

VCC PROGRAMS

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VANCOUVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS EVERYWHERE, FROM HOSPITALS AND ENGINE SHOPS TO TOP HOTELS AND COMMUNITY CLASSROOMS. FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS WE HAVE BEEN HELPING PEOPLE GAIN THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD. TAKE A LOOK AT OUR PROGRAMS. YOU'LL SEE.



WELCOME

Vancouver Community College is B.C.'s No. 1 college — and for more than four decades we've helped both local and international students improve their lives, their job opportunities and their career prospects.

We serve nearly 25,000 students a year, and we're a key player in helping some of B.C.'s most important sectors meet their needs for highly skilled staff; our graduate placement rates are among the highest in the province.

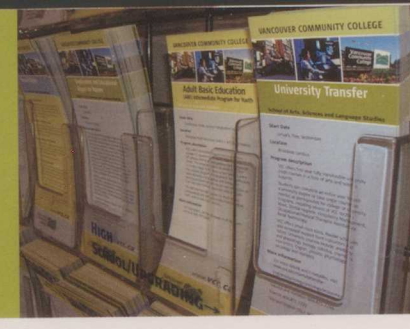
Our vision for the future has laid out VCC's direction — a direction with new facilities and new offerings to support our ongoing position as B.C.'s No. 1 college and as an internationally recognized institution.

Industry talks. We listen. We're constantly updating our programs and equipment to be sure graduates have the up-to-date expertise and know-how to succeed in today's increasingly demanding workplaces.

When companies are hiring, they turn to VCC — and for many firms around the province we're their trainer of choice; every term it's common for VCC career students to find jobs in their fields even before they graduate.

We're proud of our hands-on approach that gives students the skills they need to succeed in life, in the classroom and at work — in offerings from literacy programs and basic education to career training and, most recently, applied bachelor's degrees.

VCC faculty are skilled leaders in their fields. Instructors, programs and students regularly take top honours in local, regional and national competitions — keen examples of the calibre of education and training VCC provides.



APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

VCC welcomes Canadian citizens, landed immigrants, permanent residents and international students.

Admission requirements vary by program, and may include assessments or interviews; some programs have a competitive selection process, while others may require a portfolio.

Detailed information for each program is available online on the VCC website at www.vcc.ca, which includes the most up-to-date information on program content, admission requirements, prerequisites, tuition fees and related costs.

If your documents are not from a Canadian institution, you may be asked to provide proof of equivalency. International students require proof of English proficiency and must provide official TOEFL and IELTS test scores or take a VCC English language assessment.

APPLYING TO VCC

Once you have met admission requirements, complete an application and include official transcripts, required assessment results and the non-refundable application fee.

There are two ways to apply:

- Online through the college's website, www.vcc.ca
- In person or by mail with an application form available from the admissions offices and advising centres at VCC's campuses or downloaded from www.vcc.ca
- International student application forms can be downloaded from www.study.vcc.ca

APPLY ONLINE

Applying online is fast, easy, and convenient – just three easy steps:

1. **www.vcc.ca** – Click the **Apply/Register** button and choose your program from the drop-down menu. Or apply directly from the information page for your chosen program. You will be redirected to the PASBC website (or directly to Step 3 if you are applying for courses offered by our Centre for Continuing Studies).
2. **PASBC** – Create a new account, or login to your existing one, and choose Vancouver Community College. Enter your personal and academic information before being returned to VCC's Online Services.
3. **VCC Online Services** – Create a temporary Login and PIN for yourself. Choose your application type – General Admission unless specified – and term. Verify your personal information as transferred from PASBC and choose your program. Click to complete your application and pay the application fee.

You will receive a letter from the Registrar's Office confirming your application and any additional requirements you need to complete before you can register for classes or be placed on your program's waitlist.



UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ONLINE

Always check VCC's program information online www.vcc.ca for the most up-to-date information on program content, admission requirements, prerequisites, tuition fees and related costs.

LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE

If you have officially applied and met all program admission requirements, you will be sent a letter of acceptance approximately four to five months in advance of the next available start date.

Included with the acceptance letter will be tuition details and other important information; a first payment is required to reserve a space in the program. International students must also provide proof of a valid study permit.

HELP WITH PROGRAM INFORMATION

VCC's program advisors can help. Our advisors provide detailed information on the college's programs, admissions requirements and what you need to do to meet them. Call for an appointment: 604.443.8453.

International students please call 604.443.8600.

COST

VCC is proud of its high-quality programs and the value they offer students. Tuition varies by program and length of study; please see VCC's program information online at www.vcc.ca for full tuition and fee details for each program.

Tuition, student union fees and some other costs are payable in advance. An application fee is required for most programs.

Please note that there are different tuition fees for international students; refer to each program page at www.vcc.ca for more details.

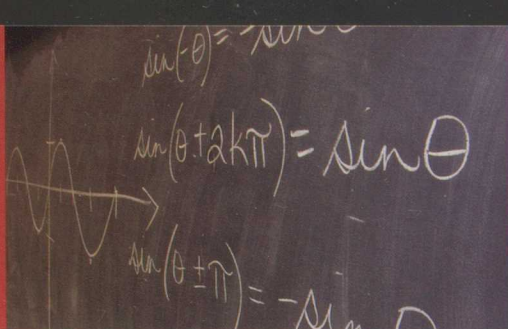
FINANCIAL AID

VCC's Financial Aid office assists with a variety of government and college funding that can help students pay for their studies.

Staff can help with loans, grants, bursaries, scholarships and entrance awards, including special funding for students in the college's English-language and basic education programming.

Each year VCC offers 50 entrance awards each worth \$1,000 – a significant portion of tuition, in many cases – recognizing academic achievement and community involvement. Awards are open to full-time students entering virtually all career programs.

See online at www.vcc.ca/financialaid or call 604.871.7046 or 604.443.8420 for more information on financial aid at VCC.



ACADEMIC UPGRADING AND HIGH SCHOOL

Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/Part-time
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ACADEMIC UPGRADING AND HIGH SCHOOL COURSES (GRADES 9-12)

Courses include: English, mathematics, computing, science, social sciences, communications for health sciences and General Education Development (GED). Classroom, self-paced and online classes available.	Continuous intake	Varies	B.C. Adult Diploma	Broadway, Downtown	Both
	January, September, May, July	4 months	B.C. Adult Diploma	Broadway	Both

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION (ABE) INTERMEDIATE PROGRAM FOR YOUTH (GRADE 10 EQUIVALENCY)

Personalized, self-paced instruction; academic upgrading in a learning environment structured to meet the needs of young adults 15-18 years old.	Continuous intake	Guided study	Certificate	Broadway Youth Resource Centre	Both
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BASIC EDUCATION – ENGLISH AND MATH

Adult literacy program with classes in reading, writing and mathematics; group and self-paced.	September, January, April	Varies	VCC transcript	Broadway	Full-time
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EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATIONAL ACCESS FOR WOMEN

An educational, career exploration and planning program designed to help women achieve their occupational goals. Participants engage in extensive self-exploration and career assessment as well as researching and assessing opportunities in the labour market.	September, January	4 months	Certificate	Downtown	Full-time
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APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING

Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/Part-time
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APPRENTICESHIP

VCC's apprenticeship training is among the best in the province – dedicated to providing the hands-on skills that employers demand.	Varies	Varies		Broadway, Downtown	Full-time
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- Apprenticeship training areas:
- Baker Apprentice
 - Cook Apprentice
 - Automotive Collision Repair Technician Apprentice
 - Automotive Glass Technician Apprentice
 - Automotive Painting and Refinishing Technician Apprentice
 - Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician Apprentice
 - Automotive Service Technician Apprentice
 - Commercial Transport Vehicle Mechanic Apprentice
 - Heavy Duty Mechanic Apprentice

Call the VCC apprenticeship training office at 604.871.7041 for information and registration assistance.

BUSINESS

Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/Part-time
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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Provides practical training in essential computer software packages for today's office environment, while building business communication and time management skills.	January, May, August	8 months	Certificate	Downtown	Full-time
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APPLIED BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY

Web-based training in office management. Develop effective communication and time management skills.	Continuous intake	Varies	Certificate	Online	Part-time
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BUILDING MANAGER

Trains students in building service management, landlord-tenant law, basic building maintenance, fire safety and security. Covers relevant office forms and record-keeping.	January, April, September	10 weeks	Certificate	Downtown	Part-time
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BUSINESS AND TECHNICAL WRITING

Clear and concise writing can work for you. Learn to sell your ideas and present information in a variety of written forms.	January, April, September	9 courses	Certificate	Downtown	Part-time
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BUSINESS LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

Maximize your leadership potential in a business environment. Advance your career in the public, private and non-profit sectors.	January, April, September	204 hours	Certificate	Downtown	Part-time
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EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Learn advanced communications skills, business administration concepts, human relations and supervisory techniques. Prepares graduates for the Certified Professional Secretary (CPS®) exam.	January, May, September	2 years	Certificate	Downtown	Part-time
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FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

For people who have a background in accounting and want to increase their knowledge, computer expertise and communications skills. Topics include intermediate financial accounting, introduction to management accounting, finance and economics.	February, June, October	4 months	Certificate or diploma (with Accounting certificate)	Downtown	Full-time
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LEADERSHIP

Leadership positions are complex, requiring new skills and an understanding and acceptance of new roles. Develop the knowledge, skills and confidence to lead, supervise and manage others.	January, April, September	72 hours	Certificate	Downtown	Part-time
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LEADERSHIP COACHING

Where performance is crucial, coaching plays an integral part in success. Outstanding performers are more likely to have an organized and committed partnership with a coach. Learn how to link organizational goals with people's creativity and ingenuity.	January, April, September	72 hours	Certificate, Associate certificate	Downtown	Part-time
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LEGAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

This program is designed for administrative assistants and provides training in general legal procedures, litigation, corporate and family law, wills and estates, and conveyancing.	February, September	5 months	Certificate	Downtown	Full-time
		3 years	Certificate	Online	Part-time



BUSINESS continued

Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/Part-time
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MANAGEMENT SKILLS FOR SUPERVISORS

Managers and supervisors spend hours communicating with others. This program provides the practical, contemporary supervisory/management training for success; the program's three modules may be taken in any sequence.

January,
April,
September

72 hours

Certificate

Downtown

Part-time

OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

Students take core office administration courses, and those seeking a certificate may select from four specialization options: administration and supervision, legal office skills, medical office skills, and records management skills.

Continuous
intake

Varies

Certificate

Downtown

Part-time

PARALEGAL

This program is for experienced paralegals and legal administrative assistants to increase their knowledge and professional opportunities. All courses accommodate students who are employed full-time in the legal field.

January,
April,
September

2 years

Certificate
or diploma

Downtown
or online

Part-time

DESIGN

Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/Part-time
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COSMETOLOGY

Graduates who have completed both the Hair Design and Esthetics programs may apply for a cosmetology diploma.

Ongoing

17 months

Diploma

Downtown

Full-time

DIGITAL GRAPHIC DESIGN

Students learn the technical and creative skills essential to the graphic design industry, including the latest techniques, design principles and processes. Program includes real-world clients and simulated design projects, culminating in a design showcase.

September

9 months

Certificate

Downtown

Full-time

ESTHETICS

Training for one of North America's fastest-growing industries, which includes facials, body treatments, manicures and make-up. Practical training is conducted in a fully equipped salon.

January,
May,
September

7 months

Certificate

Downtown

Full-time

FASHION ARTS

Designed for those interested in entering the fashion industry and for professionals who wish to upgrade. Taught by industry-experienced instructors, our program focuses on developing excellent technical skills and individual creativity.

September

2 years

Diploma or
certificate

Downtown

Full-time
Part-time

DESIGN continued

Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/Part-time
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FASHION MERCHANDISING

Merchandisers have an eye for colour, a flair for fashion and an aptitude for management. Students learn business fundamentals and fashion theory along with techniques for forecasting sales profits and utilizing merchandising to attract consumers.

January,
April,
September

9 months

Associate
certificate

Downtown

Part-time

GEMMOLOGY

Covers the scientific, aesthetic and historic aspects of gemmology. Students learn how to use current equipment, and how to test and identify varieties of gemstones. Prepares students for the Canadian Gemmological Association certification exam.

September

2 years

Diploma

Downtown

Part-time

HAIR DESIGN

Training in haircutting, perming, colouring, styling, anatomy, physiology and small business management in a fully equipped salon providing services to the public. Earn work-based training credits. Write the B.C. certificate of qualification for cosmetologists exam.

January,
March,
May,
September

10 months

Certificate

Downtown

Full-time

HAIR DESIGN – HIGH SCHOOL PLUS

Offers Grade 12 students training in haircutting, perming, colouring, styling, anatomy, physiology and small business management. Graduates earn work-based training credits and can write the B.C. certificate of qualification for cosmetologists exam.

September

10 months

Certificate

Samuel
Robertson
Secondary,
Carson Graham

Full-time

INTERIOR DESIGN

Program is tailored to the needs of the rapidly growing residential design industry, offering the foundation skills for entry-level employment and portfolio development.

January,
April,
September

10 months

Certificate

Downtown

Part-time

JEWELLERY ART AND DESIGN

Emphasizes the artistic and technical aspects of jewellery design and craftsmanship, and fuses traditional training with the latest techniques within the context of art and costume.

September

2 years

Diploma

Downtown

Full-time

KITCHEN AND BATH DESIGN

Focus on the design of kitchens and bathrooms, from functions to fixtures and business to beauty.

January, April
September

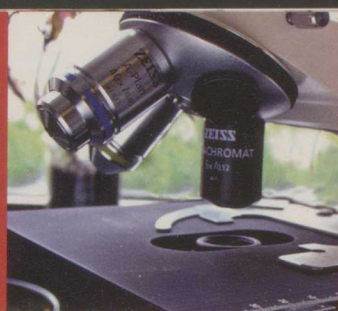
324 hours

Certificate

Downtown

Part-time

Double Blind, 2008 by Antonia Hirsch (top right photo)



ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/Part-time
ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES & UNIVERSITY TRANSFER					
ESL and first-year university transfer English courses for the highest-level ESL students who are preparing for, or enrolled in, post-secondary studies in Canada.	January, April, September	3 ½ months	VCC transcript	Broadway	Both
ENGLISH IN YOUR COMMUNITY (OUTREACH)					
English classes in the community for adult ESL students from literacy to advanced levels. Free tutoring available in learning centres in public libraries throughout Vancouver and Burnaby. Home tutoring available through the Homefront Learning Program.	January, April, September	3-month terms	VCC transcript	Various locations	Part-time (including Saturdays)
ENGLISH LANGUAGE SERVICES FOR ADULTS (ELSA)					
Provides new adult immigrants with English needed to live and work in Canada. Sponsored by the Ministry of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development.	Monthly	Varies	CLB level	Broadway	Both
ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS (ELS)					
English language instruction for landed immigrants and Canadian citizens from Upper Beginner to Advanced; pronunciation classes in intermediate and advanced levels.	January, April, July, September	2-3 months	VCC transcript	Broadway	Both
ESL FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS					
International students may apply for all ESL programs listed in this section; as well, VCC International offers an English/Canadian culture summer program in July.	Varies	3-4 months	VCC transcript	Broadway, Downtown	Both
ENGLISH FOR CAREER PREPARATION AND ADVANCEMENT					
Focused ESL courses equip internationally educated professionals with the communication skills and cultural competencies for further training or entry into professions or trades.	Varies	Varies	VCC transcript	Downtown	Both
Areas of concentration: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• English for Professional Advancement• English for Health Sciences 1 and 2• Communication for Engineering and Technology• CELBAN Preparation					

Award-winning faculty: ROSE MARIE WATSON



Rose Marie Watson changed the face of adult ESL education in B.C. – by taking it to the streets – and was recognized with a Canada Post community literacy award for her work in the field.

Watson was a pioneer in arranging free ESL tutoring at community centres and libraries, and was a driving force in the college's innovative Homefront Learning program, which provides volunteer tutors to homebound ESL students.

"By getting out into the community, the college fills a need," says Watson, who worked in community literacy at VCC for 40 years before retiring in 2008.

FIRST-YEAR UNIVERSITY

Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/Part-time
ARTS AND HUMANITIES					
VCC offers a variety of first-year, fully transferable university credit courses in the arts, humanities and business. Students benefit from smaller class sizes, greater support from instructors and a learning environment that is centered around them and their educational goals.	January, May, September	4 months	VCC transcript	Broadway	Both
Day and evening courses available in: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• English• Micro/Macro Economics• Psychology• Sociology					
MATH AND SCIENCES					
VCC offers a variety of first-year, fully transferable university credit courses in math and sciences. Students benefit from smaller class sizes, greater support from instructors and a learning environment that is centered around them and their educational goals.	January, May, September	4 months	VCC transcript	Broadway	Both
Day and evening courses available in: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biology• Human Anatomy and Physiology• Chemistry• Statistics• Physics• Calculus and Pre-calculus					

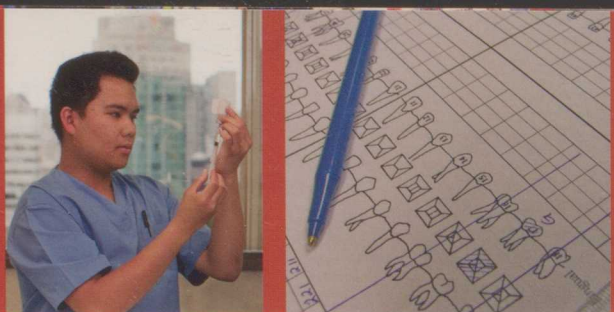
Leading educator: GYDA CHUD



A long-time early childhood educator, VCC's dean of continuing studies Gyda Chud received a prestigious award for leadership from the Association of Canadian Community Colleges.

As an author and academic, college educator and community advocate, Chud devotes considerable time contributing to our communities: she helped establish the Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre and the national Child Care Human Resources Sector Council.

"Gyda has been a key player in establishing several organizations that are truly making a positive change to the education, training and delivery by the early childhood education and care sector," says Diana Carter, the council's executive director.

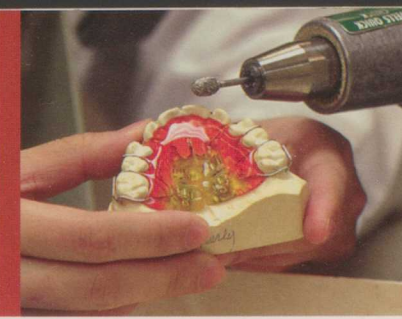
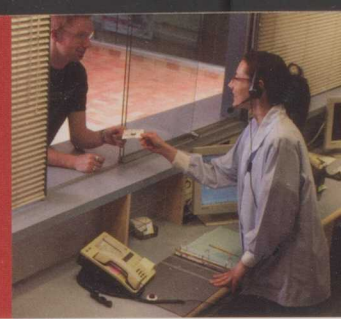


HEALTH SCIENCES AND HUMAN SERVICES

Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/Part-time
ACCESS TO PRACTICAL NURSING					
Prepares resident care attendants or home support workers to work in acute care hospital areas, continuing care facilities or community facilities with a practical nursing certificate.	September	8 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time
	January	14 months	Certificate	Broadway	Part-time
ACUTE CARE SKILLS FOR HOME SUPPORT/RESIDENT CARE ATTENDANT					
For those who are trained and work as home support workers or resident care attendants; students learn the skills, knowledge and attitudes required to work in an acute care hospital setting.	September, October, February	16 weeks	Certificate	Broadway	Part-time
AUTOPSY TECHNICIAN					
A home-study program where students develop the knowledge, skills and values necessary to assist in autopsy services. Graduates work under the supervision of a pathologist during autopsies required for medical or criminal purposes.	Continuous intake	2-3 years	Certificate	Distance delivery	Part-time
COUNSELLING SKILLS/SUBSTANCE ABUSE					
Provides the theoretical framework and foundation skills for the field. Experiential, practical, topical and transformational, the program is taught and designed by practising professionals.	January, April, September	15 months to 3 years	Certificate	Downtown	Part-time
COURT INTERPRETING					
Following completion of the core interpreting courses, the court interpreting option incorporates the skills necessary for work in the court systems. Studies provide knowledge of the legal system and the procedures and terminology used.	October	8 months	Certificate	Downtown	Part-time
DENTAL ASSISTING – CERTIFIED					
Prepares students for licensure with the College of Dental Surgeons and employment as a certified dental assistant providing chair-side assisting support and direct patient care.	September	10 months	Certificate	Downtown	Full-time
DENTAL ASSISTING – CERTIFIED (DISTANCE DELIVERY)					
A distance delivery program offered as independent study with tutor support via telephone and e-mail; provides education leading to a career as a certified dental assistant.	Continuous	2-5 years	Certificate	Distance	Part-time
DENTAL HYGIENE					
Basic entry-level credential for dental hygiene theory and practice, critical thinking, professionalism and the promotion of health/wellness. Prepares graduates for registration with the College of Dental Hygienists of B.C.	September	2 years	Diploma	Downtown	Full-time
DENTAL HYGIENE ACCESS FOR CDAs					
Allows certified dental assistants to receive recognition for prior learning, and to complete the diploma program's web-based and on-site courses. Students complete the final year at the downtown campus on a full-time basis.	September	3 years	Diploma	Online and downtown	Part-time

HEALTH SCIENCES AND HUMAN SERVICES continued

Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/Part-time
DENTAL RECEPTION COORDINATOR					
Prepares graduates to work effectively in a dental office. Students train in dental knowledge, organizational and communications skills, financial management, and knowledge of specialized dental office procedures.	September	5 months	Certificate	Downtown	Full-time
DENTAL TECHNOLOGY					
Provides the foundational education and technical skills to construct dentures, crowns and bridges, ceramics and orthodontic appliances.	September 2010	2 years	Diploma	Downtown	Full-time
DENTURIST					
Provides students with the knowledge, skills and attributes to launch a career in the denturist field, including the provision of complete dentures, partial dentures and overdentures.	September 2009	2 years	Diploma	Downtown	Full-time
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION					
Prepares graduates to work as supervisors in preschool and child-care centres for children aged three to five.	September	2 years	Certificate	Downtown	Part-time
FAMILY LITERACY					
Unique across Canada, this program explores the new field of family literacy and examines both theory and best practices in a range of topical courses.	September	10 months	Certificate	Downtown	Part-time
FOODSAFE					
Trains restaurant and kitchen employees on the procedures and conditions necessary for the prevention of food-borne illnesses. Endorsed by the Restaurant and Foodservices Association of B.C. and the B.C. Ministry of Health.	Saturdays	1 day	Foodsafe certificate	Downtown	Part-time
GERONTOLOGY NURSING					
This newly revised program is for registered nurses or registered nurses who wish to broaden their knowledge and skills in caring for older adults; program is eligible for university transfer and prepares nurses to write the CNA certification exam in gerontology.	January 2009	12-18 months	Certificate	Downtown	Part-time
HEALTH CARE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES INTERPRETING					
Following completion of the core interpreting courses, the health care and community services interpreting option expands studies to include understanding the health-care system and helping others to access facilities and services for maintaining good health.	October	7 months	Certificate	Downtown	Part-time
HOME SUPPORT/RESIDENT CARE ATTENDANT					
Focuses on a caring philosophy and provides students with the knowledge, skills and values to practise as front-line care providers in continuing care. Students learn to provide clients with a safe environment and assistance.	February, August	7 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time



HEALTH SCIENCES AND HUMAN SERVICES continued

Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/Part-time
HOME SUPPORT/RESIDENT CARE ATTENDANT (ESL)					
Focuses on a caring philosophy and provides students with the knowledge, skills and values to practise as front-line care providers in continuing care. ESL component includes instruction in communications and Canadian workplace culture.	February, August	10 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time
INFANT AND TODDLER EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION					
For those who have completed basic early childhood education training and who hold a B.C. licence in basic ECCE. Newly revised curriculum includes core training and specialized courses.	September	1 year	Certificate	Downtown	Part-time
MEDICAL LABORATORY ASSISTANT					
Provides students with the veni-puncture and electrocardiography skills necessary to seek employment as assistants in labs.	May, November	6 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time
MEDICAL OFFICE ASSISTANT					
Prepares students for employment in physicians' offices, hospital departments, walk-in medical clinics and public health agencies; medical office assistants often interact with patients, their families and friends, the physician and office staff.	August March	6 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time
MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTIONIST					
Studies include advanced medical terminology, anatomy, physiology and disease processes, and medical transcription in numerous specialties.	September	8 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING - YEAR 1 ENTRY					
Prepares graduates to become registered nurses with the skills to plan, coordinate and collaborate with other health care professionals to provide care for individuals, families and communities.	September	36 months	Bachelor degree	Broadway	Full-time
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING - YEAR 3 ENTRY					
Third-year entry for licensed practical nurses.	January	18 months	Bachelor degree	Broadway	Full-time
NURSING UNIT CLERK					
Provides skills to work in the fast-paced environment of a hospital nursing unit, where the nursing unit clerk's primary responsibility is to manage the extensive volume of information generated in the process of coordinating patient care.	January, April, September	8 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time
OCCUPATIONAL/PHYSICAL THERAPIST (REHAB) ASSISTANT					
Provides the skills, knowledge and attributes required to work in this field under the supervision of an occupational therapist or physical therapist; the program includes a combination of classroom work, lab activities and practicum placements.	September	2 years	Diploma	Broadway	Full-time
PERIANESTHESIA NURSING					
A distance education program that's clinically relevant for registered nurses whose career goals include working with patients requiring anesthesia, analgesia and procedural sedation. Completion of the theory component is followed by a clinical practicum.	Continuous intake	16-20 weeks to 1 year	Certificate	Online and downtown	Full-time

HEALTH SCIENCES AND HUMAN SERVICES continued

Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/Part-time
PHARMACY TECHNICIAN					
Prepares graduates to practise in either a community or hospital pharmacy. Includes both practical skills and supporting theory; a large part of the program involves practising newly acquired skills in a lab setting.	March, September	5 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time
PRACTICAL NURSING					
Prepares graduates to work in hospital medical areas, long-term care facilities and community facilities. Graduates will be eligible to write the Canadian practical nursing registration exams and apply for British Columbia licensure as a licensed practical nurse.	January, September	12 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time
PRACTICAL NURSE REFRESHER/BRIDGING					
Designed to assist practical nurses and internationally educated nurses who are required by the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of B.C. to refresh their nursing skills.	May, October	5 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time
RENAL DIALYSIS TECHNICIAN					
Students learn the skills to work with health-care providers, families and patients to provide quality care to patients undergoing hemodialysis. Technicians work in major acute care centres and dialysis clinics managing the operation, maintenance and quality control of the dialysis equipment.	Continuous intake	8 weeks	Certificate	Downtown	Part-time
SPECIAL NEEDS EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION					
For those who have completed basic early childhood education training and who hold a B.C. licence in basic ECCE. Newly revised curriculum includes core training and specialized courses.	September	1 year	Certificate	Downtown	Part-time
STERILE SUPPLY TECHNICIAN PROGRAM					
Technicians work in several settings from acute care hospitals to animal clinics. Students learn the theory and application of principles related to decontamination, sterilization, storage and distribution of equipment in a sterile supply processing area.	Continuous intake	11 weeks	Certificate	Downtown	Part-time

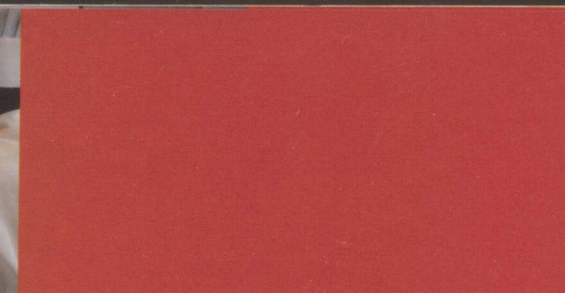
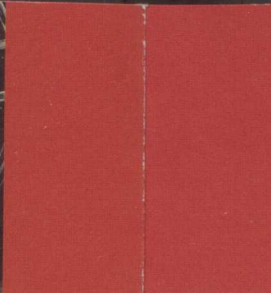
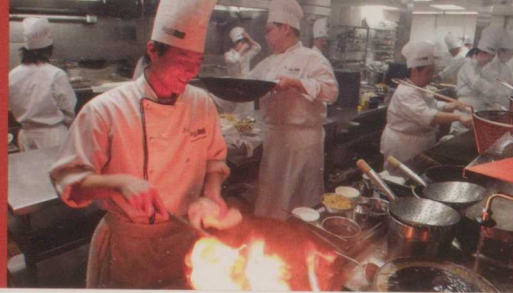
Grad making a difference: DENISE LARONDE

Your next visit to the dentist may seem different thanks to VCC graduate Denise Laronde, who is working to reduce oral cancer.

The VCC Alumni Award of Distinction recipient and PhD candidate is developing new screening practices to be used by all oral health professionals.

"VCC has contributed to my success by providing me with a solid clinical and academic foundation," says Laronde, who graduated from VCC's Dental Hygiene program in 1989.

"VCC's supportive and encouraging learning environment gave me the confidence to pursue further academic challenges."



HIGH SCHOOL PLUS

Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/Part-time
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Vancouver Community College partners with several Lower Mainland school districts to offer exciting career exploration and skills training programs to secondary school students. Upon graduation, students are skilled in a trade and ready to work and start an apprenticeship. Please visit vcc.ca for a list of schools participating in a VCC High School Plus program.

AUTOMOTIVE COLLISION REPAIR TECHNICIAN – HIGH SCHOOL PLUS

Offers training to high school students in a range of skills appropriate to today's advanced automobile collision repair industry. Graduates receive secondary school graduation credits, a VCC certificate, Level 1 technical training credit, and work-based training credits towards an apprenticeship.

October	8 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time
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AUTOMOTIVE REFINISHING PREP TECHNICIAN – HIGH SCHOOL PLUS

Offers training to high school students in a range of skills appropriate to today's advanced automobile painting and refinishing industry. Graduates receive secondary school graduation credits, Level 1 technical training credit, and work-based training credits towards an apprenticeship.

January	5 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time
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BAKING AND PASTRY ARTS – HIGH SCHOOL PLUS

Offers high school students training in baking and pastry arts with an emphasis on artisan breads and yeast products. Graduates receive secondary school graduation credits, a VCC certificate, Level 1 technical training credit, and work-based training credits towards an apprenticeship.

February	11 months	Certificate	Downtown	Full-time
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CULINARY ARTS – HIGH SCHOOL PLUS

Provides entry-level training in cooking; follows Foundations Levels 1 & 2 of the provincial cooking curriculum.

February	10 months	Certificate	Samuel Robertson	Full-time
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HAIR DESIGN – HIGH SCHOOL PLUS

Offers Grade 12 high school students training in haircutting, perming, colouring, styling, anatomy, physiology and small business management. Graduates earn work-based training credits and can write the B.C. certificate of qualification for cosmetologists exam.

September	10 months	Certificate	Samuel Robertson Secondary, Carson Graham Secondary	Full-time
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HOSPITALITY

Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/Part-time
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ASIAN CULINARY ARTS COOK TRAINING – CHINESE CUISINE

Emphasizes Cantonese food with additional elements covering Mandarin, Szechuan, dim sum and barbecue cooking. This is a bilingual program taught in both English and Cantonese.

January, April, September	6 months	Certificate	Downtown	Full-time
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BAKING AND PASTRY ARTS – ADVANCED BAKING

Students train to work in an entry-level position in the baking industry; covers the skills and theoretical knowledge of the baking process and the functions of ingredients, followed by a specialization in breads and doughs. Apprenticeship training available.

February	10 months	Certificate	Downtown	Full-time
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BAKING AND PASTRY ARTS – PATISSERIE (CAKES AND PASTRIES)

Students train to work in an entry-level position in the baking industry; covers the skills and theoretical knowledge of the baking process and the functions of ingredients, followed by specialization in pastries and cakes. Apprenticeship training available.

February, March, May, July, October	10 months	Certificate	Downtown	Full-time
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BAKING AND PASTRY ARTS (ESL)

Students train to work in an entry-level position in the baking industry; covers the skills and theoretical knowledge of the baking process and the functions of ingredients, followed by a specialization in breads or patisserie. ESL training in communication skills and culture in the Canadian workplace. Apprenticeship training available.

October	12 months	Certificate	Downtown	Full-time
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BAKING AND PASTRY ARTS – HIGH SCHOOL PLUS

Offers high school students training in baking and pastry arts with an emphasis on artisan breads and yeast products. Graduates receive secondary school graduation credits, a VCC certificate, Level 1 technical training credit, and work-based training credits towards an apprenticeship.

February	11 months	Certificate	Downtown	Full-time
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BAKING AND PASTRY ARTS UPGRADE

For experienced bakers who want to upgrade their knowledge and skills. Students choose from three specialized levels.

Continuous intake	Varies	Statement of completion	Downtown	Part-time
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COOKING (ESL)

Training in modern North American and classical cuisine, from selecting ingredients to preparing fine sauces and specialty meats and vegetables. ESL training in communication culture in the Canadian workplace. Leads to Level 3 Culinary Arts.

August	10 months	Certificate	Downtown	Full-time
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CULINARY ARTS

Training in modern North American and classical cuisine, from selecting ingredients to preparing fine sauces and specialty meats and vegetables. Apprenticeship training available.

Monthly	11 months	Certificate	Downtown	Full-time
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CULINARY ARTS – HIGH SCHOOL PLUS

Provides entry-level training in cooking; follows Foundations Levels 1 & 2 of the provincial cooking curriculum.

September	10 months	Certificate	Samuel Robertson Secondary	Full-time
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HOSPITALITY continued

Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/Part-time
HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT – DIPLOMA					
Provides a well-rounded curriculum geared to providing students with initial employment skills and the potential for future management growth. Focuses on food and beverage, accommodation, human resources, marketing and business skills.	September, January	2 years	Diploma	Downtown	Full-time
HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT – BACHELOR'S DEGREE					
VCC's bachelor of hospitality management degree is available to students who have completed a diploma in the field; provides studies combining theoretical training with industry-specific applications. Graduates find employment as supervisors and managers in the hospitality industry.	September	2 years	Bachelor's degree	Downtown	Full-time

INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

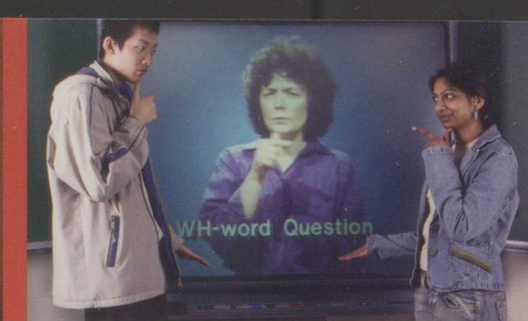
Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/Part-time
ADULT EDUCATION					
Advanced training in adult learning, educational leadership, educational technology, psychology of learners, and theory and practice of student-centred learning. Credits applicable toward bachelor and master of education degree programs.	Continuous intake	7 weeks or 12-18 months	Diploma	Various locations	Both
EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT					
Provides college and institute instructors with the skills and knowledge for leadership roles; includes educational program planning and management, mentoring, project management, HR management, program evaluation and more.	April, October	3 courses	Certificate	Broadway	Both
ONLINE/E-LEARNING INSTRUCTION					
Enter the world of online teaching and learning. Covers the skills required to plan and organize online education projects, design e-learning lessons and evaluate outcomes.	Continuous intake	135 hours	Certificate	Online	Both
PROVINCIAL INSTRUCTOR DIPLOMA					
Provides planning, delivery and evaluation skills for working professionals and specialists to teach their area of expertise to adults; includes a teaching practicum and is endorsed by the Ministry of Advanced Education.	Continuous intake	6 weeks or 3-9 months	Diploma	Various locations	Both



INSTRUCTOR TRAINING continued

Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/Part-time
TEFL CERTIFICATE					
Learn the instructional skills and knowledge to teach adults in English language overseas. A university degree is not required to register in the TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) certificate.	January, April, September	Varies	Certificate	Downtown	Part-time
TEFL INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH TEACHING CERTIFICATE					
Specially designed for EFL (English as a Foreign Language) teachers and teachers in training in their home countries. This intensive four-week program offers a balanced curriculum featuring both the theory and practice of English language instruction.	January, July	4 weeks (100 hours)	Certificate	Downtown	Full-time
TEFL YOUNG LEARNERS CERTIFICATE					
This TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) training is specially designed for Canadian and international students studying to teach English to young learners from six to 16 years of age in countries outside Canada.	March, July	4 weeks (100 hours)	Certificate	Downtown	Full-time
TESOL CERTIFICATE					
An intensive four-week TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) program with a balanced curriculum, featuring both theoretical and practical aspects of teaching English in Canada and overseas.	February, April, July, October	4 weeks (120 hours)	Certificate	Downtown	Full-time
TESOL DIPLOMA					
VCC is a recognized leader in this field and home to the largest TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) program in Canada. This program prepares graduates to teach from literacy to university level English language.	January, April, September	10 months minimum (330 hours)	Diploma	Downtown	Full/Part-time
TESOL DISTANCE DIPLOMA					
This distance education program is designed for those wishing to complete a TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) Diploma. VCC is a recognized leader in this field and home to the largest TESOL program in Canada.	January, April, September	Varies	Diploma	Distance	Part-time
TUTORING ESOL CERTIFICATE					
A unique program training people wishing to tutor English to speakers of other languages in a one-to-one or small group teaching situation for adults or school-aged children.	January, April, September	Varies	Certificate	Downtown	Part-time

Double Blind, 2008 by Antonia Hirsch (top left photo)



MUSIC

Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/Part-time
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BACHELOR OF APPLIED MUSIC

Available to music diploma graduates or equivalent from other post-secondary institutions. Prepares graduates to work as music professionals in contemporary and traditional music and music-related professions, and as self-employed entrepreneurial artists and teachers.

Areas of concentration:

- Jazz and Contemporary – Performance and Composition
- Classical Music – Performance and Composition

MUSIC DIPLOMA

University-transfer program offering professional training for potential and practising musicians in jazz, classical, contemporary and world music. This rigorous and eclectic program is run by award-winning faculty.

Diploma majors:

- Jazz & Contemporary Instrumental Studies
- Keyboard Studies
- Instrumental Studies
- Jazz & Contemporary Voice

September 2 years Bachelor of Applied Music Broadway Full-time

- Classical Voice
- Composition
- Composition/Arranging

Individual courses including music foundations instruction, college community ensembles, music workshops and labs, as well as music teacher training are available on a part-time basis.

SIGN LANGUAGE STUDIES

Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/Part-time
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ASL AND DEAF STUDIES

Graduates will reach the advanced fluency level of the ASL Language Proficiency Index and have the cultural knowledge to work in a variety of entry-level positions with social service agencies or institutions that serve deaf Canadians.

ASL AND DEAF STUDIES (PART-TIME)

Classes are conducted completely in ASL, even for beginners. Students receive an immersion experience, which has been proven to be the best way for non-deaf people to learn a visual-gestural language. Preparatory, basic and advanced levels are offered.

September 10 months Certificate Broadway Full-time

January, April, July, September 6-24 weeks VCC transcript Broadway Part-time

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/Part-time
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APPLIED TECHNOLOGY FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Provides visually impaired and blind students with the computing skills to go on to further training, employment or study in mainstream college programs.

September 15 months Certificate Broadway Both

CAREER AWARENESS

Provides a supportive environment where students with disabilities explore employment options, increase their level of job readiness, gain practical experience and set work-related goals.

September 9½ months Certificate Downtown Full-time

DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING ADULTS

In the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Adults program, options for deaf and hard of hearing students include English upgrading skills, speechreading, American Sign Language and job readiness.

September, February 10 months VCC transcript Broadway Both

DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING – JOB READINESS

Participants explore job opportunities, plan their education and training, and find employment with an integrated approach to learning, building academic and computer skills while developing personal management and work related skills.

September 10 months Certificate Broadway Both

FOOD SERVICE CAREERS

Prepares students with a disability to work in the food service industry in the area of kitchen preparation; offers basic skills training while establishing employee behaviours for success.

September 9½ months Certificate Downtown Full-time

HOSPITALITY CAREERS

Employment and skills training for students with cognitive disabilities to work in the hospitality industry. Experience, practical skills and knowledge are fostered.

September 9½ months Certificate Downtown Full-time

OFFICE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Provides visually impaired and blind students with the computing skills to go on to further training or employment. Students study toward obtaining employment in an office as a word processing clerk/transcriptionist.

September 9 months Certificate Broadway Both

PART-TIME COMMUNITY AND CAREER EDUCATION COURSES

Students develop skills for entry into further education or employment:

- Computer Applications
- Managing your Money
- Clerical Skills
- Reading and Writing for Everyday Use 1, 2, 3, 4

RETAIL FOOD AND SUPERMARKET CAREERS

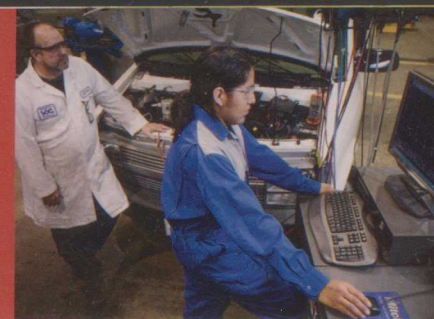
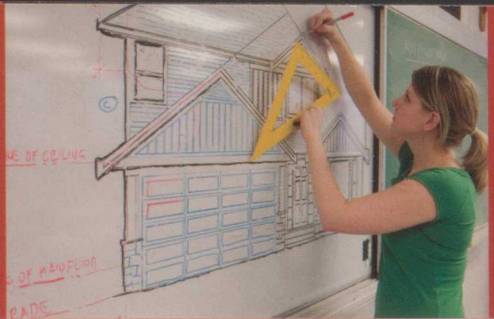
Specific skills training for students with a disability for employment in grocery and produce departments. Students receive work experience in food stores and set work-related goals.

September 9½ months Certificate Downtown Full-time

VISUALLY IMPAIRED ADULT PROGRAM

A tuition-free offering that gives students the skills for further vocational and/or academic training, including braille, computer software, keyboarding, English and mathematics.


Continuous intake September to June Self-paced VCC transcript Broadway Both



TECHNOLOGY

Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/Part-time
APPLIED TECHNOLOGY FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED					
Provides visually impaired and blind students with the computing skills to go on to further training, employment or study in mainstream college programs.	September	15 months	Certificate	Broadway	Both
DRAFTING TECHNICIAN – ARCHITECTURAL					
Covers basic drafting concepts as well as residential single family and multi-family building layouts. Concepts are also applied to the design and drafting of commercial building details and layouts. AutoCAD software used.	September	10 months	Certificate (or diploma with another specialty)	Downtown	Full-time
DRAFTING TECHNICIAN – ARCHITECTURAL-CIVIL/STRUCTURAL					
Covers basic drafting concepts as well as residential building design, industrial site development and engineering drawings of complex structures. AutoCAD software used.	September	10 months	Certificate (or diploma with another specialty)	Downtown	Full-time
DRAFTING TECHNICIAN – STEEL DETAILING					
Covers basic drafting concepts, as well as residential design through to analysis of structural engineering drawings, stress diagrams, shop fabrication detailing and contract specifications. AutoCAD software used.	September	10 months	Certificate (or diploma with another specialty)	Downtown	Full-time
NETWORKING TECHNOLOGY					
Provides substantially more expertise in computer networking technologies. Students who have completed the Information Technology Specialist program, a computer application support specialist program or other post-secondary computer studies certificate may apply for the diploma.	January, April, September	180 hours	Diploma	Downtown	Part-time

Award-winning faculty: **MARIO TRETTENERO**



He's Top in Trades. VCC auto collision and refinishing instructor Mario Trettenero was named top trades educator in B.C., by the Industry Training Authority.

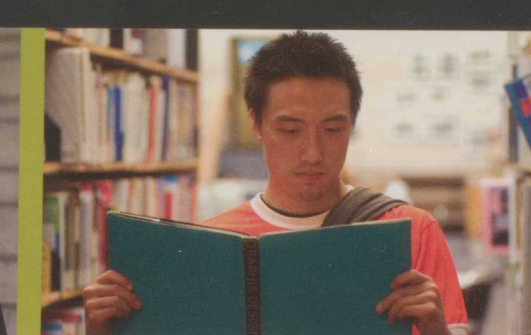
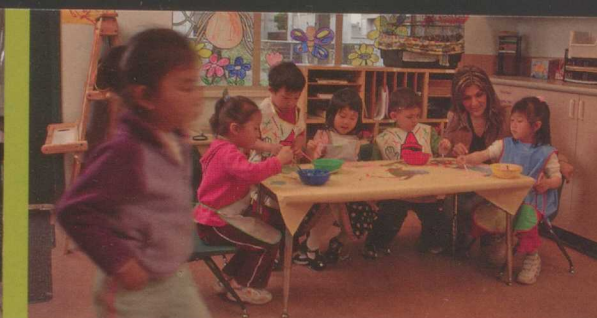
When he was a teenager, Trettenero says, he was given a gift – he was taught a skill, something he could give to others.

"I was 14 years old, working with my godfather painting logging vehicles," he says. "I'll never forget the feeling of that spray gun: it was an amazing feeling. I was hooked."

Trettenero did his entry-level and apprenticeship training at VCC, then worked in industry for 10 years as a Red Seal-certified automotive painter before returning to VCC as an instructor.

TRANSPORTATION TRADES

Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/Part-time
AUTOMOTIVE COLLISION JOURNEY PERSON UPGRADING					
These online courses are geared to collision and refinishing journey persons to help meet the needs of industry upgrade training requirements. Courses currently offered are Automotive Plastics Repair and Environmental Safety for Collision Repair.	January	2 weeks	Transcript	Online	Part-time
AUTOMOTIVE COLLISION REPAIR TECHNICIAN					
Provides entry-level training for today's expanding automotive collision repair industry. This program offers training in a wide range of skills appropriate to today's advanced automobile collision repair industry, and features modern equipment and techniques. Apprentice training available.	January, May, September	8 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time
AUTOMOTIVE COLLISION REPAIR TECHNICIAN – HIGH SCHOOL PLUS					
Offers training to high school students in Grade 12 in a wide range of skills appropriate to today's advanced automobile collision repair industry. Graduates receive secondary school graduation credits, a VCC certificate, Level 1 technical training credit, and work-based training credits towards an apprenticeship.	October	8 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time
AUTOMOTIVE DETAILING TECHNICIAN					
Training in techniques for today's advanced automotive detailing industry integrating the theoretical knowledge with practical experience.	January	3 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time
AUTOMOTIVE REFINISHING PREP TECHNICIAN					
Provides basic skills and entry to apprenticeship including sanding, masking, and refinishing techniques. Students receive instruction in a setting designed to represent a typical automotive refinishing facility. Apprentice training available.	January, April, August	5 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time
AUTOMOTIVE REFINISHING PREP TECHNICIAN – HIGH SCHOOL PLUS					
Offers training to high school students in Grade 12 in a wide range of skills appropriate to today's advanced automobile refinishing industry. Graduates receive secondary school graduation credits, a VCC certificate, Level 1 technical training credit, and work-based training credits towards an apprenticeship.	January	5 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time
AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECHNICIAN					
Students will acquire basic knowledge, skills and attitudes to carry out their duties in a safe, ethical and professional manner for the industry. Apprenticeship training available.	January, March, May, July, October	10 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time
HEAVY DUTY/COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT (DIESEL TECHNICIAN)					
Entry-level training for commercial transport and heavy duty, including marine engines. Students work in a modern and well-equipped shop in a setting that mirrors actual industry conditions. Apprentice training available.	January, April, September	9 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time



SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

ABORIGINAL SERVICES

VCC, along with Aboriginal communities, is committed to increasing participation, retention and success rates among Aboriginal learners by providing the support services necessary for students to succeed in their chosen field of study.

To find out more about services and application procedures, contact the Aboriginal academic advisor at 778.783.5048.

CHILD CARE

The McGregor Child Care Centre, a non-profit daycare, is located at the Broadway campus and offers daycare to 12 children under three years of age and to 25 children over three years of age. Staffed by professional childhood educators, the centre is available for children of students, VCC employees and members of the community.

Find out more about space availability by calling 778.783.5147.

COUNSELLING

Professional counsellors assist students to set goals, handle anxiety and stress, manage time, deal with personal concerns, and cope with emergencies and crisis situations that may arise during study time.

Call 604.443.8453 for an appointment or visit the counselling centre at either the Broadway or Downtown campus.

DISABILITY SERVICES

VCC has professional counsellors and advisors who are committed to making the college accessible to students with disabilities. Services include assistance with program advising and referral to other campus and community resources.

Students are advised to contact Disability Services well in advance (four months recommended) of their program start date. Visit the counselling centre at either the Broadway or Downtown campus or call 604.443.8453 to make an appointment. TTY phone number: 604.443.8323.

HUMAN RIGHTS AND DIVERSITY

VCC celebrates our diverse community. We are committed to ensuring all students are treated with fairness and respect. All students can enjoy an inclusive learning environment, free from discrimination, harassment or unfair treatment.

LEARNING CENTRES

VCC's Learning Centres are pleasant, comfortable study places for independent or group work, offering free learning support to VCC students. The centres provide one-on-one and small group tutoring, workshops and a variety of print and online resources to help students succeed.



LIBRARIES

Libraries at the Broadway and Downtown campuses provide a wide array of resources to assist students with their studies. Friendly staff help students learn information literacy skills and provide help with research. The libraries offer a wide array of electronic products and are committed to using technology to maximize access to information.

INTERPRETING AND BRAILLE SERVICES

Deaf, deaf-blind, hard of hearing, blind and visually impaired students can access a number of services through the Interpreting and Braille Services department.

For more information, phone:

- Downtown campus: 604.443.8583 or TTY 604.443.8594
- Broadway campus: 604.871.7089 or TTY 604.871.7464

PEER HELPER PROGRAM

Peer Helpers provide services to VCC students, including orientation, assistance with registration and guidance in applying for financial aid. Peer Helpers lead conversation clubs for students who want to use their English skills in a group setting. A helper who speaks a student's first language is usually available. Call 604.871.7209.

VCC INTERNATIONAL

Every year, international students from around the world choose to study at Vancouver Community College. Students are attracted to VCC's long tradition of academic and training excellence, as well as Vancouver's great climate and lifestyle.

At VCC International we believe that having international and Canadian students side-by-side in the classroom enriches the learning experience for all. Qualified international students are welcome to enrol in any of the career programs that VCC offers.

We also provide international students with special support services that include assistance with educational planning, study permit extensions, medical insurance and applications for work permits.

For more information, call 604.443.8600, email study@vcc.ca or visit us online at www.study.vcc.ca

Top people, top service: VERONICA JORNA



VCC's Veronica Jorna has students laughing all the way to better grades.

It's that approach – caring, easy-going and humorous – that earned her the college's award of excellence for customer service.

"I love it," she says of her tutoring in the VCC Learning Centre, where students drop in for free help with English, math and science. "There are so many motivated students here at VCC."

Together Jorna and her fellow tutors are dedicated to continuing the success of VCC's Learning Centre.



VCC CAMPUS EXPANSION

VCC has opened an exciting new building that's home to the college's state-of-the-art health science programs.

It has approximately 36 classrooms and 24 labs with open concept student study space, including dedicated event space, a new coffee kiosk and a quickservice food outlet. It also includes new faculty offices and drop-in workstations and offers several break-out rooms in faculty and teaching areas.

The building systems include environmentally friendly features such as high-efficiency lighting and heating/ventilating; all of it computer-controlled for maximum power-savings.

VCC has a long tradition of program, teaching and service excellence – and this newest building will help us continue that tradition with the best possible facilities, programs and services for our students and our communities.



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