



Health Care Assistant & Community Mental Health Support Worker Special Two-year International Cohort Information

This special offering combines two key certificate programs in Health and Human Services: 1-year Health Care Assistant (HCA) and 1-year Community Mental Health Worker (CMHW). This special offering is designed specifically for international students and scheduled differently from domestic programming.

Graduates of this 2-year cohort will be qualified to work in a diverse range of frontline health care settings. HCAs are respected members of a health care team, and provide hands-on support to clients, with the direction and supervision of Licensed Practical Nurses, Registered Nurses, and other health professionals. CMHWs provide crucial support to individuals with mental health challenges. Demand for HCAs and CMHWs in the Canadian job market is high.

Intake & Campus

Fall (September) 2024 at Comox Valley campus (St. Joe's campus)

Admission Requirements for International Applicants

- High school graduation or equivalent
- Minimum English Proficiency Requirement (see [Admission requirement page](#) or contact us at study@nic.bc.ca for questions specific to your situation)
- Completed [English Competency Self-Declaration form](#)
- Completed [HCA Intake Package](#)

Deposit

\$10,000 CAD will be required at the time of admission. Remaining fees are due in subsequent terms.

Fees

Below are the estimates for the fees. Book costs are separate and available by course through the NIC book search.

	Tuition	Mandatory fees	Extended Health	Guard.Me	Total
Health Care Assistant Certificate (Year 1)					
Year 1	\$14,904.60	\$1,309.12	\$285.00	\$175.50	\$16,949.22
Community Mental Health Worker Certificate (Year 2)*					
Year 2	\$14,407.78	\$1,382.08	\$285.00	0	\$15,965.36

*Year 2 fees are subject to change without notice

Cohort Schedule

Health Care Assistant Certificate (Year 1):

Term 1 (Sep 2024 - Feb 2025)	Term 2 (Feb 2025 - Apr 2025)
HCA 100 Concepts for Practice	HCA 125 Cognitive and/or Mental Health Challenges
HCA 110 Lifestyle and Choices	HCA 130 Introduction to HCA
HCA 105 Interpersonal Communications	HCA 140 Practice Experience in Multi-level and/or Complex Care 1
HCA 115 Common Health Challenges	HCA 150 Practice Experience in Multi-level and/or



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	Complex Care 2
HCA 120 Personal Care and Assistance	HCA 145 Practice Experience in Home Support, Assisted Living, and/or Group Home setting

Community Mental Health Worker Certificate (Year 2):

Term 3 (Sep 2025 - Dec 2025)	Term 4 (Jan 2026 - Apr 2026)
CHM 160 Cultural Dimensions of Community Wellness	CHM 170 Recovery in Mental Health
CHM 150 Concepts for Mental Health Practice I	CHM 175 Therapeutic Relationships in Mental Health
CHM 165 Concepts for Mental Health Practice II	CHM 180 Clinical Practice I for CMHW's
ENG 115 Essay Writing and Critical Analysis	CHM 185 Clinical Practice II for CMHW's

Additional Information

- Once accepted to the program, you must complete post-admission requirements. The detailed information will be provided to you after the deposit payment.
- A student who has failed a course in a term will not be eligible to continue to the subsequent term. However, a student may re-apply to re-enter the program in the subsequent intake dependent on seat and intake availability and any conditions as outlined upon the student's withdrawal from the program.
- For questions about this special cohort, please contact us at study@nic.bc.ca