  **LENGTH:** VARIES/PART-TIME

Become certified by the Tea Association of Canada in the areas of tea procurement and storage, development of lists and menus, and preparation and delivery of tea service.

**Wine Sommelier**

**CREDENTIAL:** CERTIFICATE  **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL  **LENGTH:** 15 HOURS/PART-TIME

Get a hands-on introduction to the sight, smell, and taste of wine while learning the skills to describe wines accurately and to make food and wine pairings. Leads to Wine & Spirits Education Trust (WSET) Level 1 qualification.

The Bistro, Downtown campus
HUMAN AND FAMILY SERVICES

COUNSELLING

Addiction Counselling Skills
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL  LENGTH: 1-3 YEARS/FULL- OR PART-TIME
Acquire the theoretical knowledge and skills to work in frontline support and counselling positions in the areas of addiction and co-occurring disorders. Practicum included.

Community Counselling Skills
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL  LENGTH: 1-3 YEARS/FULL- OR PART-TIME
Prepare for a career or upgrade your skills in the social service field. Learn to work with a spectrum of concerns including addictions and co-occurring disorders. Practicum included.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION

Early Childhood Care and Education
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: SEPTEMBER  LENGTH: 2 YEARS/PART-TIME
Gain the knowledge and skills to provide high-quality care for children aged 3-5 in licensed early learning and care settings in B.C.

Early Childhood Education Post-Basic Diploma (Infant Toddler and Special Needs)
CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA  START: SEPTEMBER  LENGTH: 15 MONTHS/PART-TIME
Gain the knowledge and skills to specialize in care and education for infants, toddlers, and children with exceptionalities. Graduates qualify for the Infant Toddler Educator (ITE) and Special Needs Educator (SNE) certifications from the B.C. Ministry of Children and Family Development. Early Childhood Care and Education certificate required.

VCC’s addiction counselling students participate first-hand in support work at Peak House, a live-in program for youth with substance abuse issues.
UNIVERSITY TRANSFER

University Transfer Arts
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, MAY
LENGTH: 4 MONTHS PER COURSE/FULL-TIME
Start your university arts degree in a supportive learning environment. Earn credits in English, humanities, and social sciences at VCC and transfer to post-secondary institutions across Canada.

University Transfer Science
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, MAY
LENGTH: 4 MONTHS PER COURSE/FULL-TIME
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 post-secondary institutions across Canada.

University Transfer Pathway to Health Sciences
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, MAY
LENGTH: 4 MONTHS PER COURSE/FULL-TIME
Earn full prerequisites for entry into health sciences programs such as dental hygiene and Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN).
Students in select VCC university transfer certificate programs can earn assured admission to Simon Fraser University. Learn more at vcc.ca/ut.

First-year University Transfer – Computing Science and Software Systems  
**CREDENTIAL:** CERTIFICATE  
**START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, MAY  
**LENGTH:** 1 YEAR/FULL-TIME  
Complete first-year university credits at VCC and transfer directly into second year of the Computing Science or Software Systems degree programs at Simon Fraser University (SFU). Students may also apply for admission into second-year computing science programs at the University of British Columbia (UBC) and other institutions.

First-year University Transfer – Engineering  
**CREDENTIAL:** CERTIFICATE  
**START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, MAY  
**LENGTH:** 1 YEAR/FULL-TIME  
Complete first-year university credits at VCC and transfer directly into second year of the Engineering Science program at Simon Fraser University (SFU). Students may also apply for admission into second-year engineering programs at the University of British Columbia (UBC) and other institutions.

First-year University Transfer – Environmental Studies  
**CREDENTIAL:** CERTIFICATE  
**START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, MAY  
**LENGTH:** 1 YEAR/FULL-TIME  
Earn first-year university credits at VCC and transfer into second year of the Environmental Resource Management and Global Environmental Systems or Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science programs at Simon Fraser University (SFU).
DENTAL

Dental Assisting – Certified
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE   START: SEPTEMBER   LENGTH: 10 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Get the specialized skills needed to assist dentists with procedures, technologies, administration, and oral health education.

Dental Assisting – Certified (Distance Delivery)
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE   START: CONTINUOUS   LENGTH: 1.5-5 YEARS
Earn a certificate in dental assisting at your own pace through independent e-learning with instructor supports via email or phone. Current employment or volunteer work as a clinical dental assistant required.

Dental Hygiene
CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA   START: SEPTEMBER   LENGTH: 2 YEARS/FULL-TIME
Get hands-on training to provide dental care including examinations, cleaning, polishing, and assessments while working with the public at VCC’s 36-seat Downtown dental clinic.

Dental Reception Coordinator
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE   START: SEPTEMBER, FEBRUARY   LENGTH: 5 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Learn dental terminology, radiography, and the full set of skills needed to run a dental office.

Dental Technology Sciences
CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA   START: AUGUST   LENGTH: 2.5 YRS/FULL-TIME
Get the specialized knowledge to design, fabricate, modify, and repair removable and fixed dental prostheses and appliances used in oral surgery, maxillofacial surgery, and orthodontics.

Denturist
CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA   START: SEPTEMBER 2019   LENGTH: 2 YEARS/FULL-TIME
Learn the specialized skills and technology needed to provide patients with dentures, partial dentures, overdentures, and dentures over implants. Graduates are eligible to take the licensing examination of the College of Denturists of British Columbia (CDBC).
HEALTH

Medical Device Reprocessing Technician
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE   START: SEPTEMBER, FEBRUARY
LENGTH: 16 WEEKS/FULL-TIME
Get specialized training to reprocess reusable medical devices such as surgical tools and patient care equipment. Includes a practicum at a local hospital.

Medical Laboratory Assistant
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE   START: SEPTEMBER, MAY
LENGTH: 6 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Develop the skills and knowledge required to collect blood samples, perform cardiac monitoring tests, follow laboratory procedures, and communicate with patients. Includes a four-week practicum.

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. Includes three practicums.

Pharmacy Technician
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE   START: JANUARY, SEPTEMBER, MAY
LENGTH: 30 WEEKS/FULL-TIME
Learn to safely, accurately, and ethically prepare pharmaceutical products in a variety of settings like community, hospital, and long-term care pharmacies. Includes a hospital and community practicum.

Foodsafe
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE   START: SATURDAYS
LENGTH: 1 DAY/PART-TIME
Learn food handling, sanitation, and work-safety practices required for frontline food service workers like cooks, servers, dishwashers, and deli workers.

HEALTH CARE ASSISTANTS

Health Care Assistant
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE
START: SEPTEMBER, NOVEMBER, JANUARY, MAY
LENGTH: 28 WEEKS/FULL-TIME
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.

Health Care Assistant – ESL
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE   START: SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 40 WEEKS/FULL-TIME
Learn to function effectively as a frontline caregiver while upgrading your English speaking, writing, and listening for the workplace.

Health Unit Coordinator
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE   START: JANUARY, SEPTEMBER 2019
LENGTH: 32 WEEKS/FULL-TIME
Learn to process physicians’ orders and coordinate patient activities in hospital and extended care settings. Priority enrolment available for Indigenous students. Learn more on page 7.
VCC’s Broadway campus is home to one of B.C.’s only simulated hospitals where students in multiple programs coordinate their learning in an allied-health environment.

**NURSING**

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

Learn to provide safe, competent, and culturally sensitive care for individuals and families at multiple life stages. Students practice in a variety of settings and in partnership with other health care professionals.

**Access to Practical Nursing**
**CREDENTIAL:** DIPLOMA  **START:** SEPTEMBER  **LENGTH:** 13 MONTHS/FULL-TIME

Apply your previous training and experience as a Health Care Assistant (HCA) or Resident Care Attendant (RCA) and gain accelerated access to VCC’s Practical Nursing program. HCA or RCA certificate required.

**Nursing (BScN) (Year 1 Entry)**
**CREDENTIAL:** DEGREE  **START:** SEPTEMBER  **LENGTH:** 36 MONTHS/FULL-TIME

Get industry-leading training to work as a registered nurse in hospitals, communities, homes, clinics, and residential facilities. Students learn in one of B.C.’s only simulated hospital environments. Includes regular community practicums. Priority enrolment available for Indigenous students. Learn more on page 7.

**Nursing (BScN) (Advanced Entry)**
**CREDENTIAL:** DEGREE  **START:** JANUARY  **LENGTH:** 2 YEARS/FULL-TIME

Gain advanced entry into year 3 of VCC’s Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. Intended for Licensed Practical Nurses holding current Canadian registration. Priority enrolment available for Indigenous students. Learn more on page 7.

**PREPARATION FOR HEALTH SCIENCES**

**Pre-Health Sciences**
**CREDENTIAL:** CERTIFICATE  **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY  **LENGTH:** 32 WEEKS/FULL-TIME

Get a comprehensive introduction to health care careers while earning prerequisites and potentially securing a spot in select VCC health sciences programs. Options include practical nursing, certified dental assisting, pharmacy technician, and more.
INSTRUCTOR AND TEACHER TRAINING

Provincial Instructor Diploma Program (PIDP)
CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA  START: CONTINUOUS INTAKE  LENGTH: 230 HOURS/PART-TIME
Gain the knowledge and skills to design, develop, manage, and evaluate the instruction of adults in post-secondary, business, industry, and non-traditional environments.

Online/eLearning Instruction
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: CONTINUOUS INTAKE  LENGTH: 135 HOURS/PART-TIME
Get the specialized knowledge and skills needed to design, develop, and teach content in an e-learning environment.

LANGUAGES AND SIGN LANGUAGE

Community Interpreting
CREDENTIAL: AWARD OF ACHIEVEMENT  START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL  LENGTH: 3 TERMS/PART-TIME
Learn the professional practice and ethics of spoken-language interpreting in various community settings including medical and legal environments.

SIGN LANGUAGE STUDIES

ASL and Deaf Studies
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE  START: SEPTEMBER  LENGTH: 10 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Immerse yourself in American Sign Language (ASL). Intended for non-Deaf adults who have basic skills in ASL but wish to develop fluency or pursue careers in interpreting.
TRANSPORTATION TRADES

AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE

Automotive Service Technician Harmonized Foundation
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE   START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, MAY
LENGTH: 8 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Learn to examine, test, and repair vehicles in VCC’s state-of-the-art automotive service shop. No experience required. Students obtain apprenticeship Level 1 upon completion.

Automotive Service Technician Apprentice
CREDENTIAL: TRANSCRIPT
START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY, NOVEMBER
LENGTH: FOUR 6-7 WEEK SESSIONS/FULL-TIME
Get a B.C. trade certificate and earn an income while you learn the latest in automotive diagnostics and repair including engines, fuel systems, tires, brakes, electronics, and transmissions. Read more about B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA) apprenticeships on page 32.

Automotive Service Technician E-pprentice
CREDENTIAL: TRANSCRIPT
START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY, NOVEMBER
LENGTH: 3 MONTHS ONLINE, 2-WEEK CLASS/FULL-TIME
Minimize time away from the workplace by completing the majority of your automotive service apprenticeship training in a flexible, collaborative, online environment. E-pprentices then attend VCC for review and evaluation only.
COLLISION AND REFINISHING

Automotive Collision Repair Technician
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY
LENGTH: 8 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Take the first step toward a B.C. trade certificate and autobody career. Learn to perform repairs related to collision damage while training on real customer vehicles in VCC’s state-of-the-art shop. No experience required. Students obtain apprenticeship Level 1 upon completion.

Automotive Collision Repair Technician Apprentice
CREDENTIAL: TRANSCRIPT START: SEPTEMBER, NOVEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY, JUNE LENGTH: THREE 5-WEEK SESSIONS/FULL-TIME
Get a B.C. trade certificate and earn an income while you learn the latest in surface repair, structural repair, and wheel alignments. Automotive Collision Repair Technician Level 1 or equivalent industry experience required. Read more about B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA) apprenticeships on page 32.

Automotive Collision Repair Technician – High School
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE START: OCTOBER, FEBRUARY
LENGTH: 8 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Learn the foundations of professional automotive collision repair and earn credits toward your apprenticeship while still in high school. Part of the Youth Train in Trades program by the B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA). Learn more on page 32.

Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE START: SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 5 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Learn to remove parts, perform chemical cleaning, and prepare a vehicle for refinishing. Students obtain apprenticeship Level 1 upon completion.

Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician – High School
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE START: FEBRUARY
LENGTH: 5 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Learn the foundations of automotive refinishing and earn credits toward your apprenticeship while still in high school. Part of the Youth Train in Trades program by the B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA). Learn more on page 32.

Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician Apprentice
CREDENTIAL: TRANSCRIPT START: JANUARY LENGTH: 4 WEEKS/FULL-TIME
Get a B.C. trade certificate and earn an income while you learn the latest in chemical treatments, masking, sanding, and spray gun operation. Read more about B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA) apprenticeships on page 32.

Automotive Glass Technician Apprentice
CREDENTIAL: TRANSCRIPT START: JANUARY
LENGTH: 2 WEEKS/FULL-TIME
Get a B.C. trade certificate and earn an income while you learn the latest in auto glass removal, installation, and repair. Read more about B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA) apprenticeships on page 32.

Automotive Paint and Refinishing Technician Apprentice
CREDENTIAL: TRANSCRIPT START: TBD LENGTH: 1 MONTH/FULL-TIME
Get a B.C. trade certificate and earn an income while you learn the latest in auto paint and refinishing including spray gun technology and protective and restorative treatments. Read more about B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA) apprenticeships on page 32.
**HEAVY MECHANICAL TRADES**

**Heavy Mechanical Trades Foundation**

**CREDENTIAL:** CERTIFICATE  **START:** SEPTEMBER, NOVEMBER, FEBRUARY, MAY, JULY  
**LENGTH:** 9 MONTHS/FULL-TIME

Learn to safely inspect, service, and repair commercial trucks, diesel engines, transport trailers, and other heavy equipment. No previous experience required. Students obtain apprenticeship Level 1 upon completion.

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**Heavy Duty Equipment Technician Apprentice**

**CREDENTIAL:** TRANSCRIPT  **START:** SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL, MAY  
**LENGTH:** 4-7 WEEKS PER LEVEL/FULL-TIME

Get a B.C. trade certificate and earn an income while you learn to repair and maintain heavy equipment used in construction, forestry, and mining. Apprentices complete Heavy Mechanical Trades Levels 1-3 before specializing. Read more about B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA) apprenticeships on page 32.

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**Truck and Transport Mechanic Apprentice**

**CREDENTIAL:** TRANSCRIPT  **START:** OCTOBER, MARCH, MAY  
**LENGTH:** 4-7 WEEKS PER LEVEL/FULL-TIME

Get a B.C. trade certificate and earn an income while you learn to repair and maintain commercial transport vehicles including trucks, emergency vehicles, highway buses, and recreational vehicles. Apprentices complete Heavy Mechanical Trades Levels 1-3 before specializing. Read more about B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA) apprenticeships on page 32.

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**Diesel Engine Mechanic Apprentice**

**CREDENTIAL:** TRANSCRIPT  **START:** OCTOBER, JANUARY, MARCH, MAY, JULY  
**LENGTH:** 4-7 WEEKS PER LEVEL/FULL-TIME

Learn the skills and technology needed to repair and maintain diesel engines used in construction, transport, and farming equipment. Apprentices complete Heavy Mechanical Trades Levels 1 and 2 before specializing. Read more about B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA) apprenticeships on page 32.

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**Transport Trailer Technician Apprentice**

**CREDENTIAL:** TRANSCRIPT  **START:** OCTOBER, MARCH, MAY  
**LENGTH:** 4-7 WEEKS PER LEVEL/FULL-TIME

Learn the skills and technology needed to repair and maintain pull-type commercial transport trailers. Apprentices complete Heavy Mechanical Trades Level 1 and Truck and Transport Mechanic Level 4 before specializing. Read more about B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA) apprenticeships on page 32.
MUSIC AND DANCE

Music (Diploma)
CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA START: SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 2 YEARS/FULL-TIME
Launch your career in music and music-related professions by learning from some of Canada’s finest performers, composers, and producers. Audition and specialize in any genre including classical, jazz, contemporary, and electronic music.

Bachelor of Applied Music
CREDENTIAL: DEGREE START: SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 2 YEARS/FULL-TIME
Get comprehensive, top-tier training from working professionals in music theory, performance, and collaboration. Music diploma required.

Dance
CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA START: SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 2 YEARS/FULL-TIME
Start your career as a professional dancer by learning a full repertoire including ballet, modern, jazz, and flamenco in addition to arts entrepreneurship and administration skills. Offered in partnership with Arts Umbrella.

VCC’s music students perform live at least once per term, either individually or in small ensembles. Cross-genre collaborations are welcome, and performances are critiqued by peers and instructors alike.
STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

ADULT SPECIAL EDUCATION

Adult Special Education
CREDENTIAL: TRANSCRIPT   START: SEPTEMBER   LENGTH: VARIES/PART-TIME
Upgrade your reading, writing, numeracy, and computer skills. Designed for adults living with cognitive disabilities seeking further education or employment.

Career Awareness
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE   START: SEPTEMBER   LENGTH: 9 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Explore employment options and gain practical experience in community-based work settings. Intended for adults living with cognitive disabilities.

Food Service Careers
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE   START: SEPTEMBER   LENGTH: 38 WEEKS/FULL-TIME
Gain skills and knowledge to work in the food service industry, specifically in the area of kitchen prep. Intended for adults living with cognitive disabilities.

Retail and Hospitality Careers
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE   START: SEPTEMBER   LENGTH: 9 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Learn the basic skills for employment in the retail and hospitality industries. Intended for adults living with cognitive disabilities.

VCC’s Deaf and Hard of Hearing – Job Readiness program has partnered with over 20 different local employers to offer students hands-on experience and employable skills.
**DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING**

**Deaf and Hard of Hearing – Job Readiness**

**CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE   START: SEPTEMBER   LENGTH: 10 MONTHS/FULL-TIME**

Develop essential job skills including literacy and numeracy while receiving direct instruction, interpreting, and ongoing career support in American Sign Language (ASL). Includes three practicums. Intended for Deaf or hard of hearing adults.

**VISUALLY IMPAIRED**

**Visually Impaired Adult Program**

**CREDENTIAL: TRANSCRIPT   START: CONTINUOUS   LENGTH: VARIES/FULL-TIME**

Gain skills and earn prerequisites in areas like English, mathematics, Braille, and computer skills including keyboarding and iOS usage. Intended for blind and visually impaired adults. Computers are equipped with JAWS for Windows, NVDA, or ZoomText adaptive software.

**TECHNOLOGY**

**Samsung Tech Institute Appliance Repair Technician**

**CREDENTIAL: AWARD OF ACHIEVEMENT   START: OCTOBER   LENGTH: 11 WEEKS/FULL-TIME**

Learn through practical training to operate, diagnose, and service Samsung appliances in VCC’s state-of-the-art Samsung Tech Institute. No previous experience required.

**Networking Technology**

**CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE   START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL   LENGTH: 1-2 YEARS/PART-TIME**

Develop or upgrade your skills in the design, security, and maintenance of wired and wireless network infrastructures including Local Area Networks using Windows Server systems.

Opened in 2017, the Samsung Tech Institute at VCC’s Broadway campus is the only facility of its kind in Western Canada. Here, students work on the latest Samsung appliances like gas stoves, refrigerators, washers, and dryers.
Apprenticeship programs

Earn an income while you learn a skilled trade from industry professionals.

What is an apprenticeship?
An apprenticeship is a combination of on-the-job training and classroom learning that leads to a Certificate of Qualification (CoQ) or “ticket” for your trade that is recognized by employers across B.C.

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. Many apprentices are also eligible for grants from the federal government.

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 in-demand trades. Apprentices must find an employer to sponsor and train them as they complete the higher apprenticeship levels.

What is a Red Seal?
The Red Seal program provides an interprovincial endorsement of excellence in certain skilled trades. A Red Seal Endorsement (RSE) is a stamp of approval on the competence of a tradesperson and is recognized by employers across Canada without further examination. Skilled tradespersons obtain an RSE on their provincial trade certificate by successfully completing an interprovincial Red Seal examination. Learn more about the Red Seal program and the B.C. Industry Training Authority at itabc.ca.

Apprenticeship programs available at VCC:
- Automotive Collision Repair Technician
- Automotive Glass Technician
- Automotive Paint and Refinishing Technician
- Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician
- Automotive Service Technician
- Baking and Pastry Arts (Baker)
- Culinary Arts (Cook)
- Diesel Engine Mechanic
- Hairstylist
- Heavy Duty Equipment Technician
- Transport Trailer Technician
- Truck and Transport Mechanic

Can I really start an apprenticeship in high school?
Yes. Secondary students in B.C. can start apprenticeship training as early as Grade 11 through the B.C. Industry Training Authority’s (ITA) Youth Train in Trades program. In this program, you learn the foundations of a skilled trade while earning apprenticeship credits that also count toward high school graduation. Learn more by talking to your high school career counsellor or visiting youth.itabc.ca.

Youth Train in Trades programs at VCC:
- Automotive Collision Repair Technician
- Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician
- Automotive Service Technician
- Baking
- Culinary Arts
- Hair Design
- Heavy Mechanical Trades
Continuing Studies

Learning is for life. Upgrade your skills, discover a hidden talent, or find a new hobby – all in your spare time.

What is Continuing Studies?
Continuing Studies is a special selection of VCC programs and courses designed with the working professional in mind. We offer more than 40 certificate and diploma programs as well as individual courses designed to fit a busy schedule. Most Continuing Studies courses are held during evenings and weekends at our Downtown campus.

What courses can I take?
Any Continuing Studies program offering a diploma or certificate is already listed in this Viewbook (pg. 12-31). Other popular courses include:
- Art of Henna/Mehndi
- Cake Making and Decorating
- Community Interpreting
- Creative Writing
- Foodsafe
- Jewellery Workshops
- Keyboarding
- Languages (Arabic, Cantonese, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish)
- Media and Public Relations
- Office Software
- Programming
- Small Business

Where can I find them?
Our Continuing Studies offerings are updated three times per year. Visit any VCC campus to pick up the latest catalogue or view the most up-to-date list of courses at vcc.ca/cs.

How do I register?
Registration can be completed:
- online at vcc.ca/cs,
- by phone at 604.443.8484, or
- in person at our Downtown campus (250 West Pender Street).

Questions?
Email cstudies@vcc.ca or call 604.443.8484
VCC in the community

Studying at VCC means more than writing notes and taking tests. We believe that learning is a life-changing experience that impacts everyone around us.

1 VCC’s CAD and BIM technologies students volunteer with Habitat for Humanity Greater Vancouver, gaining on-site construction experience in the process.

2 VCC’s health sciences students and instructors coordinate the largest and most realistic annual earthquake simulation in B.C.

3 VCC’s certified dental assisting students offer free dental exams to hundreds of young children at our annual Tooth Trolley event.
4 VCC’s culinary arts students frequently cater community events including the BC Hospitality Foundation’s Dish ‘n Dazzle gala, the Chinese Restaurant Awards, Fair in the Square, and Christmas in January at the Salvation Army Harbour Light Centre.

5 VCC’s English as a second language students provide English tutoring to refugees and newcomer families through community partners like the Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House.

6 VCC’s music department offers regular workshops and low-cost music classes to the public.

7 VCC’s fashion students design original clothing for Dress for Success Vancouver, which assists women re-entering the workforce.
Get the help you need to succeed in your studies at VCC and beyond.

**ALUMNI RELATIONS**
Graduating from VCC has perks beyond preparing students for the workforce. VCC’s alumni membership card offers on-campus benefits and more. vcc.ca/alumni

**ASSESSMENT CENTRE**
We’ll determine your language or education level for entry into a VCC course or program. vcc.ca/assessments

**BOOKSTORE**
Buy textbooks and course materials online or in person at the Broadway or Downtown campus. The VCC Bookstore also operates a book buy-back program. vcc.ca/store

**Advising Services**
VCC advisors are committed to helping you plan your studies to get the most out of your time at VCC. Get help developing effective educational plans that fit with your academic, career, and life goals.

Advisors can also provide assistance with your transition into VCC or other post-secondary institutions. To book an appointment, visit vcc.ca/advising or call 604.871.7000, option 2.

**CAREER SERVICES**
Research your chosen field, search job listings, write a resume, and practice job interview skills. Visit vcc.ca/careerservices.

**COUNSELLING**
Free, professional, and confidential counselling is available to help you set goals, manage your workload, choose a career, and deal with stress, anxiety, and personal matters. vcc.ca/counselling or 604.871.7000, option 2

**DISABILITY SERVICES**
VCC is dedicated to making the college accessible to students of all abilities. Receive specialized services on an individual basis including job search assistance and community resource referrals. vcc.ca/disabilities

**DISPUTE RESOLUTION**
VCC’s Arbiter of Student Issues (ASI) is ready to provide support to VCC students around conflict or complaints. 604.871.7000, ext. 7040

**ID/LIBRARY CARD**
VCC student cards can be used at the VCC Library, as student ID to access the U-Pass, and for discounts at various local businesses.

**INTERPRETING SERVICES**
Deaf, DeafBlind, and hard of hearing students can access sign language interpreters through the Interpreting Services office. vcc.ca/interpreting 604.871.7000, ext. 7518
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES
International students can access support including assistance with educational planning, study permit extensions, medical insurance, and applications for work permits. vcc.ca/international

LIBRARY
Both VCC Libraries offer a wide variety of print and electronic materials. Borrow a tablet or laptop for educational use. Experienced librarians are available to assist students with research. vcc.ca/library

myVCC
Your online gateway to individualized services and information. Check your grades, find course materials, read college news, and more. my.vcc.ca

REGISTRAR’S OFFICE
The Registrar’s Office is the central resource for admission, registration, and student records with offices at the Downtown and Broadway campuses. vcc.ca/registration or 604.871.7000, option 4.

Financial Aid
Financial Aid helps students succeed by providing access to scholarships, bursaries, and student loans.

Learn more about the types of financial assistance available, look up application deadlines, and access forms by visiting vcc.ca/financialaid or calling 604.871.7046.

Learning Centres
VCC Learning Centres offer free tutoring, workshops, and a variety of educational resources. From homework help to mastering study skills, our tutors help students develop techniques that lead to academic success. vcc.ca/tutoring

STUDENTS’ UNION
The Students’ Union of VCC (SUVCC) offers an inclusive, practical, and fun environment, on-campus as well as online, for students to share experiences 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. For guests, two hours of free access are available. vcc.ca/wifi
Eat, shop and more

There are benefits to having a culinary school on campus – not to mention a bakery, a salon, a dental clinic, and an auto shop...

**ASIAN CULINARY COUNTER**
Students in our Asian Culinary Arts program serve up dishes from China, Malaysia, Korea, Japan, and more at the Downtown campus cafeteria. Open for lunch.

**AUTO SHOP**
Get discounted prices on car repairs and maintenance by students in transportation trades programs at the Broadway campus. Call to book. **604.871.7416**

**THE BISTRO**
Try a variety of tasty food in a relaxed atmosphere at the Downtown campus. Operated by VCC hospitality management students. Lunch hours and dates vary. Reservations recommended. **604.443.8352, vcc.ca/bistro**

**DENTAL CLINIC**
Receive quality, low-cost dental hygiene at the Downtown campus, delivered by caring students with instructors’ guidance. Call to inquire. **604.443.8499**

**DOWNTOWN CAFETERIA**
Grab a bite at VCC’s cafeteria, run by students and instructors in the culinary arts programs. Open for breakfast and lunch. Grab-and-go items available until 7 p.m.

**JJ’S FINE DINING RESTAURANT**
Enjoy gourmet cuisine prepared by culinary arts students at the Downtown campus. Open for lunch. Call to reserve. **604.443.8479, vcc.ca/jjs**

**QUIZINE KITCHEN**
Feast on upscale diner food at the Broadway campus cafeteria, run by international culinary arts students. Open for breakfast and lunch. Grab-and-go items available until 7 p.m. **vcc.ca/quizine**

**SEIFFERT MARKET**
Sink your teeth into VCC’s freshly baked goods, made by students in the baking and pastry arts program at the Downtown campus. Online orders available seasonally. Open Mon-Fri, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. **604.443.8585, vcc.ca/bakery**

**THE CHEF’S TABLE**
Treat yourself to a gourmet, pop-up kitchen experience operated seasonally by international culinary arts students and special guest chefs. **vcc.ca/chefstable**

**VCC SALON & SPA**
Relax and enjoy a haircut or spa treatment by VCC’s hairstylist and skin and body therapy students, located at the Downtown campus. Call to book. **604.443.8332 (salon), 604.443.8334 (spa), vcc.ca/salonspa**
Next steps

Let’s get to know each other. Take a tour, attend an event, or meet one-on-one with VCC staff.

ATTEND AN INFO SESSION
Learn more about VCC programs by attending a free information session. Instructors discuss the program, show you the facilities, and answer your questions. Upcoming info sessions are listed weekly at vcc.ca/infosessions.

EXPERIENCE VCC
Join us every spring and fall for an open house featuring free workshops, demonstrations, tours, and entertainment. Instructors and students from many of our 120 programs will be on site to answer questions, offer career advice, and help you experience VCC. Visit vcc.ca/experience for dates and details.

MEET WITH AN ADVISOR
VCC’s program advisors are here to help you plan your career path. Advisors provide detailed information on programs, admission requirements, and how to apply. Drop by the advising office at either the Broadway or Downtown campus, call 604.871.7000, option 2, or visit vcc.ca/advising to make an appointment.

FIND US ONLINE
Visit vcc.ca to read full program descriptions and look up prerequisites, start dates, tuition fees, and more. Connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to ask questions and get a taste of everyday life at VCC.
How to apply

1. Complete an application
   - Apply at vcc.ca/apply. A non-refundable $35 application fee is required (subject to change).
   - Once your application has been submitted, track your application status at my.vcc.ca.

You may also need

ADVISING SERVICES
As an initial point of contact, VCC advisors can help guide you through the application process. Book an appointment online at vcc.ca/advising or call 604.871.7000, option 2. For Continuing Studies programs, visit vcc.ca/cs or call 604.871.7000, option 3.

DISABILITY SERVICES
VCC is committed to making the college accessible to students of all abilities. If you have a disability, please contact an advisor four months before classes begin by visiting vcc.ca/disabilities or calling 604.871.7000, option 2.

PEER HELPERS
Peer helpers are current VCC students who speak a variety of languages and can guide you through the application process. Get in touch by calling 604.871.7209.

REGISTRAR’S OFFICE
For questions about applying or registering, visit vcc.ca/ro or call 604.871.7000, option 4.

2. Submit supporting documents
   - Official transcripts (No photocopies or faxes, please) Documents not in English or French must be translated through an official translation service like MOSAIC. Visit mosaicbc.com.
   - Provincial Education Number (if available) PEN is issued to any K-12 student in B.C.
   - Proof of English language proficiency Required for all students entering VCC programs. To check these requirements, please visit vcc.ca/elp.
   - Copy of Certificate of Landing Required from Landed Immigrant students.
   - International Credential Evaluation Service (ICES) If your educational documents are not from a Canadian or American institution, you may need to complete a comprehensive evaluation of your education. To learn more about ICES, visit bcit.ca/ices.

You may also need

ASSESSMENTS
VCC offers a variety of assessments to help place students in programs and courses. These include English, math, and keyboarding assessments. To learn more, visit vcc.ca/assessments or call 604.871.7093.
3 Make a commitment

- Once you have received a letter of acceptance by email, confirm your acceptance by paying a commitment fee either online or in person.
- Satisfy any other conditions of acceptance (may vary by program):
  - **Academic** – final high school or upgrading marks.
  - **Non-academic** – e.g. criminal record checks, respiratory mask fit testing, CPR, or first aid. For detailed information, view admission requirements related to your program.

4 Pay for your classes

- You will be sent an official invoice outlining your payment dates.
- Students with approved student loans are eligible for a fee deferral.

You may also need

**FINANCIAL AID**
Students requiring financial assistance for registration should apply as early as possible. To learn more, visit [vcc.ca/financialaid](http://vcc.ca/financialaid) or call **604.871.7046**.

**STUDENT ACCOUNT OFFICE**
Contact the Student Account Office with questions about paying tuition and fees. The college accepts several methods of payment. To learn more, visit [vcc.ca/fees](http://vcc.ca/fees) or call **604.871.7000, ext 8409**.
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