NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE

NIC

RESOURCE GUIDEBOOK

Student Life



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

How to use this guide

This booklet highlights key supports and services available to you at NIC. If you are unsure where to start, Early Assist (page 13) can help connect you to the right supports.

Learning strategies and student supports

We're here to help. As an NIC student, you can connect with a range of services to support your academic success and well-being.



Student Life

More than a college—it's a community

At NIC, we foster a safe, inclusive, and vibrant campus culture where every student belongs. We are committed to providing accessible, inclusive, and person-centred supports that meet diverse student needs. Whether you're seeking academic support, cultural connection, or ways to get involved, we're here to help you thrive.

How we support you:

- **Orientation and events** – Start your journey with welcome activities and cultural celebrations to connect you with peers and resources.
- **Academic and wellness support** – Access Early Assist, Healthy Trades, peer connections and wellness programs.
- **Opportunities** – Grow your skills through leadership roles and volunteer opportunities.
- **On-campus jobs and recreation** – Gain work experience and get involved with events and activities hosted by Student Life.

Get involved!
Email: studentlife@nic.bc.ca

Your rights and responsibilities

As part of the NIC community, you can expect a welcoming, respectful and safe environment.

In return, you are responsible for respecting the rights of others and following our college's policies and procedures.

This might look like:

- Respecting diverse perspectives and cultural traditions
- Engaging with kindness and openness
- Contributing to a positive campus culture

Learn more: Student rights and responsibilities



Advising

Academic, financial aid, Indigenous education, and international student advisors are available to help you:

- plan your program and course selection
- make changes to your program or courses
- understand financial aid options
- navigate institutional processes

Advisors are available by phone, online (Teams), or in person.

Connect with advising:

- **Email:** advising@nic.bc.ca
- **Phone:** 250-334-5303

Financial aid-specific inquiries
Email: financialaid@nic.bc.ca

Book appointments through the myNIC student portal

International student advising

International Student Advisors provide specialized support on:

- medical insurance
- immigration-related matters (study permit extensions, co-op and post-graduation work permits, visas, and off-campus work eligibility)

Email International Student Advising:
isa@nic.bc.ca

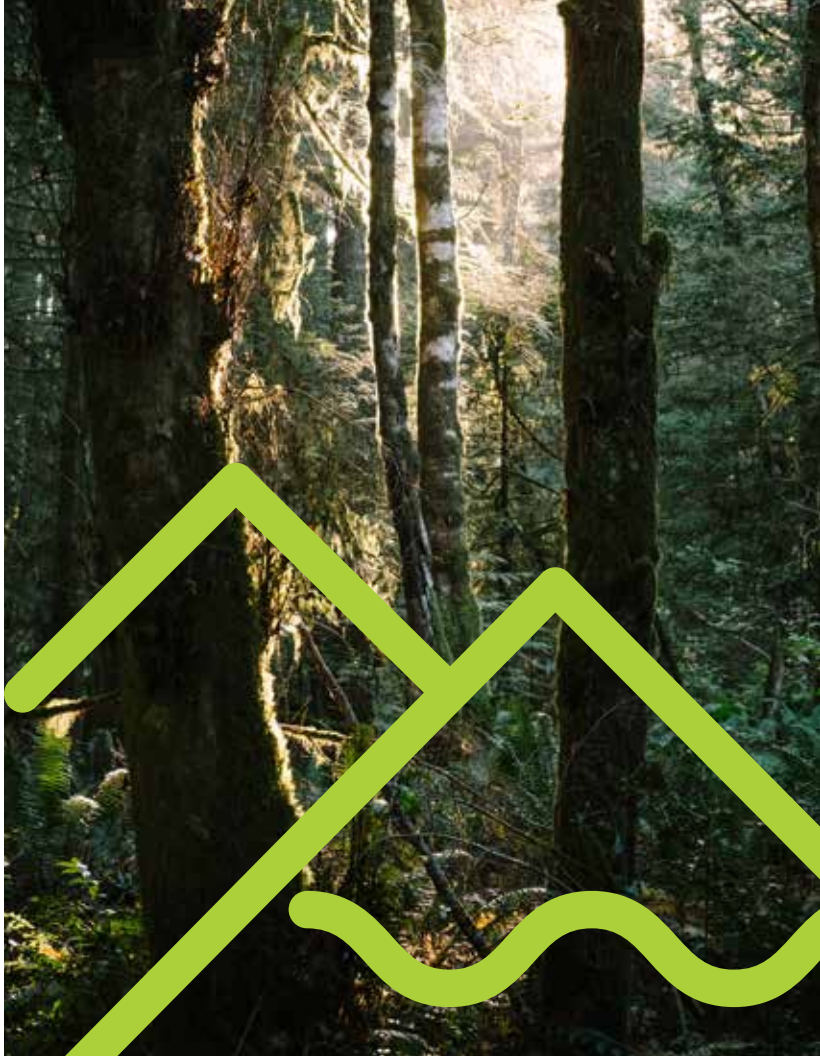


Counselling

Counselling services support your personal, academic, and mental health needs. Counsellors offer short-term counselling and coaching for:

- stress and mental health
- personal challenges
- study skills and learning strategies
- conflict resolution

Appointments are available in person, by phone or online: nic.bc.ca/counselling



Sexualized violence support

North Island College is committed to fostering a safe and respectful learning environment, free from sexualized violence. Confidential, trauma-informed support and reporting options are available for students.

For immediate help: Call 911

For 24/7 Crisis Support
Vancouver Island Crisis Line: 1-888-494-3888
KUU-US Crisis Line Society: 1-800-588-8717

Report or seek support: NIC Sexualized Violence Support

Early assist

Early Assist is a confidential service that connects you with academic, personal, financial, and well-being supports. You can self-refer or be referred by staff or faculty.

To book an appointment:

- **Submit a referral**
- **Email:** earlyassist@nic.bc.ca

Learn more:





Healthy trades

Healthy Trades supports trades students' mental health and success by connecting them to campus supports and resources, while offering drop-in support, workshops, and leadership opportunities.

Email: healthytrades@nic.bc.ca

SELF-HELP AND CRISIS LINES (24/7)

If you are in distress, please reach out for support.

- **Vancouver Island Crisis Line:** 1-888-494-3888 (Available to students located on Vancouver Island only)
- **Suicide Crisis Helpline:** Call or text 9-8-8 for a safe space to talk (Available to students located in Canada)
- **Here2Talk:** Counselling support for post-secondary students: 1-877-857-3397 (Available to students located in Canada and offshore)
- **Trans Lifeline:** 1-877-330-6366 Support and resources we need to survive and thrive (Available to students located in Canada)
- **BC 211:** Full list of community services available across BC. Dial 2-1-1 on BC cellphone (Available to students located in BC only)

Department of Accessible Learning Services (DALS)

If you have a temporary or permanent disability or medical condition, DALS can help you access accommodations and supports.



Learn more or book online:

Indigenous student supports

Elders in Residence provide cultural support and guidance for all students.

Email: elders@nic.bc.ca

Indigenous Education Navigators can support with:

- educational planning
- emergency funding
- funding through Indigenous sponsorship organizations
- connecting to campus and community resources

Book appointments using NIC's online form.

Email: indigenousnavigators@nic.bc.ca

The Gathering Places are sacred spaces that support Indigenous cultural expression and reflect NIC's commitment to Indigenization. They offer respectful places for learning, ceremony and coming together.

- Q̓ə pix ʔidaʔas - Campbell River Campus
- qatᶿɛnxʷɛgəs - Comox Valley Campus
- ʔUucinʔMaʔus - Port Alberni Campus

Indigenous Student Lounges are available for Indigenous students on each campus.

- Campbell River Indigenous Student Lounge: Room C240B
- Comox Valley Indigenous Student Lounge: Discovery Hall Room 218
- Port Alberni Indigenous Student Lounge: Room N104



Additional 24/7 Indigenous Supports:

- **Hope for Wellness Helpline:** Offers support to all Indigenous people across Canada, 1-855-242-3310

- **KUU-US Crisis Services:** Offers phone support for Indigenous people across BC, 1-800-588-8717

Career Services and Work-Integrated Learning

Get support with:

- resumés and cover letters
- interview preparation
- career planning
- finding employment and co-op opportunities

Access job postings and book appointments through CareerCentral:

Library and Learning Commons (LLC)

The Library and Learning Commons supports your academic success through:

- research help and citation support
- peer tutoring
- writing feedback (WriteAway)
- workshops and study skills sessions
- study room bookings
- technical support

Visit library.nic.bc.ca for more information



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Explore field schools, double degrees, and funded programs.

Email: istudyabroad@nic.bc.ca

Learn more:
nic.bc.ca/study-abroad



tul'al'txw — a place to call home

Student Housing (Comox Valley Campus)

Apply now to live at tul'al'txw, NIC's new Student Housing Commons.

Living on campus connects you to a range of resources, from health and wellness programs to student life activities.

There is a mix of single-occupant and shared-housing units - including dedicated family housing units for students living with dependents or extended family.

Visit: nic.bc.ca/housing

Email: studenthousing@nic.bc.ca







NIC campuses

Campbell River campus



Our campus features advanced trades facilities, but those are just one of many reasons to study here. You'll also find nursing, science and computer labs and a cutting-edge teaching kitchen and bistro. We're also home to the new CARTI Seaweed Innovation Hub.

Comox Valley campus



Our largest campus has a wide range of program options, as well as student housing to support you as you live and learn in the vibrant Comox Valley. The campus is also expanding with a Centre for Early Learning coming soon.

Port Alberni campus



Located in the growing Vancouver Island hub of Port Alberni, this campus includes a versatile mix of programming to serve the region. In addition to the main campus on Roger Street, students pursuing trades training can also access the nearby Tebo Vocational Centre.

Mixalakwila campus

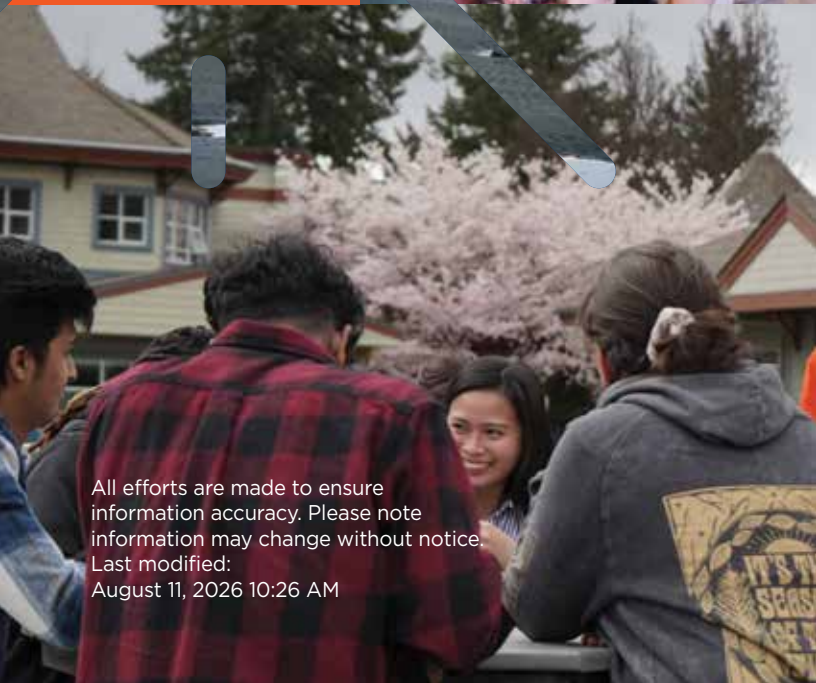


Our northern-most campus serves students in Port Hardy and beyond. Study options include upgrading, health care, land-based learning and more.

Visit: nic.bc.ca/campuses







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