Programs at a glance

2027/28 Academic year

DOMESTIC STUDENTS

NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE

NIC



ƛ̓uuḥaaʔateʔicuu
Nuu-chah-nulth

Ǧəlakasla
Liq’wala

Gilakas’la
Kwak’wala

čɛčɛhaθɛč
Ayajuthem

The above words mean ‘welcome’ in the four languages of the Nuu-chah-nulth, Kwakwaka’wakw, Liǧʷiɬdaxʷ and Coast Salish peoples.

Where you learn matters

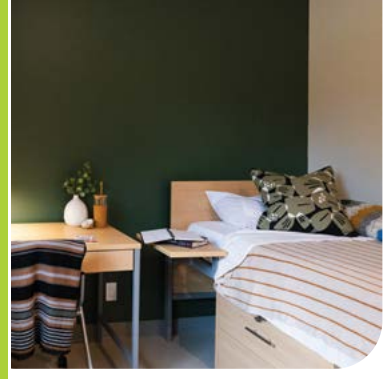
Small classes, real-world learning and a place where possibilities grow.

Priority Indigenous admission

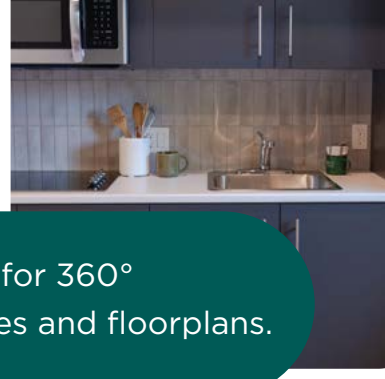
$1M in student awards and bursaries

18:1 student to faculty ratio

Flexible program pathways







Scan for 360° images and floorplans.

Student housing at tul'al'txw

Whether you're here for a semester or a full degree, you can choose from a variety of unit types at tul'al'txw on the Comox Valley campus.

nic.bc.ca/housing

Common areas feature:

- Lounges, kitchens and study spaces
- On-site laundry and secure storage
- Playground, gardens and courtyard
- Cultural, spiritual and wellness spaces
- qatᶿɛnxʷɛgəs gathering place

Indigenous students, current and former youth in care and students taking more than nine credits receive priority access.

Rental rates

All suites have kitchens and bathrooms. Rates include all utilities, high-speed Wi-Fi and more.

UNIT	SIZE	MONTHLY RENT*
Nano	183 ft²	$1,150
Studio	240 ft²	$1,650
Double	870 ft²	$1,200 (per person)
Quad	947 ft²	$980 (per person)
Family	870 ft²	$2,200

** Based on a 30-day month. Rates are based on the 2026-27 academic year and are subject to change*



Campuses

Study at one of four naturally extraordinary locations on Vancouver Island, BC.

nic.bc.ca/campuses

NIC campuses are located on the traditional territories of the combined 35 First Nations of the Nuu-chah-nulth, Kwakwaka'wakw and Coast Salish traditions.

Programs and pathways

nic.bc.ca/programs

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Program types

LE Limited-entry
Programs have a set number of seats. Admission is based on requirements and additional factors such as grades, references or test scores.

UL Unlimited-entry
Programs admit all qualified applicants, usually on a first-come, first-served basis (course section waitlists may apply).

Locations

CR Campbell River
CV Comox Valley
MX Mixalakwila
PA Port Alberni
ON Online

Starts

FA Fall (Sept.) start
WI Winter (Jan.) start
SP Spring (May) start
SU Summer (May) start

Estimated program cost

Average tuition and fees by credential, based on a full course load per academic year.

CREDENTIAL	LENGTH	COST*
Certificate	1 year	$4,523
Diploma	2 years	$9,660
Associate Degree	2 years	$9,567
Advanced Diploma	3 years	$15,540
Bachelor's Degree	4 years	$19,157

Based on approved 2026-27 tuition and fees. Books and supplies not included. Rates are subject to change annually. The most up-to-date program information is available at **nic.bc.ca.*

Business administration

Program and requirements	Length	Starts	Type		Tuition
Office Assistant 1 Certificate • Eng 12 C, Math 10 C	1 YR	FA	UL	ON	$2,125
Business Administration Certificate • Eng 12 C+, Found of Math 11 C+	1 YR	FA, WI	UL	CV, ON	$4,160
Business Administration Diploma *(Accounting, Management)* • Eng 12 C+, Found of Math 11 C+	2 YRS	FA, WI	UL	CV	$9,170
Bachelor of Business Administration *(Accounting, Management)* • Eng 12 C+, Found of Math 11 C+	4 YRS	FA, WI	UL	CV	$18,240 to $18,630
Business Administration Post Graduate Diploma - Accounting • 3 YR bachelor's degree, Eng 12 C+, Found of Math 11 C+, NIC Bus 100	2 YRS	FA, WI	UL	CV	$7,755

Culinary arts

Program and requirements	Length	Starts	Type		Tuition
Professional Cook 1 (Institutional Entry) • Eng 10 C, Math 10 C or FSK 030, high school grad preferred, or Culinary Arts Assmt and FoodSafe 1	28 WKS	FA, WI	LE	CR, PA	$3,280
Professional Cook 2 (Institutional Entry) • Pro Cook 1 and required workplace hours	14 WKS	WI	LE	CR	$1,340
Professional Cook 3 (Institutional Entry) • Pro Cook 2 and required workplace hours	6 WKS	FA	LE	CR	$905
Culinary Business Operations Certificate • Eng 10 C, Math 10 C or FSK 030, high school grad preferred, FoodSafe 1 or Culinary Arts Assmt and FoodSafe 1	1 YR	FA	LE	CR	$7,395

Digital design and development

Program and requirements	Length	Starts	Type		Tuition
Communication Design Diploma - Design and Media • Math 10 C+ or equivalent, Eng 12 C or equivalent	2 YRS	FA	UL	CV, CR	$9,205
Communication Design Diploma - Design and Development • Math 10 C+ or equivalent, Eng 12 C or equivalent	2 YRS	FA	UL	CV, CR	$9,205

Early childhood care and education

Program and requirements	Length	Starts	Type		Tuition
Early Childhood Care and Education Certificate • Eng 12 C, RSA doc	1 YR	FA	LE	CV, PA	$4,745
Early Childhood Care and Education Diploma • ECCE Cert (1 yr)	1 YR	FA	LE	CV, PA	$3,250

Health care

Program and requirements	Length	Starts	Type		Tuition
Health Care Assistant Certificate • Eng Competency Self-Declaration, HCA Intake Pkg, Eng 10 C	1 YR	FA	LE	CV, CR, PA	$4,160
Access to Practical Nursing Pathway • High school grad, Eng 12 C+, Math 11 C, Bio 12 C, Bio 159 C+, Decl of Eng Language, RSA Prog Bulletin, BC HCA Cert, 600 hrs work experience	22 WKS	FA (2028)	LE	CV	$5,305
Practical Nursing Diploma • High school grad, Eng 12 C+, Math 11 C, Bio 12 C, Bio 159 C+, Decl of Eng Language, RSA Prog Bulletin, BC HCA Cert, 600 hrs work experience	2 YRS	FA	LE	CV, CR, MX, PA	$14,525
Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree • High school grad, Bio 12 C+, Che 11 C+, Eng 12 C+, Princ of Math 11 C+, Casper Test, Selective admission process	4 YRS	FA	LE	CV	$21,455

Human services and community support

Program and requirements	Length	Starts	Type		Tuition
Activity Assistant Certificate • HCA Cert, HS/RCA Cert, or equivalent	4 MTS	FA, WI, SP	LE	ON	$3,420
Animal Care Aide Certificate • Eng 11 C or equivalent, Math 11 C	7 MTS	FA	LE	CV	$3,005
Educational Assistant and Community Support Certificate • Eng 12 C+ or equivalent, HS-RSA form, letter of intent	1 YR	FA	LE	CV, PA	$4,695
Social Service Diploma • Eng 12 C+ or equivalent	2 YRS	FA	LE	CV	$9,580

Indigenous studies

Program and requirements	Length	Starts	Type		Tuition
Indigenous Leadership Certificate • Eng 12 C or equivalent	1.5 YRS	Subject to funding	LE	ON	$4,925
Awi'nakola Program • Course pre-requisites may apply	4 MTS/ COURSE	FA, WI	N/A	MX	VARIES
Indigenous Language Fluency Certificate • Eng 12 C or equivalent	1 YR	Subject to funding	LE	VARIES	$6,600
Indigenous Languages *(Kwak'wala, Nuu-chah-nulth, Ayajuthem)* • Course pre-requisites may apply	4 MTS/ COURSE	FA, WI, SP	N/A	VARIES	VARIES

Industrial automation and manufacturing

Program and requirements	Length	Starts	Type		Tuition
Instrumentation and Electrical Automation Technician Diploma • Eng 12 C, Found of Math 11 C, Phy 12 recommended, high school grad preferred	2 YRS	TBC	LE	CR	$10,540

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Trades apprenticeship

Must be a registered apprentice and employer-sponsored. Trades apprenticeship start dates vary and can be found online at **nic.bc.ca**.

Program	Length	Type		Tuition
Automotive Service Technician Apprenticeship Harmonized	7 WKS/LVL	LE	CR	$845/ LVL
Carpentry Apprenticeship Harmonized	7 WKS/LVL	LE	CV	$845/ LVL
Electrician Apprenticeship Harmonized	10 WKS/LVL	LE	CR	$1,215/ LVL
Heavy Mechanical Trades Apprenticeship	5-10 WKS/LVL	LE	CR	$1,215/ LVL
Plumber Apprenticeship Harmonized	7-8 WKS/LVL	LE	CV	$845/ LVL
Welder Apprenticeship Harmonized	8-10 WKS/LVL	LE	CR, PA	$955/ LVL
Welding Level B	16 WKS	LE	CR, PA	$1,895
Welding Level A	8 WKS	LE	CR, PA	$950

Trades foundation

Program and requirements	Length	Starts	Type		Tuition
Automotive Service Technician Foundation Harmonized Certificate • Eng 10 C, Math 10 C or FSK 030	30 WKS	FA, WI	LE	CR, PA	$3,480
Carpentry Foundation Harmonized Certificate • Eng 10 C, Math 10 C or FSK 030, high school grad preferred	24 WKS	WI	LE	CV	$3,975
Electrician Foundation Harmonized Certificate • Eng 11 C+, Found of Math 11 C+, high school grad preferred	24 WKS	WI	LE	CR	$2,980
Heavy Mechanical Trades Foundation Certificate • Eng 10 C, Math 10 C or FSK 030, high school grad preferred	36 WKS	FA, WI	LE	CR	$5,310
Plumbing and Piping Trades Foundation Harmonized Certificate • Eng 10 C, Math 10 C or FSK 030, high school grad preferred	24 WKS	FA, WI	LE	CV	$3,410
Welder Foundation Harmonized Certificate • Eng 10 C, Math 10 C or FSK 030, high school grad preferred	36 WKS	FA, WI	LE	CR, PA	$3,655

University arts and sciences

Program and requirements	Length	Starts	Type		Tuition
Associate of Arts Degree • Eng 12 C*	2 YRS	FA, WI	UL	CV	$9,480
Associate of Science Degree • Eng 12 C*	2 YRS	FA	UL	CV	$9,655
Criminology Diploma • Eng 12 C, Math 10 C+	2 YRS	FA, WI	UL	CV	$8,290
Engineering Foundations Certificate • Pre-calc 12 C+, Eng 12 C+*	1 YR	FA	UL	CV	$5,750
Health Science Diploma • Eng 12 C, Pre-Calc 12 C+, Phy 11 C*	2 YRS	FA	LE	CV	$8,835
Island Pre-Health Science Advanced Diploma • Eng 12 C, Pre-Calc 12 C+, Chem 12 C+, Bio 12 C+, Phy 11 C, Supplementary intake form, two references	3 YRS	FA	LE	CV	$15,540
University Studies General • No formal program admission requirements*	4 MTS/ COURSE	FA, WI, SP, SU	UL	CV, CR	~$400/ COURSE

*Courses may have specific pre-requisites

University transfer agreements

Program and requirements	Length	Starts	Type		Tuition
University of Victoria - Dual Admission • Apply by paper application in Grade 12 by Jan. 31. High school transcripts required.	4 MTS/ COURSE	FA	UL	CV	~$400/ COURSE
Vancouver Island University Dual Admission • VIU general admission requirements	4 MTS/ COURSE	FA	UL	CV	~$400/ COURSE

Upgrading

Program and requirements	Length	Starts	Type		Tuition
Adult Basic Education • Courses may have specific pre-requisites	4 MTS/ COURSE	FA, WI, SP	UL	VARIES	$0
BC Adult Graduation Diploma • Courses may have specific pre-requisites	4 MTS/ COURSE	FA, WI, SP, SU	UL	VARIES	$0

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A sea of opportunity

We're dedicated to helping you achieve your education goals — inside the classroom and beyond.

Accessible education and training

Supportive learning and job-ready skills for students with diverse abilities.

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Assessments and testing

Have your skills assessed to meet admission requirements, earn credit for prior learning and access exam invigilation.

nic.bc.ca/assessment

Continuing Education and Training

Industry-focused training and professional learning designed to help you grow, adapt and succeed in a changing world.

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High school dual credit

Start your program in Grade 11 or 12. Talk to your high school counselor – your tuition may be covered.

nic.bc.ca/dual-credit

Indigenous learning and connection

Culturally grounded education, student supports and gathering places.

nic.bc.ca/indigenous-supports

Research and innovation

Engage in community-based research through NIC's Centre for Applied Research, Technology and Innovation (CARTI).

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Study abroad

Travel the world while paying NIC tuition on a short field school or longer-term exchange.

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Tuition-free upgrading

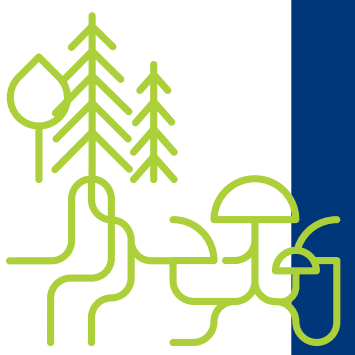
Earn your high school diploma or upgrade to meet the admission requirements for your program of choice.

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Work-integrated learning

Gain work experience and academic credit through co-op or internship.

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Supports and services

- Accessible learning services
- Counselling
- Education and financial aid advising
- Indigenous navigators and Elders in Residence
- North Island Students' Union
- On-campus childcare (Campbell River, Comox Valley)
- Peer tutoring
- Study and research support

nic.bc.ca/supports



Next steps

Your journey to becoming a student at NIC.

Applications open each October for the next academic year. Seats in many programs are limited and fill early. The sooner you apply, the better your chances of securing a seat.

Steps to apply

1. Find and choose your program at **nic.bc.ca/programs**.
2. Apply online at **educationplannerbc.ca**.
3. Set up your myNIC student portal account. Login details will be sent by email after you apply.
4. Submit your transcripts through the Ministry of Education.
5. Accept your offer of admission and pay your deposit via myNIC or Student Services.

nic.bc.ca/apply

BC Transfer Guide

Learn how NIC programs and courses can transfer across BC. **bctransferguide.ca**

Application deadlines

PROGRAM TYPE	DEADLINE
Limited entry	FA: Aug. 20, 2027 WI: Dec. 17, 2027
Unlimited entry	FA: Sept. 1, 2027 WI: Jan. 1, 2028 SP/SU: May 1, 2028
BSN Degree	FA: Feb. 28, 2027
UVic Dual Admission	FA: Jan. 31, 2027



Connect with the Future Students team to get started.

We're with you on the journey

Choosing what comes next is a big decision. You don't have to figure it out alone.

Let's connect

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