

Vancouver
Community
College



VCC PROGRAMS 2012/13

Matt Woodthorpe,
Culinary arts apprentice
Matt fast-tracked his career as a chef
and works at the Sheraton Wall Centre.
*"I want to travel the world and
taste food from everywhere."*


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Hollis Barnsley,
Digital graphic design

Hollis found her identity as an artist at VCC and plans to work at a design agency.

"The program exceeded my expectations. The learning style was perfect, it really allowed me to be creative."

HOW TO APPLY

YOUR FUTURE. NOW. ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS WITH THESE 3 STEPS.

1 ATTEND AN INFORMATION SESSION OR VCC'S INFO NIGHT

Check out VCC programs by attending an information session. It's a great way to find out if the program is right for you. Instructors will show you around and answer your questions. Upcoming information sessions are listed weekly at vcc.ca.

VCC also hosts Info Night every October and April – one night, 140 programs, everything you need to know. Check vcc.ca for dates and details.

2 PLAN YOUR CAREER

VCC academic advisors are here to help you plan your career path. Advisors provide detailed information on VCC programs, admission requirements and how to apply, as well as referrals to other student services and educational departments. Drop by the advising office at either campus, call 604.443.8453 or visit vcc.ca/advising.

3 APPLY ONLINE

Apply anywhere, anytime online at vcc.ca. Once your application has been submitted, track your application status at vcc.ca/appstatus.

If you need help with the application process and your transition to VCC, a peer helper who speaks your first language can guide you. Call 604.871.7209 to get started, or visit vcc.ca/peerhelpers.

Always check vcc.ca for the most up-to-date information on program content, admission requirements, and tuition.

SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

EXCEPTIONAL SUPPORT AND ACCESSIBILITY FOR STUDENT SUCCESS.

ABORIGINAL SERVICES

VCC's Aboriginal gathering spaces at both campuses have helpful staff and Elders available to Aboriginal learners. Friendly and supportive services in a safe, relaxed atmosphere assist you in completing your educational goals. Visit vcc.ca/aboriginal.

CHILD CARE

McGregor Child Care Society is a licensed, non-profit child care centre, located on the Broadway campus. The centre offers a secure, stable, safe and healthy environment for children aged 18 months to five years. Visit vcc.ca/childcare.

COUNSELLING

Professional, free and confidential counselling is available to help you set goals, manage your workload, make decisions, deal with stress, anxiety, and personal matters. Drop by our office at either the Broadway or Downtown campus, or to book an appointment, visit vcc.ca/counselling.

DISABILITY SERVICES

Professional counsellors and advisors at VCC are dedicated to making the college accessible to students with disabilities. Assistance with program advising and referral to other college and community resources are offered. Contact disability services four months in advance of the program start date. Visit vcc.ca/disabilities.

HEALTH SERVICES

Staying healthy is an important part of the learning process. On-site health services with a doctor and nurse are available at both campuses. Visit vcc.ca/doctor.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

At VCC, we provide international students with extra support including assistance with educational planning, study permit extensions, medical insurance and applications for work permits. Visit vcc.ca/international.

INTERPRETING AND BRAILLE SERVICES

Deaf, Deaf-blind, hard of hearing, blind and visually impaired students can access services through the interpreting and braille services office. Visit vcc.ca/interpreting.

LEARNING CENTRES


Learning centres are comfortable and inspiring places to study. VCC offers free student support including tutors, workshops and a variety of resources. Visit vcc.ca/tutoring.

U-PASS

U-Pass is a universal transit pass program for students offered in partnership by VCC, the SUVCC, TransLink and the B.C. government. It provides low-cost travel and encourages transit to be a part of your lifestyle. For eligibility and cost, visit vcc.ca/u-pass.

Lazare Hounnake Adele,
Counselling skills and IT for visually impaired
Lazare used his IT skills for further studies;
his dream is to counsel new immigrants.
*"The visually impaired department at
VCC is like my extended family."*





OUR PROGRAMS. YOUR FUTURE.

TAKE A LOOK. YOU'LL SEE.

For more than 45 years, Vancouver Community College has been helping students gain the skills and knowledge to make a difference in the world.

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.

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

Our hands-on approach gives you the skills you need to succeed in the classroom, at work, and in life – in offerings from literacy programs and basic education to career training and applied bachelor's degrees.

Always check vcc.ca for the most up-to-date program information.

Cara Isaac, Academic upgrading

Cara is working hard to reach her goal of becoming a registered nurse.

"I find the Aboriginal gathering space a comfortable place to study and meet people."

ACADEMIC UPGRADING AND HIGH SCHOOL

Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/part-time
ADULT BASIC EDUCATION (ABE) INTERMEDIATE PROGRAM FOR YOUTH					
VCC's ABE program for youth prepares you for grade 11, entry into a career program or for employment. This program is self-paced.	Continuous intake	Varies	ABE intermediate certificate	Broadway Youth Centre	Both
ADULT UPGRADING (INCLUDING HIGH SCHOOL AND ESSENTIAL SKILLS COURSES)					
Don't put your life on hold. Complete credits for Grades 10, 11 or 12. Learn at your pace, around your schedule, with our adult upgrading program. VCC offers all of the classes you need to get into your program of choice.	Continuous intake or, January, March, May, July, September, November	Varies 2 or 4 months	Certificate, provincial grade 12 diploma, or VCC transcript	Broadway, Downtown	Both
BASIC EDUCATION – ENGLISH AND MATH					
Improve your reading, writing or math skills, from beginner to Grade 8. You will work in small groups, at your pace, with flexible scheduling.	January, April, September, and continuous intake	Varies	VCC transcript	Broadway	Both

APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING

MAKE VCC YOUR FIRST CHOICE FOR APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING

As a VCC apprentice, you'll get invaluable training while you earn a paycheck.

In addition to intensive training for apprentices already working in industry, VCC offers a variety of full-time Industry Training Authority programs. Students receive both apprenticeship qualifications and a VCC credential.

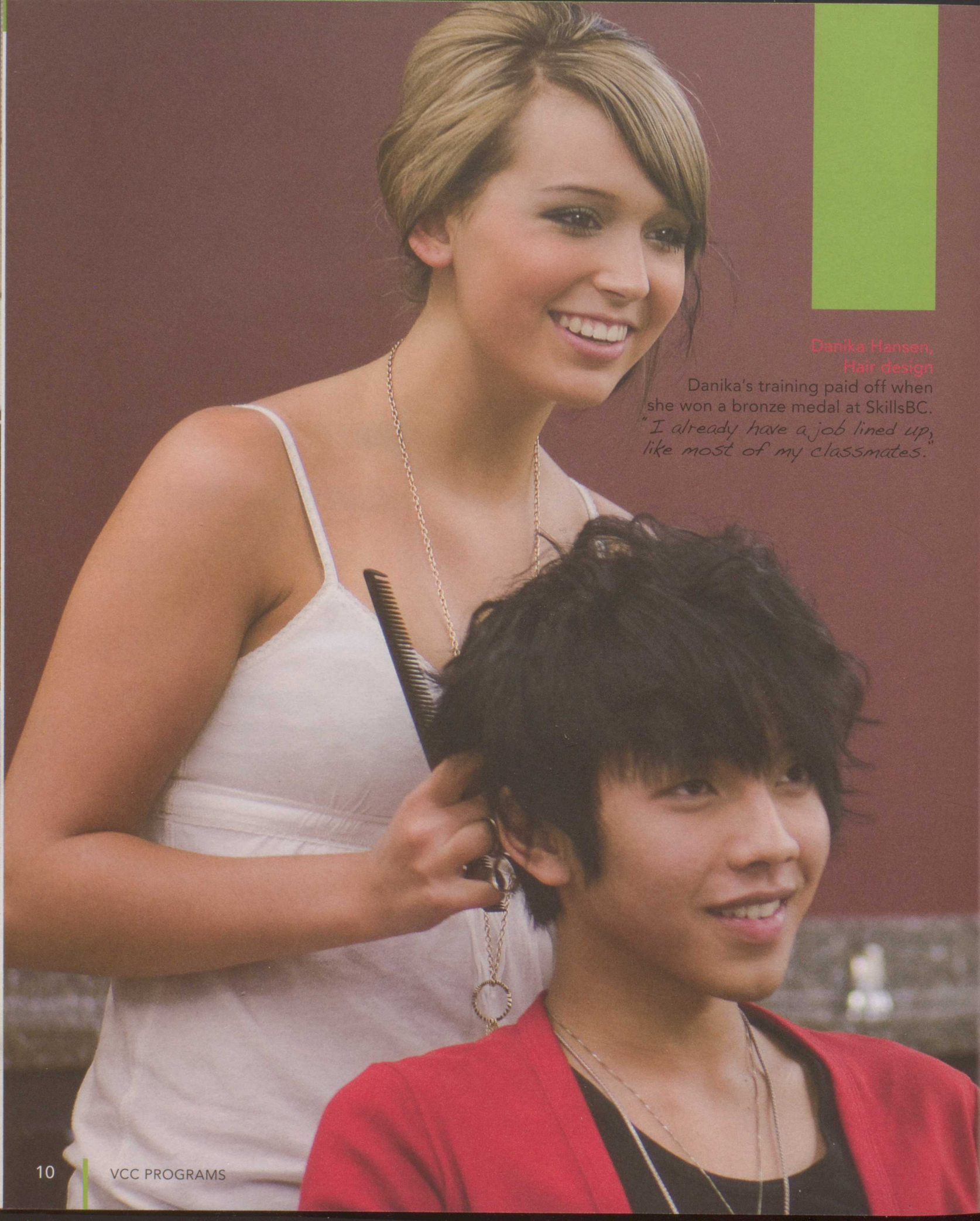
Apprenticeship training areas include:

- Baking and pastry arts (baker)
- Culinary arts (cook)
- Automotive collision repair technician
- Automotive glass technician
- Automotive painting and refinishing technician
- Automotive refinishing prep technician
- Automotive service technician
- Commercial transport vehicle mechanic
- Heavy duty mechanic

For more information, please contact us at apprentice@vcc.ca or 604.871.7041.

BUSINESS

Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/part-time
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT					
Run the office like a pro. Gain secretarial skills and learn to use the latest technology to work as an administrative assistant in any industry.	January, May, August	8 months	Certificate	Downtown	Full-time
APPLIED BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY					
Learn the latest office management and technology skills at home. This web-based program will teach you what you need to perform in a real-world office environment.	Continuous intake	Varies	VCC transcript	Online	Part-time
BUILDING MANAGER					
Build your success as a building manager. Learn how to manage services in hospitals, schools, commercial buildings, and apartment buildings.	January, April, September	10 weeks	Certificate	Downtown, offsite	Part-time
BUSINESS AND TECHNICAL WRITING					
Write concisely and with clarity. Learn to sell your ideas on paper and present information in a variety of written forms for any business field.	January, April, September	9 courses	Certificate	Downtown	Part-time
BUSINESS LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT					
Become a business leader. Get professional development in leadership, coaching, management skills and other critical areas for success.	January, April, September	204 hours	Certificate	Downtown	Part-time
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT					
Reach the next level as an executive assistant. Here, you will learn the necessary skills to work in a demanding marketplace. The program will prepare you to write Certified Administrative Professional exams.	January, May, September	Varies	Certificate	Downtown	Part-time
GLOBAL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP					
Gain the necessary knowledge, skills and experience to manage the human, physical and financial resources of global business.	January, September	2 years	Post Graduate Diploma	Downtown	Full-time
GLOBAL BUSINESS PROJECT MANAGEMENT					
Gain comprehensive knowledge in project management that applies to both domestic and international organization.	January, September	2 years	Post Graduate Diploma	Downtown	Full-time
LEADERSHIP					
Be a leader. Develop knowledge, skills and confidence to lead, supervise and manage others. Use this program to advance professionally or to ladder into further education.	January, April, September	72 hours	Certificate	Downtown	Part-time
LEADERSHIP COACHING					
Coach like a leader. Learn to support and challenge your team's creativity and improve performance. This certificate program consists of 12 one-day courses or, for associate certificate, complete 6 courses.	January, April, September	72 hours 36 hours 36 hours	Certificate Associate certificate	Downtown	Part-time
LEGAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT					
Adapt your administrative assistant skills to work in the legal field. Learn administrative duties, and transcription, for various areas of law.	February, September Continuous intake	5 months 3 years	Certificate	Downtown Online	Full-time Part-time
MANAGEMENT SKILLS FOR SUPERVISORS					
Become a progressive manager. Gain current, practical supervisory and management training that encourages participants to learn from the group's diverse experience.	January, April, September	72 hours	Certificate	Downtown	Part-time
PARALEGAL					
This program allows you to upgrade your legal support staff skills. Or, for a diploma – continue the study of law's four areas: litigation, corporate law, conveyancing, and family and estate law.	January, April, September	4 years 2 years	Diploma Certificate	Downtown, offsite, online	Part-time

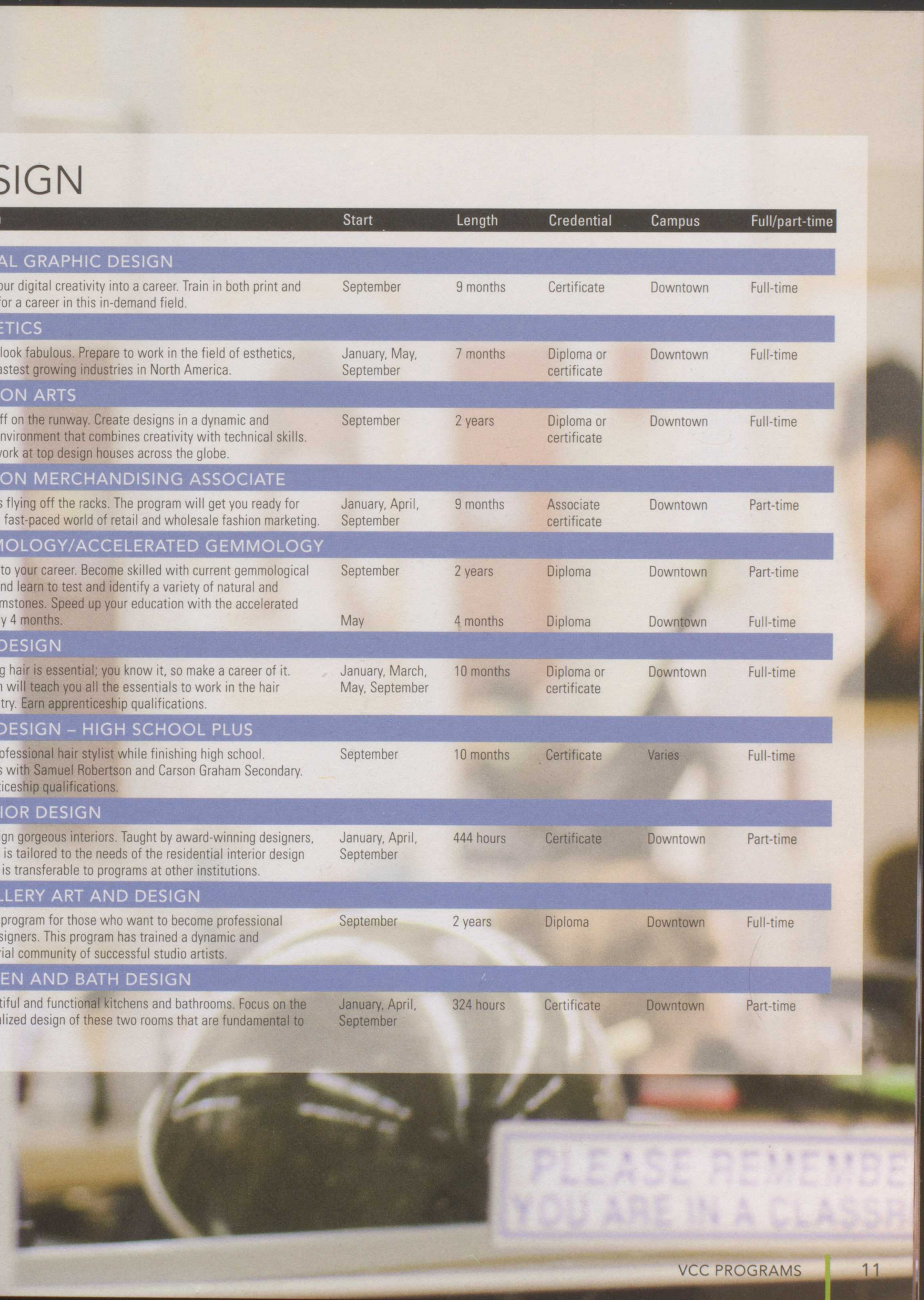


Danika Hansen,
Hair design

Danika's training paid off when she won a bronze medal at SkillsBC. "I already have a job lined up, like most of my classmates."

DESIGN

Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/part-time
DIGITAL GRAPHIC DESIGN					
Transform your digital creativity into a career. Train in both print and web media for a career in this in-demand field.	September	9 months	Certificate	Downtown	Full-time
ESTHETICS					
Help others look fabulous. Prepare to work in the field of esthetics, one of the fastest growing industries in North America.	January, May, September	7 months	Diploma or certificate	Downtown	Full-time
FASHION ARTS					
Get your stuff on the runway. Create designs in a dynamic and supportive environment that combines creativity with technical skills. Graduates work at top design houses across the globe.	September	2 years	Diploma or certificate	Downtown	Full-time
FASHION MERCHANDISING ASSOCIATE					
Keep clothes flying off the racks. The program will get you ready for the dynamic, fast-paced world of retail and wholesale fashion marketing.	January, April, September	9 months	Associate certificate	Downtown	Part-time
GEMMOLOGY/ACCELERATED GEMMOLOGY					
Add sparkle to your career. Become skilled with current gemmological equipment and learn to test and identify a variety of natural and synthetic gemstones. Speed up your education with the accelerated program, only 4 months.	September	2 years	Diploma	Downtown	Part-time
	May	4 months	Diploma	Downtown	Full-time
HAIR DESIGN					
Great-looking hair is essential; you know it, so make a career of it. This program will teach you all the essentials to work in the hair design industry. Earn apprenticeship qualifications.	January, March, May, September	10 months	Diploma or certificate	Downtown	Full-time
HAIR DESIGN – HIGH SCHOOL PLUS					
Train as a professional hair stylist while finishing high school. VCC partners with Samuel Robertson and Carson Graham Secondary. Earn apprenticeship qualifications.	September	10 months	Certificate	Varies	Full-time
INTERIOR DESIGN					
Learn to design gorgeous interiors. Taught by award-winning designers, this program is tailored to the needs of the residential interior design industry and is transferable to programs at other institutions.	January, April, September	444 hours	Certificate	Downtown	Part-time
JEWELLERY ART AND DESIGN					
A jewel of a program for those who want to become professional jewellery designers. This program has trained a dynamic and entrepreneurial community of successful studio artists.	September	2 years	Diploma	Downtown	Full-time
KITCHEN AND BATH DESIGN					
Design beautiful and functional kitchens and bathrooms. Focus on the highly specialized design of these two rooms that are fundamental to every home.	January, April, September	324 hours	Certificate	Downtown	Part-time



ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/part-time
ELSA – ENGLISH LANGUAGE SERVICES FOR ADULTS					
Learn English from Vancouver's biggest and best English school. VCC offers instruction for immigrant adults in ELSA levels 1 through 5.	Monthly	Varies	N/A	Broadway	Both
ENGLISH FROM LITERACY TO FIRST YEAR UNIVERSITY TRANSFER					
Bring your English up to the college and university level. Courses are offered at various times for flexibility.	January, April, September	Varies	VCC transcript	Broadway	Both
ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES AND CAREERS					
Improve your English. If you are an immigrant with education from abroad, you can upgrade your English language skills in order to advance yourself professionally or to take career training.	Monthly	Varies	VCC transcript	Downtown	Both
ESL AT VCC					
Learn English when and where it's convenient for you. VCC is Vancouver's leading ESL instruction institution from literacy and beginner level to intermediate and advanced.	January, April, July, September	3 months	VCC transcript	Broadway, Downtown	Both
ESL CLASSES IN THE COMMUNITY					
Learn English close to home. VCC holds classes at various times, at all levels, and in many venues in Vancouver and Burnaby.	January, April, September	3 months	VCC transcript	Varies	Part-time
ESL HOMEFRONT LEARNING					
Get the basics at home for free. Volunteer tutors go into Vancouver and Burnaby homes to teach English language skills to beginners for up to two hours per week.	Varies	Varies	N/A	N/A	Part-time
ESL LEARNING CENTRES IN LIBRARIES					
Learning centres in libraries provide free one-on-one and small group ESL tutoring to adults. Each learning centre has various operating hours and is staffed by trained and experienced instructional assistants.	Students may start at anytime	Varies	N/A	Varies	Part-time

FIRST-YEAR UNIVERSITY

ARTS AND HUMANITIES					
Start university here. At VCC, you have the opportunity to earn university credits in a college setting, with smaller class sizes, and greater support from instructors. Day and evening courses available in English, economics, psychology, and sociology.	January, May, September	4 months	VCC transcript	Broadway	Both
MATH AND SCIENCES					
VCC offers first-year, fully transferable university credit courses in math and the sciences. Day and evening classes available in biology, human anatomy and physiology, chemistry, statistics, and calculus.	January, May, September	4 months	VCC transcript	Broadway	Both

Arti Naidu,
First-year university

Arti is using her academic credits to gain admission into a health care program.
"I find it easier to learn subjects like biology with the personalized style of instruction here."

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/part-time
ACCESS TO PRACTICAL NURSING					
Help others heal. Learn a balanced approach to deliver practical nursing to patients of all ages who require acute care.	September, January	8 months 14½ months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time Part-time
ACUTE CARE SKILLS FOR HOME SUPPORT/RESIDENT CARE ATTENDANTS					
If you are a home support worker or resident care aide, this program will prepare you to work in an acute-care setting.	February, April, September, October	5 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time
ADDICTION COUNSELLING SKILLS					
Help the addicted. You will be exposed to leading-edge research. Learn best practices and develop a network of contacts in your chosen field.	January, April, September	15 months to 3 years	Certificate	Broadway, Downtown, offsite, online	Both
COMMUNITY COUNSELLING SKILLS					
Help community members in need. This program is for those who wish to begin or continue working with clientele who possess a spectrum of concerns.	January, April, September	12 months to 3 years	Certificate	Broadway, Downtown, offsite, online	Both
DENTAL ASSISTING – CERTIFIED					
Train for a great career as a certified dental assistant. Acquire the specialized knowledge and skills to function as a dental health team member.	September	10 months	Certificate	Downtown	Full-time
DENTAL ASSISTING – CERTIFIED (DISTANCE DELIVERY)					
No need to move to train as a certified dental assistant. VCC offers distance learning, so you can train from home to become an essential member of the dental health team.	Continuous intake	1½ to 5 years	Certificate	Distance delivery	Part-time
DENTAL HYGIENE					
Put a shine on their smiles. Train for a career as a registered dental hygienist, an important member of the oral health care team, with VCC's renowned program.	September	2 years	Diploma	Downtown	Full-time
DENTAL HYGIENE ACCESS FOR CDAS					
Increase your credentials as a dental professional. Here is a way to keep working part-time as a CDA while you complete the first year of VCC's dental hygiene diploma.	September	3 years	Diploma	Distance delivery	Part-time
DENTAL RECEPTION COORDINATOR					
Train to run a dental office. You will learn dental terminology and dental office skills, as well as dental radiography.	January, September	5 months	Certificate	Downtown	Full-time
DENTAL TECHNOLOGY					
Sink your teeth into a career as a dental technician. This program teaches the skills required to construct and provide dentures and other dental appliances.	September 2012 September 2014	2 years	Diploma	Downtown	Full-time
DENTURIST					
Give them back their smiles as a professional denturist. This program teaches how to provide complete and partial dentures, overdentures and dentures over implants.	September 2013 September 2015	2 years	Diploma	Downtown	Full-time

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CONTINUED ON PAGE 22

Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/part-time
EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION					
Care for young children. This well-respected program will prepare you to supervise preschools and child care centres, providing high-quality services for young children and their families.	September	2 years	Certificate	Downtown, offsite	Part-time
FAMILY LITERACY					
Change lives through literacy. Gain or upgrade literacy education knowledge and skills in this new program – the first of its kind in Canada.	January, April, September	Varies	Certificate	Online	Part-time
FOODSAFE					
Be food safe. Learn how to meet current industry standards for health and safety when working with food, both at home and in the workplace.	Saturdays	1 day	Foodsafe certificate	Downtown	Part-time
HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT					
Make a career of caring for others. Train as a caregiver in home support, adult day care, assisted living, and complex care.	May, September, January	7 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time
HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT – ESL					
Help patients stay healthy in their own homes. Develop the skills and knowledge – including English – to become a home care assistant.	February, September	10 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time
HEALTH SCIENCES UPGRADING COURSES					
Keep working while you upgrade your nursing skills. Your past education, training, and experience will be recognized as you obtain prerequisites to enter the access to practical nursing program.	Varies	Varies	VCC transcript	Broadway	Part-time
INFANT AND TODDLER AND SPECIAL NEEDS					
Focus your ECE skills. You already have your ECE training and can now earn credentials at VCC in either infant and toddler care or special needs.	September	1 year each	Certificate	Downtown, offsite	Part-time
INTERPRETING – COURT					
This highly respected program enables bilingual speakers to obtain practical training in interpreting techniques, legal terminology and procedures, and qualifies them as court interpreters.	September	8 months	Certificate	Downtown, offsite	Part-time
INTERPRETING – HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES					
Help non-English speakers access health care. Enables you to work as an interpreter in hospitals, clinics, and other health care agencies.	January, April, September	7 months	Certificate	Downtown, offsite	Part-time
LPN TO BScN TRANSITION STUDIES					
Make the transition from licensed practical nurse (LPN) to a registered nurse. If you plan to apply to VCC's bachelor of science in nursing program, you first need to complete these four courses.	January, April, September	1 year	VCC transcript	Broadway, offsite	Part-time
MEDICAL DEVICE REPROCESSING					
Qualify as an medical device reprocessing (MDR) technician. Learn how to clean and sterilize medical equipment and instruments used for patient care, procedures, and surgeries.	September	11 weeks	Certificate	Downtown, offsite	Full-time



TAKE A LOOK. YOU'LL SEE. AT VCC, EXCELLENCE



IS AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING WE DO.

VCC SUCCESS STORIES

TAKE A LOOK. YOU'LL SEE.

VCC fosters a close-knit community where students, staff and faculty are encouraged to learn, collaborate, compete, and be the best.

Our faculty are skilled leaders in their fields, and our instructors, programs, and students regularly take top honours in local, regional, and national competitions – all keen examples of the high calibre of education and training you receive at VCC.

Take a look at some recent highlights.

Award-winning students

JUNO AWARD WINNER 2011

Former music student Elaine Shepherd won a Juno Award for best reggae recording.

NATIONAL DESIGN AWARD 2011

Digital graphic design graduates Shay Flores and Jennifer Kaleta won design awards from Applied Arts Magazine.

SWEET VICTORY

VCC's baking students won 1st place in the professional category at the 2011 Hyatt Regency annual gingerbread house contest.

NATIONAL TÉLIO COMPETITION 2010

Fashion graduate Nicole Obidowski was top finisher from Western Canada at Montréal Fashion Week.

CANADIAN DECORATORS' ASSOCIATION 2009

Interior design graduate Victoria McKenney placed 1st in the decorating and design competition.

TOP IN TRADES WINNER 2009

The Province awarded the title to VCC culinary graduate Matt Woodthorpe.

Program excellence

NASCARZ SILVER MEDALLIST

The 'Never Again Steal Cars' program was selected as a silver recipient of the 2011 Association of Canadian Community Colleges program excellence award.

WORLD BEAT SILVER MEDALLIST

VCC's innovative World Beat program won a silver medal from the ACCC¹ for program excellence in 2010. The program's multi-disciplinary approach helps vulnerable immigrant youth plan for their future.

ACCESS & INCLUSION AWARD 2010

VCC was presented with an honourable mention from the City of Vancouver for its community and career education, visually impaired programs, Deaf and hard of hearing programs, and interpreting and braille services.

Why VCC is unique

LARGEST ESL COLLECTION

VCC's library has one of the largest ESL collections in Canada.

MULTILINGUAL LEGAL GLOSSARY

VCC's instructors from the multilingual interpreting program developed Canada's first online legal glossary in several languages to help newcomers to Canada understand legal terms.

SIMULATED HOSPITAL UNIT

VCC has the province's only simulated hospital unit, where students from several health programs work together just as they would on a real hospital floor.

DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING PROGRAM

VCC is home to B.C.'s only ongoing post-secondary program specifically designed for the Deaf and hard of hearing.

BEAUTIFUL SPACES

The Interior Design Institute of B.C. awarded a bronze medal to the architects of Broadway campus building B.

Milestones at VCC

WORLD CULINARY OLYMPICS 2012

VCC's Junior Culinary Team Canada won the honour of representing Canada in the 2012 IKA International Culinary Olympics in Erfurt, Germany.

SPECIAL SERVICES

In 2011, VCC's Braille and interpreting department celebrated 30 years of service to visually impaired and Deaf and hard of hearing students. The department is the only one of its kind in B.C.

ESL TUTORING

In 2009, VCC celebrated 30 years of volunteer ESL tutoring through its Homefront Learning program; 6,000 new immigrant students have learned English in their homes with VCC.

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSING CELEBRATES 60 YEARS

VCC has trained nurses for more than half a century; our licensed practical nursing program celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2009.

Award-winning instructors

WESTERN CANADIAN MUSIC AWARD 2011

Music instructor Peter Hannan won the category for best classical recording.

LITERARY PRIZE

English instructor Jen Currin won the 2011 Audre Lorde Poetry Prize for her book of poetry.

DENTAL EXCELLENCE

Instructor Michelle Rosko received a 2011 Certificate of Merit from the Certified Dental Assistants of B.C.

DENTAL LEADERSHIP

Instructor Cathy Larson received a 2011 Certificate of Merit from the College of Dental Surgeons of B.C.

MAYOR'S ARTS AWARD

Sal Ferraras, vice-president, education and student services, received the 2010 Mayor's Arts Award.

CHEF OF THE YEAR 2010

John-Carlo Felicella, VCC's head chef instructor, was named Canada's 2010 Chef of the Year by the Canadian Culinary Federation.

Noteworthy events

ROYAL FEAST

Junior Culinary Team Canada cooked dinner in Ottawa for Will and Kate during the couple's first-ever royal tour of Canada.

GIANT CAKE

VCC baking students created a huge cake to feed 2,200 people at the City of Vancouver's 125th birthday celebrations.

ABORIGINAL ART

VCC unveiled 14 unique pieces of Aboriginal artwork in 2011, on display throughout the Broadway campus.

YEAR OF SCIENCE

VCC hosted NASA Cmdr. John Herrington and acclaimed Aboriginal artist and musician Buffy Ste. Marie during Year of Science 2011.

OLYMPIC 2010 HOCKEY JERSEYS

VCC fashion arts students sewed the name plates and numbers on all 1,400 hockey jerseys for the 2010 Olympics.

WRITERS SERIES

VCC hosted noted authors: Michael Slade, Gwynne Dyer, George McWhirter, Mark Leiren-Young and Evelyn Lau in recent years.

Footnotes

¹ ACCC
Association of Canadian Community Colleges. ACCC Awards program recognizes and promotes excellence within Canadian colleges, institutes, polytechnics, cégeps and university colleges.

² SKILLSBC, SKILLS CANADA AND WORLDSKILLS
SkillsBC, Skills Canada and WorldSkills are Olympic-style competitions which showcase students' technical and leadership skills – provincially, nationally and internationally.

³ COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION
Canadian premiers created a Council of the Federation Literacy Award medallion. The award recognizes outstanding achievement, innovative practice and excellence in literacy.

National recognition

GLOBAL CHEFS CHALLENGE

Junior Culinary Team Canada coach Tobias MacDonald will represent the Americas region in the Global Chefs Challenge in South Korea in 2012.

STAFF EXCELLENCE 2010

VCC School of Music program assistant Jodi Van Brunt won a gold medal for staff excellence from the ACCC.¹

STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2010

Hospitality student Zoran Kovacevic won a bronze medal for student leadership from the ACCC.¹

HALL OF FAME

Jim Storie, VCC alumnus and board member, has been inducted into the 2010 Canadian Tourism Hall of Fame.

Skills Canada² medals

BAKING

WorldSkills
2009: Caitlin Mayo won a medallion of excellence and the people's choice award.

Skills Canada
2011: 1 silver

SkillsBC
2011: 2 gold, 1 silver, 2 bronze
2010: 1 silver, 1 bronze

HAIR DESIGN

Skills Canada
2011: 2 silver
2010: 1 silver

SkillsBC
2011: 2 gold, 1 silver
2010: 2 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze

AUTOMOTIVE COLLISION

Skills Canada
2011: 1 silver
2010: 1 silver, 1 bronze

SkillsBC
2011: 2 gold, 2 silver, 2 bronze
2010: 2 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze

CULINARY ARTS

SkillsBC
2010: 1 gold, 1 silver

DRAFTING TECHNICIAN

SkillsBC
2010: 1 bronze

Powerful partnerships

ABORIGINAL LEARNING

VCC partnered with Seabird Island Band to offer nursing studies opportunities to Aboriginal students.

TEAMING WITH CHINA

VCC's School of Hospitality offers training to learners at the Suzhou Vocational School of Information Technology in China. The first year of study is completed in China and the second in Vancouver.

OVERSEAS LEARNING

Three nursing students embarked on a first-ever overseas internship in Dhaka, Bangladesh in summer 2011; a partnership between VCC and the International University of Business, Agriculture and Technology.

VCC'S DANCE PARTNER

A VCC and Arts Umbrella collaboration in 2009 created a dance diploma – the first of its kind in North America. Students learn high-level dance from Arts Umbrella, and VCC provides academic courses in professional business skills.

DIESEL CAMP FOR GIRLS

VCC and engine-maker Cummins Western Canada introduced young women to heavy duty mechanics at VCC's diesel camp.

VCC in the community

VCC FEEDS THE MIND AND BODY

For more than a decade, VCC has treated thousands in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside to special meals with events like Christmas in January and Fair in the Square.

ANNUAL TOOTH TROLLEY

With the tooth fairy's endorsement, VCC's dental assisting students provide free dental care to hundreds of Vancouver and Burnaby children, who roll up in a vintage-style trolley bus.

OPERATION PHOENIX

VCC has joined with the Downtown Community Court and *The Province* to provide education and training for six individuals referred through the court.

BANDING TOGETHER IN CRISIS

The VCC community consistently rises to the challenge in times of crisis, including raising money for Japanese earthquake relief.

Antoinette Faner, 38, Nursing unit clerk

Antoinette chose VCC for a career change, after 16 years in retail.

"Graduates of VCC are considered to be the best in the field, so they are usually hired first."

DEDICATED STAFF, TOP-NOTCH PROGRAMS, AND OTHER HARDWORKING STUDENTS, LIKE YOU.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 15

Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/part-time
MEDICAL OFFICE ASSISTANT					
Train to become a medical laboratory assistant. Through a combination of theory and practice, you will learn to work effectively in both private and hospital laboratory settings.	May, September	6 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time
MEDICAL OFFICE ASSISTANT					
Become an essential member of the health care team. Acquire work experience and office skills specific to the medical industry.	September, March	6 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time
MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTIONIST					
Become fluent in the language of medicine. Learn to interpret and transcribe physician dictation to create specialized medical reports.	September	8 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time
NURSING (BScN) YEAR 1 ENTRY					
Start here on your journey to becoming a registered nurse. VCC's program emphasizes active student participation and self-directed learning with the teacher acting as a facilitator.	September	36 months	Bachelor's degree	Broadway	Full-time
NURSING (BScN) ADVANCED ENTRY					
Upgrade your practical nursing credential. This advanced entry into year three of the degree program prepares you to become a registered nurse.	January	2 years	Bachelor's degree	Broadway	Full-time
NURSING UNIT CLERK					
Learn to process medical orders and admit and discharge patients. The nursing unit clerk is an essential member of the health care team.	January, May, September	8 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time
OCCUPATIONAL/PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT					
Help the healing process. Qualify to work as part of an interdisciplinary team, implementing treatments that promote, restore, maintain or enhance a client's level of functioning.	September	2 years	Diploma	Broadway	Full-time
PERIANESTHESIA NURSING					
This distance education program is clinically relevant for registered nurses whose career goals include working with patients requiring anaesthesia, analgesia, and procedural sedation.	Continuous intake	16 weeks to 1 year	Certificate	Offsite	Part-time
PHARMACY TECHNICIAN					
Become a pharmacy technician, ready to work in community or hospital pharmacies. Gain knowledge and skills relevant to the technical and clerical aspects of the pharmacy profession.	May 2012, January 2013, September 2013	30 weeks	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time
PRACTICAL NURSE REFRESHER/BRIDGING					
Qualify to work as a nurse in Canada. Whether you were educated in Canada or abroad, this program will ease your transition to employment as a practical nurse in Canada.	November	5 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time
PRACTICAL NURSING					
Learn to care for patients. Program covers health promotion and prevention, care of the aging and acute care, ending with a preceptorship.	January, September	12 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time
RENAL DIALYSIS TECHNICIAN					
Care for patients undergoing hemodialysis. You will qualify to manage the operation, and maintain and learn quality control of the equipment.	TBA	7 weeks	Certificate	Downtown	Full-time

HOSPITALITY

Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/part-time
ASIAN CULINARY ARTS					
Put some sizzle into your life. Chinese, Japanese, Malaysian, Thai, Singaporean, Vietnamese, Korean, and fusion cuisine are explored.	February, September	5 months	Certificate	Downtown	Full-time
BAKING AND PASTRY ARTS (BAKER) APPRENTICE					
Expert training for rising bakers (see page 8).	Varies	12 weeks	VCC transcript	Downtown	Full-time
BAKING AND PASTRY ARTS – ADVANCED BAKING SPECIALTY					
Produce luscious baked goods and get ready to work in bakeries, supermarkets, and other businesses. Earn apprenticeship qualifications.	March	10 months	Certificate	Downtown	Full-time
BAKING AND PASTRY ARTS – ESL					
Language skills needn't be a barrier to becoming a professional baker. ESL instruction is part of the training. Earn apprenticeship qualifications.	October	12 months	Certificate	Downtown	Full-time
BAKING AND PASTRY ARTS – PATISSERIE SPECIALTY					
Learn to make delectable desserts. Specialize in pastries, cake-making, chocolates, and plated desserts. Earn apprenticeship qualifications.	January, May, July, November	10 months	Certificate	Downtown	Full-time
BAKING AND PASTRY MANAGEMENT					
Build on your knowledge of the baking industry. Train as a supervisor or manager in bakeries, restaurants, and other areas of the food industry.	January, September	8 months	Diploma	Downtown	Part-time
BAKING FOUNDATION – HIGH SCHOOL PLUS					
Create heavenly confections – students begin their baking career while in high school. Earn apprenticeship qualifications.	August	6 months	Certificate	Downtown	Full-time
COOKING – ESL					
Learn to cook and speak English. Cook training with ESL instruction for the hospitality industry. Earn apprenticeship qualifications.	August	10 months	Certificate	Downtown	Full-time
COOKING FOUNDATION – HIGH SCHOOL PLUS					
Turn up the heat on your career. Secondary students in various schools can learn to work as a cook. Earn apprenticeship qualifications.	September, February	Varies	Certificate	Various high schools	Full-time
CULINARY ARTS					
Get your career cooking. VCC has trained many top chefs, and our faculty is recognized internationally. Earn apprenticeship qualifications.	Monthly	11 months	Certificate	Downtown	Full-time
CULINARY ARTS (COOK) APPRENTICE					
Leading-edge training for working cooks and chefs (see page 8).	Varies	15 weeks	VCC transcript	Downtown	Full-time
CULINARY ARTS – ABORIGINAL SPECIALTY					
Chef training with Aboriginal expertise. Learn to professionally prepare and serve Aboriginal cuisine. Earn apprenticeship qualifications.	October	11 months	Certificate	Downtown	Full-time
CULINARY MANAGEMENT					
Manage a professional kitchen. Fundamental food service supervisory skills for those with aspirations in management or entrepreneurship.	January, September	8 months	Diploma	Downtown	Full-time
HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT					
Become a part of B.C.'s No. 1 industry. VCC provides the academic training for success in the tourism industry.	September, January, September	4 years 2 years	Bachelor's degree or diploma	Downtown	Full-time
HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT FOR INDUSTRY EXECUTIVES					
Put your experience toward a degree. This program combines theoretical training with industry-specific study.	January	2 years	Bachelor's degree	Downtown	Part-time

INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/part-time
ADULT EDUCATION					
Pass on your professional knowledge and become an instructor. Earn the diploma that will qualify you to teach adult learners in industry, public institutions or the private sector.	Continuous intake	Varies	Diploma	Broadway, online	Both
CERTIFICATE IN ONLINE/E-LEARNING INSTRUCTION					
Teach over the Internet. Build on your foundation of instructor education and prepare yourself with the knowledge and skills needed to teach in the online, eLearning environment.	Continuous intake	Varies	Certificate	Online	Part-time
PROVINCIAL INSTRUCTOR DIPLOMA					
Improve your adult education skills. Instructors learn to develop teaching skills such as program planning and design, and use of instructional media. Over 30 locations in B.C., Alberta and Yukon.	Continuous intake	Varies	Diploma or certificate	Broadway, offsite, online	Both
TEFL CERTIFICATE (TEACHING ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE)					
Get the basic instructional skills and knowledge, including theory and practical application to teach English to adults.	January, April, September	Varies	Certificate	Downtown	Part-time
TEFL YOUNG LEARNERS CERTIFICATE					
Teach English to young learners aged six to 16. This program qualifies you to teach children in countries outside Canada or to tutor in Canada.	July	1 month	Certificate	Downtown	Full-time
TESOL CERTIFICATE (TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES)					
Teach English to speakers of other languages. You will examine the instructional methodology used for a communicative approach to listening, speaking, reading, writing, pronunciation, and grammar.	January, March, April, July, October	1 month	Certificate	Downtown	Full-time
TESOL DIPLOMA – FAST TRACK					
Earn the TESOL diploma. For people who want to teach English to speakers of other languages – VCC is the largest teacher-training program of its kind in Western Canada.	January, September	10 months	Diploma	Downtown	Full-time
TESOL DIPLOMA – PART-TIME STUDIES					
Learn to teach English on your schedule. Train to teach speakers of other languages from literacy to university-level English.	January, April, September	2 to 4 years	Diploma	Downtown	Part-time
TESOL DISTANCE DIPLOMA					
No need to leave home to earn your TESOL diploma. Complete the diploma by distance education.	January, April, September	Varies	Diploma	Distance delivery	Part-time
TUTORING ESOL CERTIFICATE					
Earn your credentials to tutor English. For those who wish to tutor English one-on-one or in groups to adult speakers of other languages.	January, April, September	Varies	Certificate	Downtown	Part-time

Mark Knudsgaard,
Instructor education

Mark, a carpentry instructor at a B.C. college, sought out VCC for its professional programming. "I came to VCC because I want to provide the best educational experience possible for my students."

Carlos Vallejo,
Music diploma

Carlos aspires to write, perform
and teach music.

*"I can't believe how much
I've learned in the last couple
of years. It's amazing."*

MUSIC AND DANCE

Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/part-time
DANCE					
Dance...professionally. In partnership with Arts Umbrella, this program demonstrates the highest standard of professional dance technique and training in a variety of styles, including ballet, modern, and jazz.	September	2 years	Diploma	Arts Umbrella	Full-time
MUSIC – BACHELOR'S DEGREE					
Harmonize with B.C.'s most innovative music school. Complete your degree with award-winning professional instructors from across today's diverse and cosmopolitan music scene.	September	2 years	Bachelor's degree	Broadway	Full-time
MUSIC – DIPLOMA					
Start your music career on the right note. Perfect for aspiring professional musicians who may want to pursue performance or who are still considering their musical options.	September	2 years	Diploma	Broadway	Full-time
MUSIC – COMMUNITY COURSES					
Bring more music into your life. Community members are welcome to dabble in courses like music foundations and join ensembles or workshops such as the Bass in B.C. workshop.	Varies	Varies	VCC transcript	Broadway	Part-time
PERFORMING ARTS – BACHELOR'S DEGREE					
This degree program is ideal for those who want to practice as a professional performing artist, arts manager, administrator or entrepreneur, or those who want to continue on to graduate studies.	May	9 months	Bachelor's degree	Varies	Both

SIGN LANGUAGE STUDIES

Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/part-time
ASL AND DEAF STUDIES – FULL-TIME					
Become fluent in American Sign Language (ASL). As well as further developing your ASL skills, learn about Deaf culture, develop public speaking skills, and explore career opportunities.	September	10 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time
ASL AND DEAF STUDIES – PART-TIME					
Learn American Sign Language (ASL) in the evenings or in the summer. Even beginners will learn fast in these immersion-style classes that take a practical, conversational approach.	January, July, September	6, 12, and 24 weeks	VCC transcript	Broadway	Part-time

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

ADULT SPECIAL EDUCATION					
Get the skills you need to perform clerical work and, ultimately, to live more independently.	January, September	Varies	VCC transcript	Downtown	Part-time
CAREER AWARENESS					
Map your future career. In this program for students with cognitive disabilities, you will explore employment options, increase your level of job readiness, gain experience, and set goals.	September	9 months	Certificate	Downtown	Full-time
DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING – JOB READINESS					
Plan your career. Deaf and hard of hearing students will make career choices, plan training, find employment, and develop job skills.	September	10 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time
DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING					
Upgrade your English skills. Deaf and hard of hearing students can improve grammar, reading, vocabulary, and writing.	January, February, April, September	Varies	VCC transcript	Broadway	Both
FOOD SERVICE CAREERS (ADULT SPECIAL EDUCATION)					
Designed for students with cognitive disabilities. Get kitchen prep training and work experience that is matched to your interests and abilities.	September	38 weeks	Certificate	Downtown	Full-time
HOSPITALITY CAREERS (ADULT SPECIAL EDUCATION)					
VCC teaches students with cognitive disabilities the skills necessary to work in the hospitality industry.	September	9 months	Certificate	Downtown	Full-time
OFFICE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED					
VCC is dedicated to students with visual disabilities. We offer a flexible environment for the blind or visually-impaired to learn the computing skills needed for further study.	September	9 months	Certificate	Broadway	Both
RETAIL FOOD AND SUPERMARKET CAREERS					
VCC trains students with cognitive disabilities to work in the retail food industry. A 12-week supervised work experience is provided.	September	9 months	Certificate	Downtown	Full-time
VISUALLY IMPAIRED ADULT PROGRAM					
Classes in English, mathematics, braille, and computer-training will prepare you to further your education.	Continuous intake	Varies	VCC transcript	Broadway	Both
APPLIED TECHNOLOGY FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED					
Gain computer skills to succeed in employment or mainstream college or university programs.	September	12 months	Certificate	Broadway	Both



TECHNOLOGY

Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/part-time
DRAFTING TECHNICIAN – ARCHITECTURAL					
Open the door on drafting. In addition to learning theory, technique and computer-aided drafting skills, students will apply design drafting concepts to residential and commercial architecture.	September	10 months	Certificate or diploma (with 2 specialties)	Downtown	Full-time
DRAFTING TECHNICIAN – ARCHITECTURAL-CIVIL/STRUCTURAL					
Find structure with this drafting program. Gain drafting basics, then apply your new skills to prepare engineering drawings of concrete, steel, and timber structures.	September	10 months	Certificate or diploma (with 2 specialties)	Downtown	Full-time
DRAFTING TECHNICIAN – STEEL DETAILING					
Become detail-oriented. After learning the basics of drafting, learn to draw a variety of steel-framed structures and how to use structural and geometric calculations to solve problems.	September	10 months	Certificate or diploma (with 2 specialties)	Downtown	Full-time
NETWORKING TECHNOLOGY					
Network at a higher level. This program, comprised of industry-recognized and certified courses, allows students to further their expertise in computer networking technologies.	January, April, September	2 years	Diploma or certificate	Downtown, offsite	Part-time

Andrew Calingasan,
Drafting technician – architectural
Andrew will use his specialized training to work as an architectural drafting technician.
"The program is well-known in the industry for exceptional instruction and hands-on experience."

Philip Ogilvie,
Automotive service technician

Philip sees himself working under the hoods of high-end custom cars. *"I chose VCC because they run an actual shop here, so it's more hands-on and practical."*

TRANSPORTATION TRADES

Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/part-time
AUTO COLLISION JOURNEY PERSON UPGRADING					
Go online to upgrade collision and refinishing skills. Journey persons throughout the province can meet industry requirements in automotive plastics repair and environmental safety for collision repair.	January	Varies	VCC transcript	Online	Part-time
AUTOMOTIVE COLLISION REPAIR TECHNICIAN					
Restore dignity to crunched cars. VCC offers a fully operational, modern shop to teach skills appropriate to today's advanced automobile collision repair industry. Earn apprenticeship qualifications.	January, May, September	8 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time
AUTOMOTIVE COLLISION REPAIR TECHNICIAN – HIGH SCHOOL					
Work on cars while earning high school credits. VCC partners with schools in Vancouver and Burnaby to train students in automotive collision repair. Earn apprenticeship qualifications.	September	8 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time

TRANSPORTATION TRADES

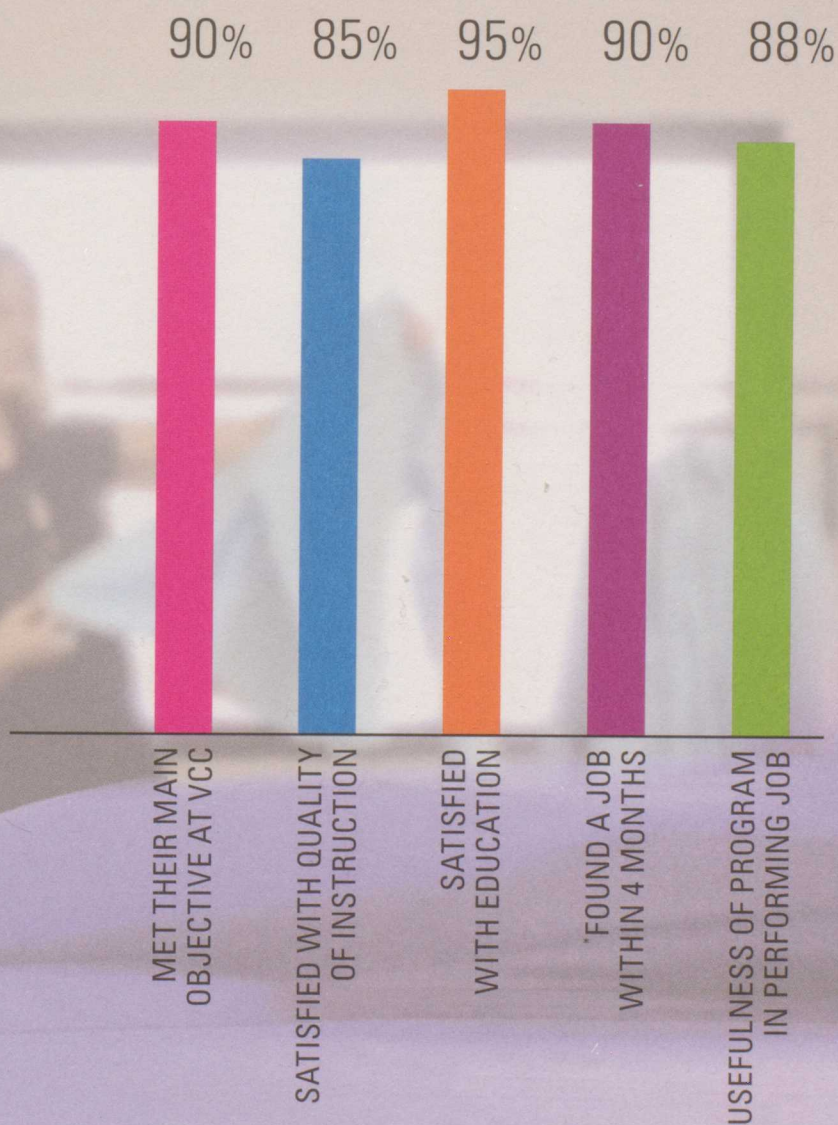
Program	Start	Length	Credential	Campus	Full/part-time
AUTOMOTIVE COLLISION REPAIR TECHNICIAN APPRENTICE/E-PRENTICE					
Designed for apprentices, this program will allow you to return to industry with an increased, comprehensive skill set (see page 8).	Varies	Varies by year	VCC transcript	Broadway	Full-time
AUTOMOTIVE DETAILING TECHNICIAN					
Become a detail-man or -woman. Modern equipment and techniques are featured in this program that will train you with the skills necessary to succeed in today's advanced automotive detailing industry.	January	3 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time
AUTOMOTIVE GLASS TECHNICIAN APPRENTICE					
Polish up your career. For the working apprentice who wants to return to industry with an increased, comprehensive skill set (see page 8).	Varies	2 weeks	VCC transcript	Broadway	Full-time
AUTOMOTIVE PAINT AND REFINISHING TECHNICIAN APPRENTICE					
Add the finishing touch to your apprenticeship. Learn the latest techniques in automotive paint and refinishing (see page 8).	Varies	1 month	VCC transcript	Broadway	Full-time
AUTOMOTIVE REFINISHING PREP TECHNICIAN					
Refinish your career. This program, which leads to journey status, incorporates class time, work on real cars in a functioning shop, and a challenging work experience placement. Earn apprenticeship qualifications.	February, September	5 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time
AUTOMOTIVE REFINISHING PREP TECHNICIAN – HIGH SCHOOL					
Finish high school while refinishing cars. VCC partners with Vancouver and Burnaby schools to offer students the chance to earn school credits in automotive refinishing. Earn apprenticeship qualifications.	January	5 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time
AUTOMOTIVE REFINISHING PREP TECHNICIAN APPRENTICE					
Prep for success. For the working auto refinishing prep technician who wants to return to industry with an increased, comprehensive skill set (see page 8).	Varies	1 month	VCC transcript	Broadway	Full-time
AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECHNICIAN					
Jump start your career. Train to become an automotive service technician in VCC's shop setting with real customers. Graduates are in demand. Earn apprenticeship qualifications.	January, March, May, July, October	10 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time
AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECHNICIAN APPRENTICE/E-PRENTICE					
Get under the hood at VCC. We offer flexibility, giving apprentices more options to complete their training sooner (see page 8).	Varies	Varies by year	VCC transcript	Broadway	Full-time
COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT VEHICLE MECHANIC APPRENTICE					
Designed for the apprentice currently working in the commercial transport industry, this technical training program will give you a thorough and up-to-date training experience (see page 8).	Varies	Varies by year	VCC transcript	Broadway	Full-time
HEAVY DUTY MECHANIC APPRENTICE					
Learn heavy duty mechanics in this heavy duty program. This program is designed for the apprentice currently working in the heavy duty equipment industry (see page 8).	Varies	Varies by year	VCC transcript	Broadway	Full-time
HEAVY DUTY/COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT					
Start your engines. This well-respected program will give you a foundation in mechanics and prepare you to choose from trades like diesel engine or heavy duty mechanic. Earn apprenticeship qualifications.	January, May, September	9 months	Certificate	Broadway	Full-time

Scott McKeown,
Fashion arts merchandising

Scott chose VCC to help launch his career in the exciting world of fashion publishing. *"Of all the college programs I looked at, VCC had the broadest exposure to the fashion industry."*

VCC STUDENT OUTCOMES

Vancouver Community College graduates are everywhere – from fashion runways and engine shops to restaurants and hospitals. Our graduate placement rates are among the highest in the province.



Data extracted from a 5-year average (2007-2011) B.C. Diploma, Associate Degree and Certificate Student Outcomes, a survey conducted annually in coordination with the B.C. Ministry of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development.
*of those currently employed