

NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE



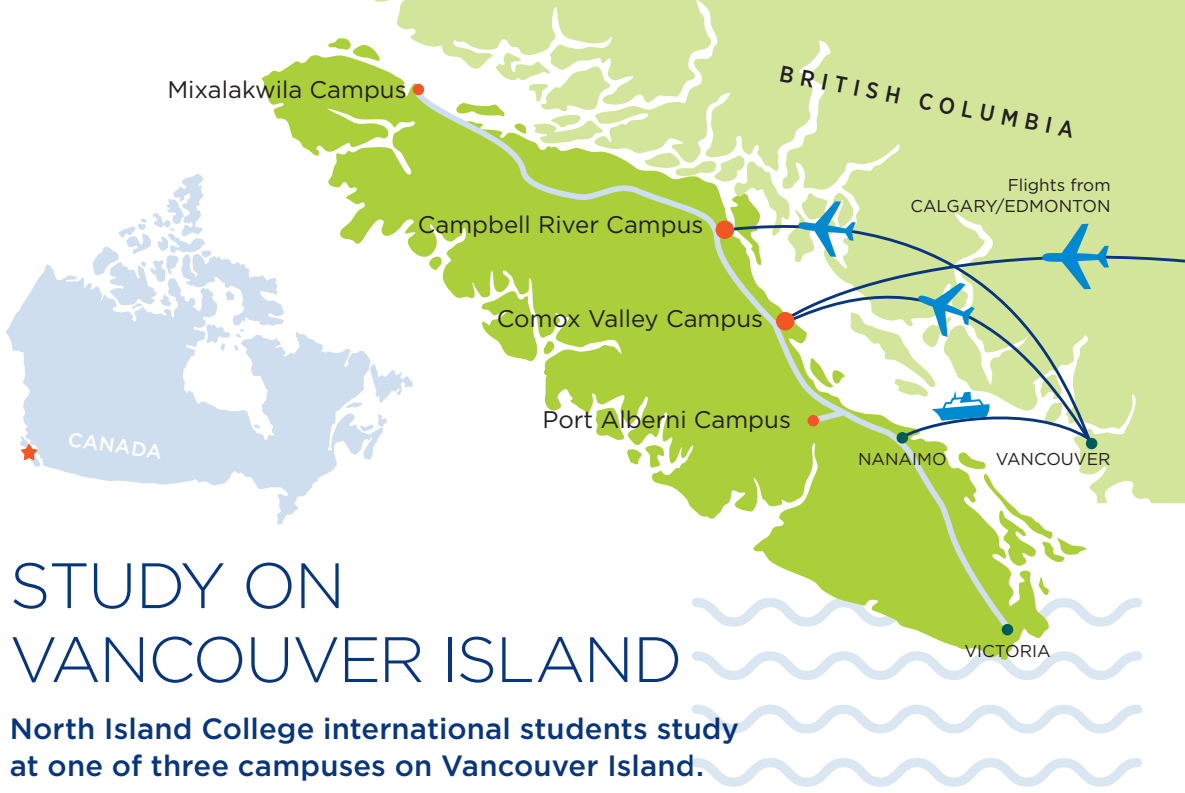
**NIC**

VANCOUVER ISLAND, CANADA 

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE

**UNDERGRADUATE  
PROGRAMS**

2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR



# STUDY ON VANCOUVER ISLAND

North Island College international students study at one of three campuses on Vancouver Island.

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Nuu-chah-nulth

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Kwak'wala

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Liq'wala

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Island Comox

The above words mean 'welcome' in the four languages of the Nuu-chah-nulth, Kwakwaka'wakw, Liq'wala, and Coast Salish people.

NIC is honoured to acknowledge the traditional territories of the combined 35 First Nations of the Nuu-chah-nulth, Kwakwaka'wakw and Coast Salish traditions, on whose traditional and unceded territories the college's campuses are situated.

## WHERE YOU LEARN MATTERS

Immerse yourself in beautiful and vibrant locations and discover the power of community that takes your future further. Our region offers an unbeatable combination of opportunity and quality of life.

### NATURALLY EXTRAORDINARY

Unparalleled lifestyle full of outdoor and indoor activities — where you learn matters.

### A SEA OF OPPORTUNITY

Boundless opportunities for co-ops, work integrated learning, and post-graduation employment.

### COMMUNITY POWERED

Where connection and collaboration make the difference. NIC campuses are located centrally and in residential areas.



“ My goal is to work with children or in health care and people here at NIC continues to support me to remain aligned with my vision. ”

- Kimberly Danaishe Mutandadzi  
Health Care Assistant Certificate

# CAMPUS LOCATIONS



## Campbell River

Population: 38,000  
Student number: 771

The coastal city of Campbell River offers endless outdoor adventures. The campus is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities and classrooms, including our modern kitchen and bistro.

[campbellriver.travel](http://campbellriver.travel)



## Comox Valley

Population: 73,000  
Student number: 1,812

The Comox Valley campus is a hub of academic activity and community engagement. The Comox Valley offers everything from mountains to farmlands to beaches and offers a variety of amenities, activities and culinary experiences.

[discovercomoxvalley.com](http://discovercomoxvalley.com)



## Port Alberni

Population: 22,000  
Student number: 400

Port Alberni lies at the head of the rich salmon fishing grounds of the Alberni Inlet, and it is known for its welcoming and supportive community and intimate environment.

[portalbernitourism.ca](http://portalbernitourism.ca)

## NIC FACTS

**640**

International students

**4,340**

Total students

**18**

Students in an average class

MORE THAN

**42**

Countries of origin

## WE ARE HERE TO HELP

Starting your life in another country is a big step, but it doesn't have to be challenging. We are here to help you get the most out of your experience in Canada and at NIC.



Academic and immigration advising



Student employment services



Counselling and mental health



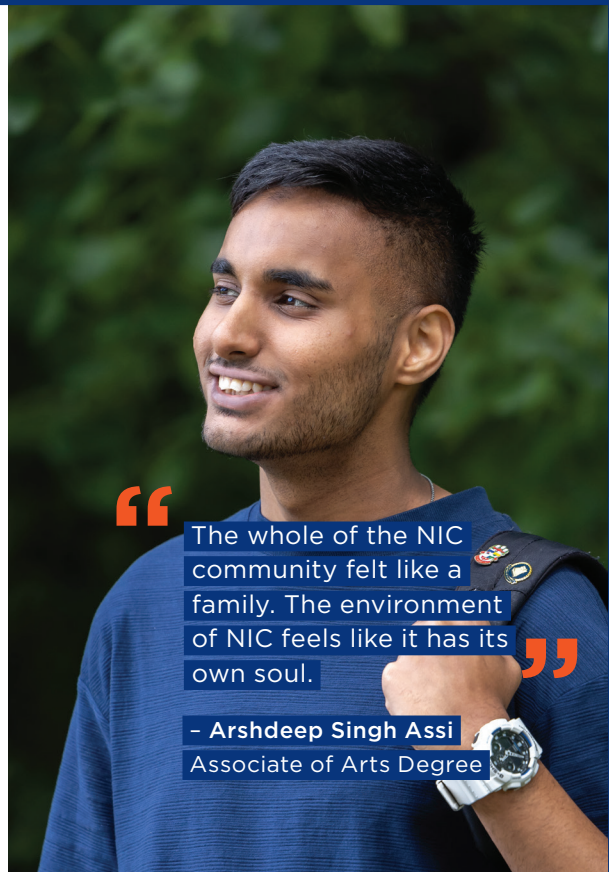
Math, writing and research supports



Supports for learning disabilities



Course-specific peer tutoring



“

The whole of the NIC community felt like a family. The environment of NIC feels like it has its own soul.

”

- Arshdeep Singh Assi  
Associate of Arts Degree

# CHOOSE YOUR PROGRAM

Students in associate degree or select diploma programs will complete up to 20 courses (about 60 credits) in first and second-year university levels. You can continue your studies by transferring to universities directly after graduating from NIC.



## Associate of Arts Degree majors:

English, French, Spanish, anthropology, economics, environmental studies, fine arts, Indigenous studies, geography, history, Latin American studies, liberal studies, philosophy, political science, psychology, sociology, women's studies, criminology and social work

## Associate of Science Degree majors:

Astronomy, biochemistry, molecular biology, microbiology, biology, chemistry, computer sciences/studies, earth and ocean sciences, environmental sciences, mathematics, physics, psychology and statistics

## Engineering Foundation Certificate majors:

Biomedical engineering, civil engineering, computer engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering and software engineering

# TRANSFER SMOOTHLY

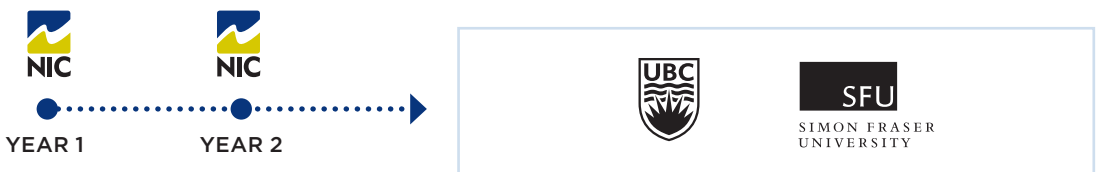
## WITH GUARANTEED ADMISSION

Take advantage of NIC's dual and/or guaranteed admission agreements with BC universities to make your transfer smooth and hassle-free!



## WITH GENERAL TRANSFER AGREEMENT

You can also transfer your credits to other universities in BC and elsewhere in Canada.



# COMPLETE YOUR ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR DIPLOMA FIRST

**Not ready for a four-year degree?** Complete an associate degree or diploma at NIC and take advantage of the Post Graduation Work Permit Program (PGWPP). Credits earned can be applied towards a future degree.

# FIND YOUR PROGRAM

**CV** = Comox Valley Campus | **CR** = Campbell River Campus | **PA** = Port Alberni Campus  
**CO-OP** = programs with work-related components such as co-op, practicum and work-integrated learning  
**LE** = Limited Entry programs require higher English proficiency for admission.  
 See English Requirements section for details.

AREAS OF STUDY	LENGTH	INTAKES			CAMPUS CV/CR/PA	CO-OP	LE	ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS	EST. COST PER YEAR (CAD \$)
		SEP	JAN	MAY					
<b>ARTS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - UNIVERSITY DEGREE TRANSFER</b>									
Associate of Arts Degree	2 YEARS	Sep	Jan	May	CV			Math 11	\$16,500
Associate of Science Degree	2 YEARS	Sep			CV			Math 12, Grade 12 Sciences	\$16,500
Engineering Foundation Certificate	1-2 YEARS	Sep			CV			Math 12, Chemistry 12, Physics 12	\$18,500
Criminology Diploma	2 YEARS	Sep			CV			Math 11	\$16,500
Island Pre-Health Science Advanced Diploma	3 YEARS	Sep			CV		✓	IELTS 6.0, Relevant Math and Science,	Need
University of Victoria Guaranteed Admission *Jan/May intake not available for science students	2 YEARS	Sep	Jan*	May*	CV			Relevant Math and Sciences	\$16,500
Vancouver Island University Dual Admission *Jan intake not available for science students	2 YEARS	Sep	Jan*		CV				\$16,500
<b>BUSINESS</b>									
Business Administration Certificate	1 YEAR	Sep	Jan	May	CV			Math 11	\$16,500
Business Administration Diploma - Accounting, Marketing and Management	2 YEARS	Sep	Jan	May	CV	✓			\$16,500
Bachelor of Business Administration - Accounting, Marketing and Management	4 YEARS	Sep	Jan	May	CV	✓			\$16,500
<b>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES</b>									
Early Childhood Care and Education - Infant Toddler Specialization	2 YEARS	Sep			CR/PA	✓	✓	IELTS 6.0 all bands, Requisite Skills and Abilities documents	\$17,200
Human Services - Educational Assistant/ Community Support Certificate	1 YEAR	Sep			CV	✓	✓		\$18,500
Health Care Assistant Certificate/ Community Mental Health Worker Certificate	2 YEARS	Sep			CV	✓	✓		\$17,500
Human Services Diploma (Year 2)	1 YEAR	Sep			CV	✓	✓		\$20,000
Social Service Diploma	2 YEARS	Sep			CV	✓	✓		\$19,000
<b>TRADES AND TECHNICAL</b>									
Instrumentation and Electrical Automation Technician Diploma	2 YEARS	Sep			CR	✓	✓	IELTS 6.0 all bands, Math 11	\$17,500
Coastal Forest Technology Diploma	2 YEARS	Sep			CR	✓	✓		\$17,500
Furniture Design and Joinery Certificate	1 YEAR	Sep			PA	✓	✓		\$17,500
<b>TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY</b>									
<b>ADVENTURE GUIDING</b>									
Adventure Guiding Certificate	1 YEAR	Sep			CV	✓	✓	IELTS 6.0 all bands, Math 11	\$19,500
Tourism and Hospitality Management Diploma - Adventure Guiding Option	2 YEARS	Sep			CV	✓	✓		\$23,000 (yr. 1) \$18,500 (yr. 2)
<b>CULINARY ARTS</b>									
Culinary Business Operations Certificate	1 YEAR	Sep			CR	✓		Math 10	\$17,800
Culinary Business Operations Diploma	2 YEARS	Sep			CR	✓			\$17,500
<b>TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT</b>									
Tourism and Hospitality Management Certificate - Tourism or Hospitality	1 YEAR	Sep			CV			Math 11	\$18,000
Tourism and Hospitality Management Diploma - Tourism or Hospitality	2 YEARS	Sep			CV	✓			\$21,000



AREAS OF STUDY	LENGTH	INTAKES			CAMPUS CV/CR/PA	D O C U M E N T S	E L E C T R O N I C	ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS	EST. COST PER YEAR (CAD \$)
		SEP	JAN	MAY					
<b>VISUAL ART, DESIGN &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b>									
<b>FINE ART</b>									
Fine Arts Diploma	2 YEARS	Sep			CV				\$17,000
Metal Jewellery Design Certificate	8 MONTHS	Sep			CR				\$16,000
<b>DIGITAL DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT</b>									
Android Mobile Application Development Certificate	1 YEAR	Sep			CV				\$16,500
Web Design Fundamentals Certificate	1 YEAR	Sep			CV				\$16,500
Web and Mobile Application Development Diploma	2 YEARS	Sep			CV	✓			\$16,500
Communication Design Diploma - Design and Media - Design and Development	2 YEARS	Sep			CV	✓			\$16,500
	2 YEARS	Sep			CV	✓			\$16,500
Advanced Digital Design and Development Diploma - Development stream - Design stream	3 YEARS	Sep			CV	✓			\$16,500
	3 YEARS	Sep			CV	✓			\$16,500

# ENTRANCE AWARDS

**English Proficiency**  
\$500 - \$1,500

**Language Pathway Schools**  
\$1,000

**High School (SD70, 71, 72)**  
\$1,000 - \$2,000

**Region and Program-specific**  
\$500 - \$2,000

After enrolment, International students are also eligible to apply for many awards and bursaries.

# IMPORTANT DATES

INTAKE	JANUARY 2025	MAY 2025	SEPTEMBER 2025	JANUARY 2026
Applications Open	OPEN	OPEN	Oct 1, 2024	Oct 1, 2024
Application Deadline (Offshore)	Aug 31, 2024	Dec 31, 2024	April 30, 2025	Aug 15, 2025
Study Permit Deadline	Dec 19, 2025	April 17, 2025	Aug 7, 2025	Dec 18, 2025
First Day of Class	Jan 6, 2025	May 5, 2025	Sept 2, 2025	Jan 5, 2026

Offshore international applicants to NIC are required to meet the above deadlines. For international applicants who are already in Canada with a valid study permit, alternate dates may apply.

Applications may close without notice if programs are full. Prospective students are encouraged to submit their application as soon as the application window opens.

# STEP BY STEP APPLICATION

- 1 Choose your program and check admissions requirements and the application deadline
- 2 Apply online for the program of your choice
- 3 Make the deposit payment and receive your letter of acceptance
- 4 Apply for your study permit

## Do I need an agent?

If you are from India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Philippines, Nepal, Sri Lanka or Nigeria, you are required to work with an NIC authorized agent. To find an agent, visit [international.nic.bc.ca](http://international.nic.bc.ca)

# ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

## General admission requirements for international applicants:

- A passport that is valid until the end of your scheduled program
- High School Graduation or equivalent (include transcripts and graduation diploma)
- IELTS 6.0 or equivalent (Some programs may require higher IELTS scores. See Admission Requirements for more information at [nic.bc.ca/international](http://nic.bc.ca/international))

## Math requirements:

Students who do not meet math requirements to enter their chosen programs are offered to complete a free math assessment after the deposit payment is made.

## Science requirements:

Students entering the Associate of Science or Engineering Foundation programs are required to have completed courses equivalent to grade 12 math and science. If you do not have the required courses/grades, you may enter NIC's Associate degree program and upgrade your math and science.

# ENGLISH REQUIREMENTS\*

BC CURRICULUM	ACADEMIC IELTS	TOEFL IBT	CAEL	PTE ACADEMIC	CAMBRIDGE ASSESSMENT C1 ADVANCED	DUOLINGO ENGLISH TEST
OPEN ENTRY PROGRAMS						
English 12 C	6.0 Overall All sections 5.5 minimum	80 No subsection below 19	60 and Writing 60	54 Overall No component less than 46	174 overall with no sub- score less than 165	105 Overall All sections 95 minimum
LIMITED ENTRY PROGRAMS						
English 12 with C+	6.0 overall 6.0 Section minimum	83 No subsection below 20	60 and Writing 60	54 Overall No component less than 50	174 overall with no sub- score less than 169	110 Overall All sections 100 minimum

\*For curriculum-based English language requirements, visit [nic.bc.ca/international](http://nic.bc.ca/international).

## Improve your English first

Apply to our language pathway schools and NIC at the same time to gain guaranteed admission into NIC's academic programs. Upon successful completion of required courses at one of our language pathway partners, you can smoothly transition into your program.



GV6 Level with minimum 80% average grade and minimum 80% attendance



A1 completion with B or higher



PW3.2 completion (level 15)



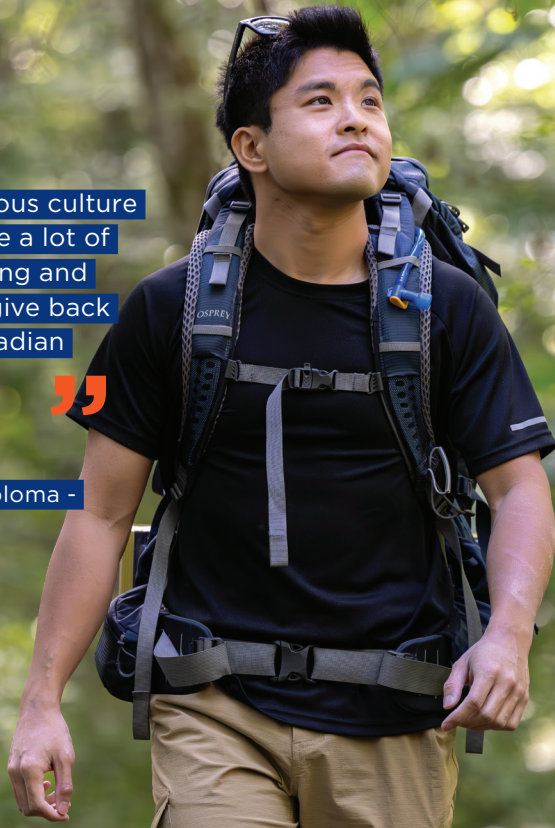
EPE certificate with minimum coursework grade of 70% at SSLC



The exposure to indigenous culture in my program taught me a lot of valuable knowledge. Living and learning here, I want to give back and spread the true Canadian hospitality.



- Ben Ho  
Tourism and Hospitality Diploma -  
Adventure Guiding



## CONTACT US

### Country-specific questions:

Southeast Asia: [seasia@nic.bc.ca](mailto:seasia@nic.bc.ca)  
LATAM and Caribbean: [americas@nic.bc.ca](mailto:americas@nic.bc.ca)  
India, Nepal, Sri Lanka: [india@nic.bc.ca](mailto:india@nic.bc.ca)  
Pakistan and Bangladesh: [southasia@nic.bc.ca](mailto:southasia@nic.bc.ca)

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[nic.bc.ca/international](http://nic.bc.ca/international)

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