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Web address	<p>www.okanagan.bc.ca</p>

INSTITUTION INFORMATION

<p>Program highlights</p>	<p>Okanagan College offers over 120 programs across various faculties, including business, university studies in arts and science, health and social development, technologies, trades, continuing studies, and more. The college is B.C.'s second-largest trades training institution, offering a wide range of programs including aircraft maintenance engineer – mechanical and structures, collision repair, carpentry, electrical, motor vehicle trades, mechanical building trades, and welding. OC excels in region-specific programs tied to the Okanagan Valley's strengths, including Culinary and Pastry Arts, Tourism & Hospitality, and Viticulture and Wine Studies, which reflects the valley's rich viticultural culture.</p>
<p>Student population</p>	<p>15,900+ students attend OC each year. 7,988 full-time equivalent students. 1,515 Indigenous students. 18 students make up the average class size.</p>
<p>Co-op programs</p>	<p>Careers Hub https://www.okanagan.bc.ca/careers-hub</p> <p>Business Diploma, Computer Information Systems Diploma and Degree Technology Diplomas: Mechanical Engineering Civil Engineering Infrastructure and Computing Electronic Engineering Water Engineering Animation Diploma Kinesiology Diploma</p> <p>Programs with Mandatory Co-op work terms are: Culinary Arts Certificate & Management Diploma Pastry Arts Certificate Tourism Management Diploma</p>

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

<p>Minimum Alberta admission requirements</p>	<p>Many programs require English Language Arts 30-1". Some programs have additional requirements or may have lower or higher requirements. Please see https://www.okanagan.bc.ca/office-of-the-registrar/after-you-apply#equivalent and the program you interested in.</p>
<p>Admission requirements online</p>	<p>https://www.okanagan.bc.ca/office-of-the-registrar/after-you-apply</p>
<p>English language proficiency requirements</p>	<p>English is the language of instruction and communication at Okanagan College. All applicants, including Canadian citizens, whose native or primary language is other than English, must demonstrate a command of English sufficient to meet the demands of classroom instruction and written assignments.</p> <p>See individual program listings for specific English requirements.</p>
<p>Minimum admission average</p>	<p>Most Programs are first applied, first qualified. Programs that do not follow this policy are the following.</p> <p>Certified Dental Assistant Certificate As this program generally receives a large number of applications, the following criteria will be used to select the class. By submitting the selection criteria form(s) a student may be offered a seat in the class prior to another applicant with no points, as applicants with the most points get priority. Criteria include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant experience such as 'chairside' dental assisting • Relevant experience as a dental

	<p>receptionist or dental laboratory technician/assistant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of Okanagan College's HLT 092 (Introduction to Dental Assisting) or an equivalent course, See website for more information. <p>Practical Nursing Diploma Applicants will be ranked based on the grade average of the courses satisfying the Alberta equivalent of Grade 11 Math, Grade 12 English, and Grade 12 Biology admission requirements.</p>
<p>Conditional admissions process</p>	<p>Students granted "Conditional Admission", must complete or confirm all of the stated admission requirements by a specific deadline as indicated on their letter or email of admission. The student is cleared to register conditionally.</p> <p>The College recognizes that students may be completing their studies at the time they apply for admission and consequently will not be able to submit their final, official transcript. Grade 12 students must submit an interim statement of all grade 11 and 12 subjects if they are applying for a program with specific admission requirements. If applicants are enrolled in the stated admission requirements, they will be admitted on a conditional basis according to the date on their completed application and statement of marks is received.</p> <p>The conditional status will be removed when the College receives a final, official transcript confirming that all admission requirements have been satisfied. Okanagan College should be</p>

	<p>named as a recipient of the official provincial transcript.</p>
<p>IB credit information</p>	<p>Okanagan College may give credit for International Baccalaureate (IB) programs. Transfer Credit for IB coursework will be assessed on an individual basis.</p> <p>You must apply for transfer credit, which will only be evaluated after you accept your Offer of Admission.</p>
<p>AP credit information</p>	<p>Okanagan College recognizes and gives credit for Advanced Placement (AP) programs. We require an official AP transcript (College Grade Report) to be sent directly to us.</p> <p>You must apply for transfer credit, which will only be evaluated after you accept your Offer of Admission.</p>
<p>Policy on repeated courses</p>	<p>The College always considers the higher grade only.</p>
<p>Policy on summer school, night school, online courses, and correspondence courses</p>	<p>Okanagan College has two summer sessions that run from May to June, and July to August. Depending on the program, there could be the option to take night classes. Okanagan College offers courses synchronously online, through asynchronous distance education, a blend of synchronous and asynchronous, and a mix of in-person and online classes.</p>
<p>Treatment of out-of-province high school courses from schools such as Blyth or MEI</p>	<p>Okanagan College does not have an official policy on the treatment of courses from schools such as Blyth or MEI. For further information, please contact the Admissions Department.</p>
<p>Application deadline</p>	<p>Early application for all programs is strongly</p>

	<p>advised. Okanagan College may cease to accept applications for a given intake or program if the number of applications submitted greatly exceeds enrolment capacity.</p> <p>Practical Nursing Diploma</p> <p><u>Fall Intakes</u> Applications will be accepted starting at 8:30 a.m. on the first business day in October and ending no later than 4:30 p.m. on the last business day in February. Applicants enrolled in Grade 12 or Grade 12 upgrading are required to submit final or interim grades by 4:30 p.m. on the last business day in February.</p> <p><u>Winter Intakes</u> Applications will be accepted starting at 9 a.m. on the first business day in April and ending no later than 4:30 p.m. on the last business day in July. Applicants will be ranked based on the grade average of the courses satisfying the Alberta equivalent of Grade 11 Math, Grade 12 English, and Grade 12 Biology admission requirements. Applicants enrolled in Grade 12 or Grade 12 upgrading are required to submit final or interim grades by 4:30 p.m. on the last business day in July.</p>
Application fee	\$30.00
Timing of offers/grades used	<p>The College recognizes that students may be completing their studies at the time they apply for admission and consequently will not be able to submit their final, official transcript. Grade 12 students must submit an interim statement of all grade 11 and 12 subjects if they are applying for a program with specific admission requirements. If applicants are enrolled in the stated admission requirements, they will be admitted on a conditional basis according to the date on their application and statement of marks is received.</p>

Deferral policy	Deferrals will be assessed on an individual basis.
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RESIDENCE INFORMATION

Residence options	<p>Studio, 2, 4, or 5-bedroom apartments.</p> <p>Penticton: 101 Beds coming Fall 2026.</p> <p>Kelowna: 144 Beds in Skaha Building, 216 in new 6 storey building which opened in Fall 2024.</p> <p>Vernon: 100 beds which opened in Fall 2024</p> <p>Salmon Arm: 60 beds which opened in January 2025.</p>
Residence application deadline	N/A we accept until we are full
Guaranteed residence?	No guaranteed acceptances.
Room deposit fee	There is a non-refundable application fee of \$100 that is a processing fee only and does not guarantee you a room.
Can you apply online?	<p>Kelowna: https://clc.starrezhousing.com/StarRezPortalX/Kelowna</p> <p>Salmon Arm: https://clc.starrezhousing.com/StarRezPortalX/SalmonArm</p> <p>Vernon: https://clc.starrezhousing.com/StarRezPortalX/Vernon</p>

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Scholarship information website	https://www.okanagan.bc.ca/financial-aid-and-awards/awards-scholarships-and-bursaries
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Number of scholarships awarded	About 1 million dollars of awards every year.
Scholarship application deadline	Fall semester: July 1 st – September. 15th Winter semester: December 1 st – February 15th
Decision criteria	Varies by scholarship
Guaranteed scholarship program	None

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Treatment of diploma marks	Okanagan College uses an applicant's final grade mark for assessing their admission requirements.
Transcript requirements	As an applicant, you must ensure that official sealed transcripts are submitted for all institutions attended other than Okanagan College. Transcripts must have been issued within the previous six months. Current and past Okanagan College students and Okanagan University College students are not required to submit Okanagan College or Okanagan University College transcripts. Applicants submitting post-secondary transcripts from within Canada but outside B.C. will be required to submit a \$50 transcript evaluation fee per transcript. The evaluation fee for international transcripts is \$150 per transcript. (This fee is in addition to the application fee.) Failure to list and provide transcripts from all institutions you attended on your application may be considered an intentional omission and will lead to the cancellation of your application for admission or withdrawal of your offer of admission. If you are currently in high school outside of B.C. or the Yukon, you will need to request your interim transcript be sent to the College admissions office for the campus you are applying to. You can request your interim

	<p>transcript from your high school. This can be mailed from your school and/or the Ministry of Education to the College Admissions Office, addressed "Attention: Admissions," to the campus you are applying to by the deadline date indicated on your offer of admission. You will need to contact the Ministry of Education (for your province) and order your transcript to be sent to the College after your final grades have been submitted. You can do this online with most Education Ministries. Search online for the Ministry of Education for your province and review their website to find out how to request a transcript.</p> <p>Transcripts must be mailed in a sealed unopened envelope from the Ministry of Education in order to be accepted as official. They can be sent to the College Admissions Office, addressed "Attention: Admissions," to the campus you are applying to by the deadline date indicated on your offer of admission.</p> <p>Applied to more than one campus? If you have applied to more than one campus, you can submit your official transcripts to any Admissions Office at a campus you applied to. We only need one transcript, each campus doesn't need a copy.</p>
<p>Tuition differentials</p>	<p>Tuition differs for domestic and international students. Some programs vary in tuition cost depending on the campus location. Please refer to each individual program's page for their respective tuition cost.</p>
<p>Treatment of second choice program(s)</p>	<p>A prospective student may apply for admission to one or more programs or one or more start dates (intakes) of the same program in any given semester or term, whether degree, associate degree, diploma or certificate, as described in this Calendar.</p> <p>Okanagan College is a multi-campus institution, and many programs are offered at more than</p>

	<p>one campus. However, not all programs are offered at all campuses. A student may apply for admission to a given program at more than one campus location if this option is available on the online application. Some programs do not allow students to apply to the same program at multiple campuses in the same term such as the Practical Nursing Diploma and the Human Service Work Diploma.</p> <p>A student must accept an offer of admission to a program, within a prescribed period of time, as articulated in the communication sent regarding the offer of admission. Once a student accepts an offer, all other applications and offers will be cancelled.</p>
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NEW INSTITUTION UPDATES/HIGHLIGHTS

Campus Expansion

Recreation and Wellness Centre

The Recreation and Wellness Centre will be the first gymnasium at the Kelowna campus since its inception over 60 years ago. More than 7,000 students a year will benefit from having a facility that will enable sports and recreation activities, as well as support student mental well-being. OC's Recreation and Wellness Centre will include:

- Multipurpose gymnasium for students, staff, and the community
- Competition-size court to accommodate a range of sport, recreational activities, and community events, including convocation and commencement ceremonies.
- Retractable spectator seating for 700+.
- Fitness suite with state-of-the-art equipment.
- Two lane suspended indoor running track.

Construction will begin offsite and be built using a prefabricated system delivered to Okanagan College to assemble onsite. With community support, the goal is for the Centre to open in Fall 2026.

Centre for Food Wine and Tourism

Construction began this summer on the new Centre for Food, Wine and Tourism on Okanagan College's Kelowna campus, which will support B.C.'s tourism sector

and help train people for in-demand jobs. The centre will be the first of its kind for collaboration between students and businesses in the food, beverage, hospitality and resort industries. The new Centre for Food, Wine and Tourism will include:

- Modern teaching spaces
- Food labs
- Beverage research and development facilities
- Common spaces

The centre is expected to open for students in 2027. It will allow Okanagan College to expand its culinary enrolment by more than 125 students per year, and hospitality and tourism enrolment by 450 students per year.

Student Housing

Announced in July 2024, Okanagan College will be constructing onsite Student Housing at the Penticton campus with a capacity of 101 beds. The building will be built using mass timber elements at a total project cost of \$24 million. It is expected to be ready for students in the Fall of 2026.

New Program Offerings

Business

The Okanagan School of Business has added a new Entrepreneurship specialty to its BBA. The Entrepreneurship specialty is an ideal option for students who are creative, resourceful, and eager to bring their ideas to life. This program equips learners with the skills and confidence to start their own business or drive innovation within existing organizations. Through hands-on learning, business planning, mentorship, and connections with the local startup community, students gain real-world experience and a strong foundation in entrepreneurial thinking.

Unique courses in this specialty area include:

- BUAD 176 - Professional Sales
- BUAD 200 - Digital Marketing
- BUAD 212 - Idea Generation
- BUAD 298 - Small Business Management
- BUAD 336 - Services Design & Development
- BUAD 370 - Leadership
- BUAD 415 - New Product Development
- BUAD 493 - Entrepreneurship Experience I
- BUAD 494 - Entrepreneurship Experience II

BUAD 493 and BUAD 494 provide an 8-month opportunity for students to begin building their own business or work hands-on in a start-up organization to put

the concepts that they learn in class to the test.

Continuing Studies (Inspired)

EMR and Paramedic Training

Okanagan College and the Justice Institute of British Columbia are excited to announce a new partnership that will bring JIBC's paramedic and emergency medical responder (EMR) training to OC's Vernon campus. As part of a 5-year agreement, JIBC will offer the Associate Certificate in Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) and the Certificate in Primary Care Paramedicine (PCP) programs. The five-week, in-person EMR program is a pre-requisite to the 12-month PCP program, which is offered in a blend of online, in-person, and practice education components. Both programs incorporate scenario-based, simulation training exercises to prepare students to be job-ready.

New Programming:

- Solar Photovoltaic Systems for Professionals Micro Credential
- Solar Photovoltaic Systems Introduction & Installation Micro Credential

Trades and Apprenticeships

Aircraft Maintenance Engineer

Starting in Fall 2025, Okanagan College will expand its Aircraft Maintenance Engineer program to include the M License, specializing in mechanical systems. This addition broadens training opportunities by enabling students to pursue certification in mechanical and structural aircraft maintenance, better aligning with industry needs and Transport Canada standards. The program begins with a 20-week semester at Kelowna's Airport campus, followed by three 18-week semesters at Okanagan College's Vernon Airport campus.

ENGINEERING & NURSING REQUIREMENTS

Engineering

All Engineering Program Academic Requirements

- B.C. secondary school graduation (or equivalent).
- English 30 with minimum 60% or alternatives.

Civil Engineering

Mathematics Requirements:

A minimum of 60% in any of:

- Math 30-1
- Alberta Math 30-2

Or a minimum of 64% in an Okanagan College Mathematics II Proficiency Test.

Or a minimum of 67% in:

- Math 20-1

One of the mathematics 30 courses is recommended. The mathematics requirement must be satisfied no more than seven years prior to enrolment in the program.

Science Requirements:

- A minimum grade of 60% in Physics 20
- A minimum grade of 50% in Physics 30

Electronics Engineering

Mathematics Requirements:

A minimum of 60% in any of:

- Math 30-1
- Math 33 or Applied Math 30

Or a minimum of 67%:

- Math 20-1

Or a minimum of 70% in an Okanagan College Mathematics II Proficiency Test

Sciences Requirements:

60% or better in Physics 20. (Physics 30 is recommended)

Mechanical Engineering

Mathematics Requirements:

A minimum of 60% in:

- Math 30-1

Or a minimum of 70% in an Okanagan College Mathematics 12 Proficiency Test

Sciences Requirements:

Physics 20 is required. (Physics 30 is recommended)

Chemistry 20 is required (Chemistry 30 is strongly recommended).

Water Engineering

Mathematics Requirements:

A minimum of 60% in any of:

- Math 30-1
- Math 33 or Applied Math 30

Or a minimum of 67% in:

Math 20-1

Or a minimum of 85% in an Okanagan College Mathematics 11 Proficiency Test

Science Requirements:

Chemistry 20 with a grade of 67% or better.

Nursing

Practical Nursing Diploma

Academic Admission Requirements

Secondary school graduation, or equivalent (ABE, GED), or mature student status

English Requirement:

A minimum grade of 70% in one of:

- English Language Arts 30-1
- English 30
- An equivalent Provincial Level Adult Basic Education English course.

English Language Requirement:

Three years of full-time, face-to-face secondary or post-secondary education at an accredited institution where English is the medium of instruction and is also one of the country's official languages. English as a Second Language/Additional Language courses are not included in this three-year calculation. Those not meeting this requirement must achieve scores identified in one of the two tests below:

International English Language Testing System (IELTS) with minimum scores of:

- Speaking: 7.0
- Listening: 7.5
- Reading: 6.5
- Writing: 7.0
- Overall Band Score: 7.0

• Canadian English Language Benchmarks Assessment for Nurses (CELBAN) with minimum scores of:

- Speaking: 8.0
- Listening: 10.0
- Reading: 8.0
- Writing: 7.0

In addition to meeting English language requirements for the Practical Nursing program, graduates must be able to demonstrate a level of proficiency required to be performance ready as a condition for registration and practice in British Columbia. See BCCNM's website for details.

Mathematics Requirement:

A minimum of 67% in any of:

- Math 20-1
- Alberta Math 20-2

Biology Requirement:

Both:

- A minimum grade of 67% in a Biology 30 course which includes human anatomy and physiology or Anatomy and Physiology 12 or an equivalent Provincial level Adult Basic Education Biology course.
- A minimum grade of 70% in Pre-Practical Nursing Anatomy and Physiology (PNUR 113) course. Please note that Biology 30 is a prerequisite for PNUR 113.

Other Admission Requirements:

- CPR level "C"
- Either Red Cross Standard First Aid or St. John Ambulance Standard First Aid.
- A criminal record check clearance from the B.C. Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General's Criminal Records Review Office. Okanagan College's admission offices will provide applicants with instructions and forms for applicants to submit to the Solicitor General's Office and a deadline for the College to receive the clearance letter. Applicants should only initiate their criminal record check when instructed by Admissions. Failure to provide a clearance letter by the deadline will result in a cancellation of the applicant's admission application.
- Negative TB skin test or chest x-ray no more than 6 months before the date of application or adequate follow-up in the case of a positive test

Program Pre-practice Requirements:

- Current immunization as required by clinical partner sites and recommended by
- BC Centre for Disease Control (2009): diphtheria and tetanus, polio, hepatitis B,
- measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), varicella, and influenza.
- Successful completion of all the B.C. Provincial Violence Prevention Curriculum
- (PVPC) including the 8-hour in-person classroom course.

Access to Practical Nursing Diploma

Same requirements as the Practical Nursing Diploma, with the addition of:

- A BC certificate in one of the following programs: Health Care Assistant (HCA), Resident Care Attendant (RCA) or Home Support/Resident Care Attendant (HS/RCA) or a current BC Care Aide Registry Number
- Minimum 600 Hours of work experience, within the last two years, in a care facility where care is provided to a group of gerontology clients.

Work experience must be verified by an official employer letter.

Individualized home care experience is not acceptable.