

VCC

Viewbook 2019/20

**BE IN
DEMAND**



We acknowledge that the land on which we work and study is the traditional and unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples.

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Hello

Thanks for picking up our 2019/20 Viewbook. This is a great place to start if you're trying to choose a college program, explore VCC's campuses, or get a sense of what life is like as a VCC student.

To us, however, you're more than a student. You're a future professional. Whether you earn a six-month certificate or a four-year degree, our priority is that you graduate with the skills that B.C. employers want and need.

As you read this Viewbook, think about more than studying. Picture the valuable skills you'll learn, the things you'll physically do, and the kinds of rewarding careers you'll find when you're done.

Now, find out how you can **be in demand**.

Be in demand

What should you consider when choosing a college program?

1. Your interests

Whether it's crafting perfect pastries, painting cars, or designing roads and bridges around the world, our students and grads are doing what they love. At VCC, we want you to look forward to going to work every day, and to feel passionate about what you do.

2. The job market

Find a job with a future. Throughout this Viewbook, we highlight B.C.'s high-demand occupations. Watch for our "Top Job" symbol alongside labour market statistics*, and continue your research by visiting [WorkBC.ca](https://www.workbc.ca).

3. The institution

It's important to feel comfortable at your school, confident in your instructors, and engaged in your program. That's why we offer regular, free information sessions where you can tour the facilities and ask questions before applying. See the schedule at vcc.ca/infosessions.

EXPERIENCE VCC

Twice a year, we host a free, campus-wide open house featuring tours, workshops, live music, food, and activities.

Plan to join our next event by visiting vcc.ca/experience.

DID YOU KNOW?

British Columbia is predicting over 900,000 job openings between 2018 and 2028. Of these, 77 per cent will require post-secondary education or training – a higher number than ever before.

*Job statistics source: B.C. Labour Market Outlook (2018-2028)

HAPPY GRADS†

93%



VCC grads are satisfied with their education.

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

21



VCC students get individual attention from instructors and build valuable networks with their classmates.

GRADS EMPLOYED†

90%



VCC students graduate with real-world experience and industry-ready skills.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

400+



Hundreds of financial awards are given annually to VCC students. Learn more by visiting vcc.ca/financialaid.

† BC Student Outcomes Diploma, Associate Degree, and Certificate Student Outcomes Survey 2018

The heart of the city

OUR CAMPUSES

VCC is proud to operate three campuses serving 15,000 students per year in the Metro Vancouver area.

Downtown campus 250 WEST PENDER STREET

- Adult Special Education
- Baking
- Business
- CAD and BIM (Drafting)
- Counselling
- Culinary
- Dental
- Early Childhood Care and Education
- Esthetics
- Fashion
- Graphic Design
- Hairstylist
- Hospitality Management
- Jewellery Art and Design

VCC's Downtown campus is located on the cobblestone streets of Gastown, the city's oldest neighbourhood, now a hub for design, tech startups, and Indigenous art, as well as a hot spot for trendy eateries.

Only steps away, you'll also find Vancouver's city centre, home to Rogers Arena, BC Place, Queen Elizabeth Theatre, the Vancouver Art Gallery, and the Robson Street shopping district.

Broadway campus 1155 EAST BROADWAY

- Academic Upgrading
- Automotive Collision and Refinishing
- Automotive Service
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- English as a Second Language
- Health Care
- Instructor Training
- Music
- Nursing
- Sign Language Studies
- University Transfer
- Visually Impaired

We love East Van! With the vibrant Commercial Drive neighbourhood just blocks from our Broadway campus, VCC students enjoy independent art, music, theatre, and food from around the world.

A quick trip in the other direction is Mount Pleasant, perfect for those with a taste for local coffee and craft beer, hip diners, jewellery boutiques, and vintage shopping.

Annacis Island campus 1608 CLIVEDEN AVENUE

Motive Power Centre of Excellence

- Heavy Mechanical Trades



LIVE AND LEARN

Our local businesses are more than places to shop and hang out. Many also serve as practicum hosts, training partners, mentors, and employers of VCC students.

Learn more about VCC's unique community connections on page 8.

Vancouver

Our home, our classroom, and our inspiration



OUTSIDE VANCOUVER?
Take the SkyTrain or SeaBus to VCC in less than one hour from:

	DOWNTOWN CAMPUS	BROADWAY CAMPUS
Coquitlam Central	45 min.	35 min.
North Vancouver/Lonsdale	25 min.	40 min.
Richmond-Brighouse	35 min.	40 min.
Surrey Central	50 min.	40 min.

Photo: Tourism Vancouver

Indigenous Education and Community Engagement



At VCC, we are dedicated to creating a safe and empowering environment for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis learners.

Indigenous student services

We offer one-on-one advising and assistance with applications, funding, education and career planning, as well as confidential Elder support.

Gathering Spaces

VCC’s Indigenous Gathering Spaces at both our Broadway and Downtown campuses feature study areas, computers, lounges, and kitchens. These are intended to be places where Indigenous students feel at home and non-Indigenous students are welcome to visit.

Cultural expression

VCC aims to be a place where cultural expression thrives. This involves hosting regular Indigenous-focused events including workshops, talks, performances, and celebrations.

Furthering reconciliation through education

VCC is committed to responding to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Calls to Action addressing historical exclusion of Indigenous people in post-secondary education and career training. Our current initiatives include:

- Introductory career programs delivered on campus and in partnership with local First Nations and Native Education College
- A purposeful Aboriginal enrolment policy including priority seating for Indigenous students in nursing and other health sciences programs
- A curated Indigenous book and film selection in the VCC Library
- Enhanced curricula throughout the college that incorporate Indigenous ways and knowledge

Learn more and connect with us by visiting vcc.ca/indigenous.



375 Indigenous students enrolled at VCC
2018/2019



OUR PARTNERS



VCC in the community

Studying at VCC means more than writing notes and taking tests. We believe that learning is a life-changing experience that impacts everyone around us.

Making smiles

VCC's certified dental assisting students offer free dental exams to hundreds of young children at our annual Tooth Trolley event.

Serving in the spotlight

VCC's culinary arts students cater community events including the BC Hospitality Foundation's Dish 'n Dazzle gala, the Chinese Restaurant Awards, and the Central City Foundation's Fair in the Square.

Fundraising with flair

VCC's fashion and makeup artistry students play key roles in local fundraising events like Herstory in Focus, which supports the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre.

Building connections

VCC's CAD and BIM (drafting) students volunteer with Habitat for Humanity Greater Vancouver, gaining on-site construction experience in the process.

Welcoming the world

VCC's English as an additional language students provide tutoring to refugees and newcomer families through community partners like the Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House.

Training for trouble

VCC's health sciences students and instructors coordinate the largest and most realistic annual earthquake simulation in B.C.



Programs

VCC has more than 120 programs to choose from, but we know you're only looking for one – the right one.

In the pages ahead, you'll find program descriptions, start dates, and photos of our state-of-the-art facilities to help you get your journey started.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The programs in this Viewbook are available to Canadian citizens and permanent residents only. Find program options for international students vcc.ca/international.

ALREADY PICKED A PROGRAM?

Turn directly to page 40 for step-by-step instructions on how to apply.

The information in this Viewbook is current at the time of printing. For the most up-to-date details on programs, courses, and admissions, please visit vcc.ca/programs.

TYPES OF STUDY

DEGREE

At VCC, you can earn full bachelor's degrees in hospitality management (p. 19), music (p. 27), and nursing (p. 24). These programs typically involve four years of full-time study.

DIPLOMA

Get in-depth training and hands-on experience, becoming job-ready in two years. Some diplomas can be used as credit towards VCC degree programs.

CERTIFICATE

Gain technical knowledge and experience that you can apply immediately in the workplace. Most full-time certificates can be completed in less than one year. Many certificates can be used as credit towards VCC diplomas.

APPRENTICESHIP

Earn a B.C. trade certificate through a combination of on-the-job training and classroom learning. Most apprenticeships take four years to complete, with 80 per cent of your time spent working and earning an income (p. 34).

UNIVERSITY TRANSFER

Start your university journey by taking first-year arts, science, or engineering courses in small, supportive classes at VCC. Credits can be transferred to post-secondary institutions across British Columbia (p. 20).

PREP/UPGRADING

Earn a high school diploma or individual credits to use as prerequisites for programs at VCC or other institutions. Most upgrading programs are tuition-free, self-paced, and open to learners with any level of education (p. 33).

CONTINUING STUDIES

Expand your skills, explore a different career, or just learn something new. Most Continuing Studies courses are scheduled during evenings and weekends and include languages, baking, business, counselling, and more (p. 35).



BUSINESS

APPLIED BUSINESS

Administrative Assistant

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** AUGUST/SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL/MAY
LENGTH: 8 MONTHS/FULL-TIME

Learn advanced skills in Microsoft Office, business communication, financial record keeping, data management, and office procedures. Includes a two-week practicum.

Executive Assistant

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL **LENGTH:** 2 YEARS/PART-TIME

Learn communication skills, office technology, business law, human resources, accounting, and economics for a career in office administration at the executive level. Administrative Assistant Certificate, Legal Administrative Assistant Certificate, or equivalent required.

Administration and Supervision Skills

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL **LENGTH:** 1 YEAR/PART-TIME

Learn the professional administrative support skills needed to start or upgrade your career in an office environment.

Records Management Skills

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL **LENGTH:** 1 YEAR/PART-TIME

Get a thorough introduction to the systematic control of office records from creation or receipt through processing, distribution, organization, retrieval, and disposal.

BUILDING SERVICE AND MANAGEMENT

Building Manager

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL **LENGTH:** 4 MONTHS/PART-TIME

Get professional training in key areas of building management and leadership including landlord-tenant law, basic building maintenance, fire safety, security, and record keeping.

EVENT AND RECREATION MANAGEMENT

Sport and Recreation Management

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL
LENGTH: 1.5 YEARS/PART-TIME

Gain comprehensive knowledge and experience in the Canadian sport and recreation industry while preparing for roles such as coordinator, leader, or manager.

Wedding and Event Management

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL
LENGTH: 1 YEAR/PART-TIME

Learn the broad range of skills needed to professionally manage weddings and events. Topics range from logistics and marketing to décor and cultural traditions.

LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT SKILLS

Business Leadership and Management

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** VARIES
LENGTH: 1 YEAR/PART-TIME

Explore proven leadership practices and gain skills to successfully lead, supervise, and manage in public, private, or non-profit sectors.

Leadership

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** VARIES
LENGTH: 1 YEAR/PART-TIME

Develop the skills, insight, and judgment required to transition from managing to leading people in an organization. Ideal for managers, executives, and entrepreneurs.

Leadership Coaching (Certificate)

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** VARIES
LENGTH: 1 YEAR/PART-TIME (12 COURSES)

Learn comprehensive and effective strategies to connect with and manage teams, identify goals and priorities, and work through obstacles for organizational success.

Leadership Coaching (Associate Certificate)

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** VARIES
LENGTH: 1 YEAR/PART-TIME (6 COURSES)

Learn the basics of genuine coaching partnerships and the keys to a motivational workplace where creativity is inspired and new ideas are utilized to reach organizational goals.

Management Skills for Supervisors

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL
LENGTH: 1 YEAR/PART-TIME

Learn practical, up-to-date methods for leading and motivating teams to achieve maximum productivity. Topics include performance management, coaching, delegating, and interpersonal dynamics.

LEGAL

Paralegal (Certificate)

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** CONTINUOUS
LENGTH: 1 YEAR/PART-TIME

Learn the fundamental theories and professional procedures required for a career in the legal system. Legal experience and practicum required.

Paralegal (Diploma)

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA **START:** CONTINUOUS
LENGTH: 1 YEAR/PART-TIME

Expand your skills in legal terminology and procedures for work in specialized areas like litigation, corporate law, and real estate. Legal experience and practicum required.

Gladue Report Writing

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** OCTOBER 2019
LENGTH: 1 YEAR/PART-TIME

Play a role in reconciliation by training to write Gladue reports for Canadian courts. Learn legal standards for addressing an Indigenous offender's personal and cultural history in advance of sentencing. The only Gladue report writing program in Canada offering a college credential.

LEGAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

Legal Administrative Assistant

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, FEBRUARY
LENGTH: 5 MONTHS/FULL-TIME

Acquire the skills and knowledge to work with legal documents relating to corporate law, conveyancing, litigation, family law, wills, and estates. Administrative assistant certificate or equivalent experience required. Includes a two-week practicum.

Legal Office Skills

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL
LENGTH: 1 YEAR/PART-TIME

Learn the professional administrative support skills needed to start or upgrade your career in a legal office environment, or satisfy entrance requirements for VCC's paralegal program.

MEDICAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

Medical Office Assistant

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, MARCH
LENGTH: 6 MONTHS/FULL-TIME

Gain the knowledge and skills needed to manage patient records, medical scheduling and billing, and perform clinical procedures and other administrative duties in various health care environments. Includes a three-week practicum.

Medical Transcriptionist

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 8 MONTHS/FULL-TIME

Gain the skills to professionally transcribe and edit medical reports from audio recordings. Graduates can work from home, in a hospital, or in a medical office setting. Includes a three-week practicum.

Medical Office Skills

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL
LENGTH: 1 YEAR/PART-TIME

Get a full introduction to the terminology, procedures, records, forms, and routines needed to succeed in a medical office environment.

TOP JOB

ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANT OR
ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICER

26.9K

job openings
predicted in B.C.
(2018-2028)

BAKING AND CULINARY

BAKING

Baking and Pastry Arts – Artisan Baking

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** MAY **LENGTH:** 11 MONTHS/FULL-TIME

Develop professional skills for artisanal bread and pastry production including foundational baking, gluten-free, savoury, and international products. Includes a three-week practical work experience. Students obtain apprenticeship Level 1 upon completion.

Baking and Pastry Arts – Pastry

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** JANUARY, MARCH, APRIL, OCTOBER **LENGTH:** 11 MONTHS/FULL-TIME

Develop professional skills for fine pastry production including foundational baking, plated desserts, cake design, and chocolate and confection work. Includes a three-week practical work experience. Students obtain apprenticeship Level 1 upon completion.

Baking and Pastry Arts – (Baker) Apprentice

CREDENTIAL: TRANSCRIPT **START:** VARIES **LENGTH:** THREE 4-WEEK TRAINING SESSIONS OVER 3 YEARS/FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING

Get a B.C. trade certificate and earn an income while you learn all the elements of professional artisan baking and pastry arts. Read more about B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA) apprenticeships on page 34.

Baking Foundation – High School

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** AUGUST **LENGTH:** 6 MONTHS/FULL-TIME

Learn the foundations of professional baking and earn your apprenticeship Level 1 while still in high school. Part of the Youth Train in Trades program by the B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA). Learn more on page 34.

FOODSAFE

This one-day course teaches basic food handling, sanitation, and work safety, and is required by all students entering VCC baking or culinary arts. Learn more at vcc.ca/foodsafety

PERFECT TIMING

Most VCC culinary arts programs run Monday to Thursday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. to accommodate students already working in the restaurant industry.

TOP JOB
COOK OR CHEF

14.8K

job openings
predicted in B.C.
(2018-2028)

CULINARY

Professional Cook 1 Plus

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** MONTHLY
LENGTH: 7.5 MONTHS/FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING

Take the first step toward a B.C. trade certificate and food industry career. Learn soup and stock basics, meat, seafood, poultry, breakfasts, cold kitchen, desserts, and professional catering. No previous experience required. Students obtain apprenticeship Level 1 upon completion.

Professional Cook 2

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL
LENGTH: 3.5 MONTHS/FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING

Elevate your skills and advance your cooking career while gaining work experience in VCC's service outlets. Professional Cook 1 or equivalent industry experience required. Students obtain apprenticeship Level 2 upon completion.

Culinary Arts (Cook) Apprentice

CREDENTIAL: TRANSCRIPT **START:** VARIES
LENGTH: 5 WEEKS/FULL-TIME OR 12 WEEKS/PART-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING

Get a B.C. trade certificate and earn an income while you learn all the elements of professional cooking from casual to fine dining. Professional Cook 2 or equivalent industry experience required. Read more about B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA) apprenticeships on page 34.

Professional Cook 1 – High School

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, FEBRUARY **LENGTH:** VARIES/FULL-TIME
Learn the foundations of professional culinary arts and earn credits toward your apprenticeship Level 1 while still in high school. Part of the Youth Train in Trades program by the B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA). Learn more on page 34.

Asian Culinary Arts

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, FEBRUARY **LENGTH:** 5 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Get professional training for an entry-level career cooking Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Malaysian, Thai, Singaporean, Vietnamese, and fusion cuisine.

Professional Cook 1 – ESL

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER **LENGTH:** 10 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Gain professional culinary skills while upgrading your English speaking, reading, writing, and listening for the workplace.

DESIGN

CAD AND BIM (DRAFTING)

Architectural Technician (Certificate)

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER **LENGTH:** 10 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Learn Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) and Building Information Modelling (BIM) software used in developing residential housing, commercial buildings, and institutional complexes.

Civil/Structural Technician (Certificate)

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER **LENGTH:** 10 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Learn Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) and Building Information Modelling (BIM) software (such as Autodesk Revit Structure, AutoCAD, and Civil 3D) used in developing highways, high rises, and commercial buildings.

Steel Detailing Technician (Certificate)

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER **LENGTH:** 10 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Learn Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) and Building Information Modelling (BIM) software (such as Autodesk Revit Structure, AutoCAD and Civil 3D) used in developing infrastructure such as roads, bridges, schools, stadiums, high rises, and commercial buildings.

CAD and BIM Architectural Technician (Diploma)

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA **START:** SEPTEMBER **LENGTH:** 8 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Further develop your Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) and Building Information Modelling (BIM) skills for work in engineering firms, architecture firms, government, or private industry. Civil/Structural Technician or Steel Detailing Technician certificate required.

CAD and BIM Civil/Structural Technician (Diploma)

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA **START:** SEPTEMBER **LENGTH:** 8 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Further develop your Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) and Building Information Modelling (BIM) skills for work in engineering firms, development companies, government, or private industry. Architectural Technician or Steel Detailing Technician certificate required.

GRAPHIC DESIGN

Graphic Design (Certificate)

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY **LENGTH:** 9 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Learn industry-leading tools, design theory, and professional techniques used in print and web media while publicly showcasing your work.

TOP JOB
GRAPHIC
DESIGNER OR
ILLUSTRATOR

5K

job openings
predicted in B.C.
(2018-2028)

Graphic Design (Diploma)

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY **LENGTH:** 2 YEARS/FULL-TIME
Learn advanced design tools, theory, and processes used in print and web media. Get training in Adobe Creative Cloud and work directly with public clients in a mentored studio setting.

Graphic Design – Advanced Entrance

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY **LENGTH:** 10 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Expand your technical skills and design-industry experience working with public clients in a mentored studio setting. VCC graphic design certificate or equivalent required.

FASHION

Fashion Design and Production (Certificate)

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER **LENGTH:** 1 YEAR/FULL-TIME OR 2 YEARS/PART-TIME
Develop creative and technical skills for the fashion and apparel industry by learning through a fast-paced production process, from design conception to sales. Includes a 120-hour practicum.

Fashion Design and Production (Diploma)

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA **START:** SEPTEMBER **LENGTH:** 2 YEARS/FULL-TIME OR 3 YEARS/PART-TIME
Expand your creative and technical skills for the fashion and apparel industry. Gain hands-on experience in conception, design, production, and sales through multiple fashion cycles. Includes a 120-hour practicum.

Fashion Merchandising

CREDENTIAL: ASSOCIATE CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL **LENGTH:** 1.5 YEARS/PART-TIME
Learn business fundamentals and fashion theory essentials for a career as a buyer, fashion consultant, wholesale representative, or retail manager.

JEWELLERY AND GEMMOLOGY

Jewellery Art and Design

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA **START:** SEPTEMBER **LENGTH:** 2 YEARS/FULL-TIME
Get hands-on experience in the design and fabrication of jewellery. Learn drawing, art history, gemmology, and business management while displaying and marketing your work.

Gemmology and Jewellery Industry Certifications

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE OR DIPLOMA **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL
LENGTH: VARIES/FULL- OR PART-TIME
Earn a Canadian Gemmological Association diploma or MasterValuer certificate for careers in jewellery, gemstone wholesale, laboratories, and appraising.





HAIR, ESTHETICS AND MAKEUP

HAIRSTYLING

Hairstylist

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, MARCH, MAY **LENGTH:** 10 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Get full theoretical knowledge and practical training in hair design including cutting, colouring, styling, and overall salon management while serving real clients at VCC's Salon and Spa at the Downtown campus. Practicums included.

Hairstylist Apprentice

CREDENTIAL: TRANSCRIPT **START:** APRIL, JULY **LENGTH:** 15 WEEKS/FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING
Earn a B.C. trade certificate and launch your hairstyling career while learning the latest techniques in cutting, styling, colouring, shaving, extensions, and chemical treatments. No experience required.

Hair Design – High School

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER **LENGTH:** 10 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Learn the foundations of professional hairstyling and earn credits toward your trade certificate while still in high school. Part of the Youth Train in Trades program by the B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA). Learn more on page 34.

ESTHETICS

Esthetics

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, MAY **LENGTH:** 9 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Get expert industry training in facial treatments, manicure, pedicure, gel application, hair removal, makeup, and body massage while serving real clients at VCC's Salon and Spa at the Downtown campus.

MAKEUP ARTISTRY

Makeup Artistry

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL **LENGTH:** 1.5 YEARS/PART-TIME
Develop the technical skills needed to build a portfolio for the professional makeup, film, photography, theatre, fashion, and bridal industries.



TOP JOB

HAIRSTYLIST
OR BARBER

5K

job openings
predicted in B.C.
(2018-2028)

HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT

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Hospitality Management (Diploma)

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY
LENGTH: 2 YEARS/FULL-TIME

Learn professional business management practices for hotel and restaurant settings including food and beverage cost controls, human resources, marketing, and law.

Bachelor of Hospitality Management

CREDENTIAL: DEGREE **START:** SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 2 YEARS/FULL-TIME

Get a comprehensive understanding of business practices related to the hospitality industry. Learn to manage guest services for hotels, cruise ships, convention centres, and fine dining establishments. Hospitality management diploma required.

Bachelor of Hospitality Management – Executive Cohort

CREDENTIAL: DEGREE **START:** SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 2 YEARS/PART-TIME

Learn top business practices in financial management, operations, marketing, entrepreneurship, and community engagement. Intended for mid-level managers with professional hospitality experience.

TEA AND WINE SOMMELIER

Tea Sommelier

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL
LENGTH: 150 HOURS/PART-TIME

Become certified by the Tea Association of Canada in the areas of tea procurement and storage, development of lists and menus, and preparation and delivery of tea service.

Wine Sommelier

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE (WSET LEVEL 1) **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL **LENGTH:** 12 HOURS OVER 4 WEEKS/PART-TIME

Get a hands-on introduction to the sight, smell, and taste of wine while learning the skills to describe wines accurately and to make food and wine pairings. Leads to Wine & Spirits Education Trust (WSET) Level 1 qualification.

TOP JOB

ACCOMMODATION, RESTAURANT,
OR FOOD SERVICE MANAGER

10.7K

job openings
predicted in B.C.
(2018-2028)



UNIVERSITY TRANSFER

UNIVERSITY TRANSFER ENGLISH FOR EAL STUDENTS

Need to bring your English skills to a university level? At VCC, you can study academic vocabulary, advanced grammar, and more with integrated language support. Learn more on page 31.

University Transfer

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, MAY
LENGTH: 4 MONTHS PER COURSE/FULL-TIME

Start your university degree in a supportive learning environment with attentive, award-winning instructors. Earn university credits at VCC and transfer to post-secondary institutions across British Columbia.

Programs available:

- Computing Science and Software Systems
- Engineering
- Environmental Studies
- Pathway to Health Sciences
- Science
- Social Sciences

University Transfer – SFU Assured Admission

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, MAY
LENGTH: 4 MONTHS PER COURSE (MAX. 16 MONTHS)/FULL-TIME

Complete first-year university credits at VCC and transfer directly into second-year degree programs at Simon Fraser University (SFU) with a minimum grade point average (GPA).

Programs available:

- Applied Mathematics
- Applied Physics
- Biological Physics
- Biological Sciences
- Chemistry
- Engineering
- Environmental Studies and Biochemistry
- Mathematics
- Molecular Biology
- Physics
- Software Systems
- Statistics

University Transfer – UBC Competitive Admission

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, MAY
LENGTH: 4 MONTHS PER COURSE/FULL-TIME

Complete first-year university credits at VCC and apply for admission into second-year degree programs at the University of British Columbia (UBC).

Programs available:

- Computing Science and Software Systems
- Engineering
- Humanities
- Mathematics
- Science

Associate Degrees

CREDENTIAL: ASSOCIATE DEGREE **START:** SEPTEMBER 2020
LENGTH: 2 YEARS/FULL-TIME, 4 YEARS/PART TIME

Complete two years of undergraduate study, earning a solid foundation for upper-level university programs or a standalone credential.

Programs available:

- Associate of Arts
- Associate of Science
- Associate of Science – Biology flexible
- Associate of Science – Computing Science

HEALTH SCIENCES

DENTAL

Dental Assisting – Certified

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 10 MONTHS/FULL-TIME

Learn the specialized skills and knowledge needed to assist dentists with procedures, provide oral health education, and function as a dental health team member.

Dental Assisting – Certified (Distance Delivery)

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** CONTINUOUS **LENGTH:** 1.5 YEARS
Earn a certificate in dental assisting at your own pace through independent e-learning with instructor support via email or phone. Current employment or volunteer work as a clinical dental assistant required.

Dental Hygiene

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA **START:** SEPTEMBER **LENGTH:** 2 YEARS/FULL-TIME
Get hands-on training to provide dental care including examinations, cleaning, polishing, and assessments while working with the public at VCC's Downtown dental clinic.

Dental Reception Coordinator

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, FEBRUARY
LENGTH: 5 MONTHS/FULL-TIME

Learn dental terminology, radiography, specialized software, and the full set of skills needed to run a dental office.

Dental Technology Sciences

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA **START:** SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 2.5 YEARS/FULL-TIME

Learn traditional and digital technologies as well as specialized knowledge needed to design and fabricate dental restorative prostheses, orthodontic appliances, and implant-supported restorations.

Denturist

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA **START:** TBA **LENGTH:** 2 YEARS/FULL-TIME
Learn the specialized skills and technology needed to provide patients with dentures, partial dentures, overdentures, and dentures over implants. Graduates are eligible to take the College of Denturists of British Columbia (CDBC) licensing examination.

HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Health Unit Coordinator

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, MAY
LENGTH: 7.5 MONTHS/FULL-TIME

Learn to process physicians' orders and coordinate patient activities in hospitals as well as long-term and specialized care facilities.

Medical Office Assistant

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, MARCH
LENGTH: 6 MONTHS/FULL-TIME

Gain the knowledge and skills needed to manage patient records, medical scheduling and billing, and perform clinical procedures and other administrative duties in various health care environments. Includes a three-week practicum.

Medical Transcriptionist

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 8 MONTHS/FULL-TIME

Gain the skills to professionally transcribe and edit medical reports from audio recordings. Graduates can work from home, in a hospital, or in a medical office setting. Includes a three-week practicum.

Medical Office Skills

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL
LENGTH: 1 YEAR/PART-TIME

Get a full introduction to the terminology, procedures, records, forms, and routines needed to succeed in a medical office environment.

HEALTH CARE

Health Care Assistant

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, MAY
LENGTH: 6.5 MONTHS/FULL-TIME

Acquire the knowledge and skills to provide person-centered care and promote physical, emotional, cognitive, and social well-being of clients in continuing care environments.

Health Care Assistant – ESL

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 9.5 MONTHS/FULL-TIME

Learn to function effectively as a frontline caregiver while upgrading your English speaking, reading, writing, and listening for the workplace.

Medical Laboratory Assistant

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, MAY
LENGTH: 6 MONTHS/FULL-TIME

Learn to collect and prepare blood (phlebotomy) and other biological samples, perform electrocardiograms (ECG), and communicate effectively with patients and other health care providers. Includes a four-week practicum.

Occupational/Physical Therapist Assistant

(Rehab Assistant)

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA **START:** SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 2 YEARS/FULL-TIME

Learn to assist in the delivery of rehabilitation plans that promote independence and function for patients recovering from illness or injury. Includes three practicums.

Pharmacy Technician

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** MAY 2020
LENGTH: 8 MONTHS/FULL-TIME

Learn to safely and accurately prepare and distribute pharmaceutical products, promote patient health, and communicate effectively with health care professionals and the public in a community or hospital pharmacy. Includes a community and hospital practicum.

HEALTH TECHNOLOGY

Medical Device Reprocessing Technician

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, FEBRUARY
LENGTH: 3.5 MONTHS/FULL-TIME

Get specialized training to reprocess reusable medical devices such as surgical tools and patient care equipment. Includes a practicum at a local hospital.

TOP JOB

HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT

19.2K

job openings
predicted in B.C.
(2018-2028)

A DOSE OF REALITY

VCC operates one of B.C.'s largest simulated hospitals where students in multiple programs learn in an allied-health setting.

NURSING

Nursing (BScN)

CREDENTIAL: DEGREE START: SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 4 YEARS/FULL-TIME

Get industry-leading training to work as a registered nurse in hospitals, communities, homes, clinics, and residential facilities. Students learn in one of B.C.'s only simulated hospital environments. Includes regular community practicums.

Nursing – Advanced Entry (BScN)

CREDENTIAL: DEGREE START: JANUARY LENGTH: 2 YEARS/FULL-TIME

Gain advanced entry into Year 3 of VCC's Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. Intended for Licensed Practical Nurses holding current Canadian registration.

Practical Nursing

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY LENGTH: 2 YEARS/FULL-TIME

Learn to provide safe, ethical, and culturally sensitive nursing care for individuals and families at multiple life stages while collaborating with other health care professionals in a variety of practice settings.

Access to Practical Nursing

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA START: SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 13 MONTHS/FULL-TIME

Apply your previous training and experience as a Health Care Assistant (HCA) or Resident Care Attendant (RCA) to accelerate your practical nursing training. HCA certificate, RCA certificate, or experience as an internationally educated nurse required.

HUMAN AND FAMILY SERVICES

COUNSELLING

Counselling Skills – Foundational

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL

LENGTH: 1 YEAR/FULL-TIME OR 3 YEARS/PART-TIME

Prepare for a career or upgrade your skills in the social service field. Get a comprehensive overview of a spectrum of concerns including addictions and community counselling. Practicum included.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION

Early Childhood Care and Education

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE START: SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 2 YEARS/PART-TIME

Gain the knowledge and skills to provide high-quality care for children aged 3-5 in licensed early learning and care settings in British Columbia.

Early Childhood Education Post-Basic (Infant Toddler and Special Needs)

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA START: SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 15 MONTHS/PART-TIME

Gain the knowledge and skills to specialize in care and education for infants, toddlers, and children with exceptionalities. Graduates qualify for the Infant Toddler Educator (ITE) and Special Needs Educator (SNE) certifications from the B.C. Ministry of Children and Family Development. Early Childhood Care and Education certificate required.

TOP JOB

PRACTICAL NURSE

4.6K

job openings
predicted in B.C.
(2018-2028)

TOP JOB

EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATOR OR
ASSISTANT

8.9K

job openings
predicted in B.C.
(2018-2028)



INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

Provincial Instructor Diploma Program (PIDP)

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA **START:** CONTINUOUS **LENGTH:** 8 COURSES (CLASS-BASED OR ONLINE)

Gain the knowledge and skills to design, develop, manage, and evaluate the instruction of adults in post-secondary, business, industry, and non-traditional environments.

Online/eLearning Instruction

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** CONTINUOUS **LENGTH:** 3 COURSES (ONLINE)

Get the specialized knowledge and skills needed to design, develop, and teach content in an e-learning environment.



LANGUAGES AND WRITING

SIGN LANGUAGE STUDIES

ASL and Deaf Studies

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER **LENGTH:** 10 MONTHS/FULL-TIME

Immerse yourself in American Sign Language (ASL) while learning Deaf culture and community, social justice, and Deaf and ASL literature. Introductory ASL courses also available.

WRITING

Business and Technical Writing

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** ONGOING **LENGTH:** 4 MONTHS/PART-TIME

Learn modern writing and editing skills as well as effective information design to produce technical documentation for general audiences.

MUSIC AND DANCE

MUSIC

Music (Diploma)

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA **START:** SEPTEMBER **LENGTH:** 2 YEARS/FULL-TIME

Launch your career in music and music-related professions by learning from some of Canada's finest performers, composers, and producers. Audition and specialize in any genre including classical, jazz, contemporary, and electronic music.

Bachelor of Applied Music

CREDENTIAL: DEGREE **START:** SEPTEMBER **LENGTH:** 2 YEARS/FULL-TIME

Get comprehensive, top-tier training from working professionals in music theory, performance, and collaboration. Music diploma required.

DANCE

Dance

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA **START:** SEPTEMBER **LENGTH:** 2 YEARS/FULL-TIME

Start your career as a professional dancer by learning a full repertoire including ballet, modern, jazz, and flamenco in addition to arts entrepreneurship and administration. Offered in partnership with Arts Umbrella.



TECHNOLOGY

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Computer Systems Technology

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA **START:** SEPTEMBER **LENGTH:** 2 YEARS/FULL-TIME

Launch your career developing software and solving computer-related issues for businesses, governments, institutions, and more. Choose to specialize in areas like programming, design, mobile apps, or security.

Networking Technology

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL **LENGTH:** 1 YEAR/PART-TIME

Develop or upgrade your skills in the design, security, and maintenance of wired and wireless network infrastructures including Local Area Networks using Windows Server systems.



TOP JOB

COMPUTER PROGRAMMER OR
MULTIMEDIA DEVELOPER

8K

job openings
predicted in B.C.
(2018-2028)

TRANSPORTATION TRADES

AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE

Automotive Service Technician Harmonized Foundation

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, MAY
LENGTH: 8 MONTHS/FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING
Learn to examine, test, and repair vehicles in VCC's state-of-the-art automotive service shop. No experience required. Students obtain apprenticeship Level 1 upon completion.

Automotive Service Technician Apprentice

CREDENTIAL: TRANSCRIPT **START:** SEPTEMBER, NOVEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY **LENGTH:** FOUR 6-7 WEEK SESSIONS/FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING

Get a B.C. trade certificate and earn an income while you learn the latest in automotive diagnostics and repair including engines, fuel systems, tires, brakes, electronics, and transmissions. Read more about B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA) apprenticeships on page 34.

Automotive Service Technician E-pprentice

CREDENTIAL: TRANSCRIPT **START:** SEPTEMBER, NOVEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY **LENGTH:** 3 MONTHS ONLINE PLUS 2 WEEKS CLASS-BASED/FULL-TIME

Minimize time away from the workplace by completing the majority of your automotive service apprenticeship training in a flexible and collaborative online environment. E-pprentices then attend VCC for review and evaluation only.

TOP JOB
AUTOMOTIVE
SERVICE
TECHNICIAN

6.4K
job openings
predicted in B.C.
(2018-2028)



COLLISION AND REFINISHING

Automotive Collision Repair Technician

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY
LENGTH: 8 MONTHS/FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING
Take the first step toward a B.C. trade certificate and autobody career. Learn to perform repairs related to collision damage while training on real customer vehicles in VCC's state-of-the-art shop. No experience required. Students obtain apprenticeship Level 1 upon completion.

Automotive Collision Repair Technician Apprentice

CREDENTIAL: TRANSCRIPT **START:** SEPTEMBER, NOVEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY, JUNE **LENGTH:** THREE 5-WEEK SESSIONS/FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING

Get a B.C. trade certificate and earn an income while you learn the latest in surface repair, structural repair, and wheel alignments. Automotive Collision Repair Technician Level 1 or equivalent industry experience required. Read more about B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA) apprenticeships on page 34.

Automotive Collision Repair Technician – High School

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** OCTOBER, FEBRUARY
LENGTH: 8 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Learn the foundations of professional automotive collision repair and earn credits toward your apprenticeship while still in high school. Part of the Youth Train in Trades program by the B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA). Learn more on page 34.

Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 5 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Learn to remove parts, perform chemical cleaning, and prepare a vehicle for refinishing. Students obtain apprenticeship Level 1 upon completion.

Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician – High School

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** FEBRUARY
LENGTH: 5 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Learn the foundations of automotive refinishing and earn credits toward your apprenticeship while still in high school. Part of the Youth Train in Trades program by the B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA). Learn more on page 34.

Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician Apprentice

CREDENTIAL: TRANSCRIPT **START:** JANUARY
LENGTH: 4 WEEKS/FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING
Get a B.C. trade certificate and earn an income while you learn the latest in chemical treatments, masking, sanding, and spray gun operation. Read more about B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA) apprenticeships on page 34.

Automotive Glass Technician Apprentice

CREDENTIAL: TRANSCRIPT **START:** JANUARY
LENGTH: 2 WEEKS/FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING
Get a B.C. trade certificate and earn an income while you learn the latest in auto glass removal, installation, and repair. Read more about B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA) apprenticeships on page 34.

Automotive Paint and Refinishing Technician Apprentice

CREDENTIAL: TRANSCRIPT **START:** AUGUST
LENGTH: 1 MONTH/FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING
Get a B.C. trade certificate and earn an income while you learn the latest in auto paint and refinishing including spray gun technology and protective and restorative treatments. Read more about B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA) apprenticeships on page 34.

HEAVY MECHANICAL TRADES

Heavy Mechanical Trades Foundation

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE START: SEPTEMBER, NOVEMBER, FEBRUARY, MAY, JULY
LENGTH: 9 MONTHS/FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING
Learn to safely inspect, service, and repair commercial trucks, diesel engines, transport trailers, and other heavy equipment. No previous experience required. Students obtain apprenticeship Level 1 upon completion.

Heavy Duty Equipment Technician Apprentice

CREDENTIAL: TRANSCRIPT START: MONTHLY (SEPTEMBER-MAY)
LENGTH: 4 LEVELS (4-7 WEEKS PER LEVEL)/FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING
Get a B.C. trade certificate and earn an income while you learn to repair and maintain heavy equipment used in construction, forestry, and mining. Apprentices complete Heavy Mechanical Trades Levels 1-3 to specialize. Read more about B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA) apprenticeships on page 34.

Truck and Transport Mechanic Apprentice

CREDENTIAL: TRANSCRIPT START: OCTOBER, MARCH, MAY
LENGTH: 4 LEVELS (4-7 WEEKS PER LEVEL)/FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING
Get a B.C. trade certificate and earn an income while you learn to repair and maintain commercial transport vehicles including trucks, emergency vehicles, highway buses, and recreational vehicles. Apprentices complete Heavy Mechanical Trades Levels 1-3 to specialize. Read more about B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA) apprenticeships on page 34.

Diesel Engine Mechanic Apprentice

CREDENTIAL: TRANSCRIPT START: OCTOBER, JANUARY, MARCH, MAY, JULY
LENGTH: 2 LEVELS (4-7 WEEKS PER LEVEL)/FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING
Learn the skills and technology needed to repair and maintain diesel engines used in construction, transport, and farming equipment. Apprentices complete Heavy Mechanical Trades Levels 1 and 2 to specialize. Read more about B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA) apprenticeships on page 34.

Transport Trailer Technician Apprentice

CREDENTIAL: TRANSCRIPT START: OCTOBER, MARCH, MAY
LENGTH: 2 LEVELS (4-7 WEEKS PER LEVEL)/FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING
Learn the skills and technology needed to repair and maintain pull-type commercial transport trailers. Apprentices complete Heavy Mechanical Trades Level 1 and Truck and Transport Mechanic Level 4 to specialize. Read more about B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA) apprenticeships on page 34.



ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

ENGLISH FOR CAREERS

Culinary Arts – Professional Cook 1 – ESL

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE START: SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 10 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Gain professional culinary skills while upgrading your English speaking, reading, writing, and listening for the workplace.

Health Care Assistant – ESL

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE START: SEPTEMBER LENGTH: 9.5 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Learn to function effectively as a frontline caregiver while upgrading your English speaking, reading, writing, and listening for the workplace.

ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

ESL Pathways

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL LENGTH: VARIES/FULL- OR PART-TIME
Learn the English skills you need to work, study, and participate in everyday life. Attain Canadian Language Benchmarks Levels 5-7, recognized in educational and professional settings across Canada.

ESL Pathways – Advanced

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL LENGTH: VARIES/FULL- OR PART-TIME
Improve your English for real-world scenarios such as job interviews, informal conversations, and public speaking. Attain Canadian Language Benchmarks Levels 8-9, recognized in educational and professional settings across Canada.

University Transfer English for EAL Students

CREDENTIAL: TRANSCRIPT START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, MAY LENGTH: VARIES/PART-TIME
Bring your English to a university level by learning academic vocabulary, advanced grammar, research methods, and text interpretation and analysis. Credits transferrable to post-secondary institutions in British Columbia.

LINC – Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada

CREDENTIAL: N/A START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL LENGTH: VARIES/FULL- OR PART-TIME
Learn English from beginner to intermediate levels (Canadian Language Benchmark Levels 1-8) while gaining knowledge about community resources for newcomers to Canada. Intended for adult permanent residents and Convention refugees.

TERMINOLOGY:
ESL OR EAL?

At VCC, we acknowledge that the terms “English as and Second Language” and “ESL” do not represent many of our learners. We prefer and use the term “English as an Additional Language” or “EAL,” however we continue to use “ESL” in our program names to assist people searching online.



STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

ADULT SPECIAL EDUCATION

Adult Special Education

CREDENTIAL: TRANSCRIPT **START:** SEPTEMBER **LENGTH:** VARIES/PART-TIME
Upgrade your reading, writing, numeracy, and computer skills. Designed for adults with cognitive disabilities seeking further education.

Career Awareness

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER **LENGTH:** 9 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Explore employment options and gain practical experience in community-based work settings. Intended for adults with cognitive disabilities.

Food Service Careers

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER **LENGTH:** 9 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Gain skills and knowledge to work in the food service industry and gain practical experience in community-based work settings, specifically in the area of kitchen prep. Intended for adults with cognitive disabilities.

Retail and Hospitality Careers

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER **LENGTH:** 9 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Learn the basic skills for employment and gain practical experience in community-based work settings, specifically in the retail and hospitality industries. Intended for adults with cognitive disabilities.

DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

Deaf and Hard of Hearing – Job Readiness

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER **LENGTH:** 10 MONTHS/FULL-TIME
Develop essential job skills including literacy and numeracy while receiving direct instruction, interpreting, and ongoing career support in American Sign Language (ASL). Includes three practicums. Intended for Deaf or hard of hearing adults.

VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Visually Impaired

CREDENTIAL: TRANSCRIPT **START:** CONTINUOUS (SEPTEMBER-JUNE) **LENGTH:** VARIES/FULL-TIME
Gain the skills needed for advanced education or prerequisites in areas like English, mathematics, Braille, and computer skills including keyboarding, Windows, and iOS. Intended for blind and visually impaired adults. Computers are equipped with JAWS for Windows, NVDA, or ZoomText adaptive software.



EXPRESS YOURSELF

VCC also offers individual courses in American Sign Language, English upgrading, and speechreading for Deaf and hard of hearing students.

ACADEMIC UPGRADING

Adult Basic Education (ABE) Graduation (class-based or self-paced)

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** MONTHLY **LENGTH:** VARIES/FULL- OR PART-TIME
Earn credits toward a B.C. Adult Graduation Diploma (“Adult Dogwood”) in a supportive and flexible learning environment. Students may continue into other trades or academic programs at VCC or other institutions.

Academic Upgrading – High School (class-based or self-paced)

CREDENTIAL: TRANSCRIPT **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, MAY (CLASS-BASED)/CONTINUOUS (SELF-PACED) **LENGTH:** VARIES/FULL- OR PART-TIME

Earn high school-level credits to qualify for career opportunities or use as prerequisites for VCC career programs and university transfer. Subjects available:

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| ■ Biology | ■ English | ■ Mathematics |
| ■ Chemistry | ■ General Science | ■ Physics |
| ■ Computers | ■ Law | ■ Psychology |

ABE Intermediate

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** MONTHLY **LENGTH:** VARIES/FULL- OR PART-TIME
Complete all the necessary high school-level prerequisites to access trades and career programs at VCC and other post-secondary institutions where Grade 10 is required.

ABE Intermediate – Youth (self-paced)

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** CONTINUOUS **LENGTH:** VARIES/FULL-TIME
Complete Grade 10 in a supportive learning environment. Courses are held at the Broadway Youth Resource Centre, located at 2455 Fraser Street in Vancouver. Intended for students aged 15-18.

Basic Education (beginning skills to Grade 8)

CREDENTIAL: TRANSCRIPT **START:** CONTINUOUS **LENGTH:** VARIES/FULL-TIME
Improve your reading, writing, math, computer, and career exploration skills from beginner levels to Grade 8. Intended for students aged 17 and older. Classes available in group and self-paced formats.

Career Access

CREDENTIAL: TRANSCRIPT **START:** CONTINUOUS **LENGTH:** VARIES
Improve your computer skills while learning how to research occupations, set goals, and conduct a successful job search. Available in flexible, ongoing courses.



LEARNING IS FOR LIFE

Adult Basic Education (ABE) and English as and Additional Language programs in B.C. are tuition-free for domestic students as of September 2017.

Learn more at upgradebc.ca



Apprenticeship programs

Earn an income while you learn a skilled trade from industry professionals.

What is an apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship combines on-the-job training with classroom learning and leads to a Certificate of Qualification (CoQ) or “ticket” for a skilled trade that is recognized by employers across British Columbia.

How long is an apprenticeship?

Most apprenticeships take four years to complete. Apprentices spend about 80 per cent of their time on the job, earning an income throughout their studies.

Is funding available?

Yes. Many apprentices are eligible for the Apprenticeship Incentive Grant (up to \$2,000 for men and \$6,000 for women) from the Government of Canada. Other scholarships and bursaries may also be available.

Do I need a job before starting an apprenticeship?

No. Apprenticeships can be started during high school, after graduation, or at any point in your career. VCC offers pre-apprenticeship (foundation) programs in many in-demand trades.

Apprenticeship programs at VCC

- Automotive Collision Repair Technician
- Automotive Glass Technician
- Automotive Paint and Refinishing Technician
- Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician
- Automotive Service Technician
- Baking and Pastry Arts (Baker)
- Culinary Arts (Cook)
- Diesel Engine Mechanic
- Hairstylist
- Heavy Duty Equipment Technician
- Transport Trailer Technician
- Truck and Transport Mechanic

What is a Red Seal?

A Red Seal is proof of excellence in certain skilled trades that is recognized by employers across Canada. A Red Endorsement (RSE) is earned at the end of an apprenticeship by completing a comprehensive examination.

YOUTH APPRENTICESHIPS

Did you know you can start apprenticeship training as early as Grade 11?

Get hands-on training at VCC while earning credits that also count toward high school graduation. Learn more about the B.C. Industry Training Authority’s (ITA) Youth Train in Trades program by visiting youth.itabc.ca.

Youth Train in Trades at VCC

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| ▪ Automotive Collision Repair Technician | ▪ Baking |
| ▪ Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician | ▪ Culinary Arts |
| ▪ Automotive Service Technician | ▪ Hair Design |
| | ▪ Heavy Mechanical Trades |

Continuing Studies

Upgrade your skills, discover a hidden talent, or find a new hobby – all in your spare time.



VCC Continuing Studies offers a special selection of programs and courses designed for the working professional. More than 40 certificates and diplomas are available, with most classes held during evenings and weekends at our Downtown campus.

Programs and courses

Any Continuing Studies program offering a diploma or certificate is already listed in this Viewbook (pg. 12-33). Other popular courses include:

- Cake Making and Decorating
- Creative Writing
- Counselling
- Jewellery Making
- Keyboarding
- Languages (Arabic, Cantonese, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish)
- Office Software
- Personal Finance
- Photography
- Small Business
- Web and Graphic Design

Continuing Studies catalogue

Our Continuing Studies offerings are updated three times per year. Visit any VCC campus to pick up the latest catalogue or view the current list of courses at vcc.ca/cs.

Register for VCC Continuing Studies

- Online at vcc.ca/cs
- By phone at 604.443.8484
- In person at the VCC Downtown campus (250 West Pender Street)

Questions?

Email cstudies@vcc.ca or call 604.443.8484

Eat, shop and more



Enjoy the perks of VCC life at our famous on-campus restaurants and service outlets.

Downtown

ASIAN CULINARY COUNTER

Enjoy authentic Chinese, Malaysian, Korean, and Japanese dishes by Asian culinary arts students. Open for lunch.

CAFETERIA

Fuel up with a wide variety of affordable dishes, expertly prepared by VCC culinary arts students and instructors.

DENTAL CLINIC

Receive quality, low-cost dental hygiene delivered by caring students with instructors' guidance.

JJ'S RESTAURANT

Enjoy gourmet cuisine prepared by upper-level VCC culinary arts students in our on-campus fine-dining restaurant.

SEIFFERT MARKET

Sink your teeth into freshly baked breads, cookies, cakes, and more, made daily by VCC baking and pastry arts students.

THE BISTRO

Try a variety of tasty appies and hearty meals in a trendy, relaxed atmosphere. Operated by VCC hospitality management students.

VCC SALON AND SPA

Relax and enjoy a professional treatment by VCC hairstylist and esthetics students in our beautiful new facility.



Broadway

AUTO SHOP

Get discounted prices on car repairs and maintenance by students in VCC transportation trades programs.

BLENZ

Treat yourself to expertly crafted coffee and a friendly study space in our health sciences building.



QUIZINE KITCHEN

Get top-quality entrees and upscale diner-style food in our popular cafeteria run by VCC international culinary arts students.

FRESH FACTS

All of VCC's on-campus service outlets prepare food using whole ingredients and use compostable containers and utensils.



THE CHEF'S TABLE

VCC's gourmet pop-up kitchen experience is operated seasonally in various locations by international culinary arts students and special guest chefs. Reserve at vcc.ca/chefstable.

Student Services

Get the help you need to succeed at VCC and beyond.



Starting out

ADVISING SERVICES

VCC's program advisors can help you plan your studies and your career path. Meet with them to get detailed information on programs, admission requirements, and applications. Book an appointment at the Broadway or Downtown campus by calling 604.871.7000, option 2, or visiting vcc.ca/advising.

ASSESSMENT CENTRE

VCC administers assessment tests for students who need to determine language, education, or skill levels for entry into VCC courses and programs. Visit vcc.ca/assessments.

CHILD CARE

The McGregor Child Care Centre is a licensed non-profit childcare centre located at the Broadway campus. Priority enrolment is given to VCC students and employees. To inquire about availability and/or waiting periods, call 778.783.5147.

DISABILITY SERVICES

VCC welcomes students of all abilities. Please contact us four months in advance of classes beginning to arrange access to specialized equipment or other accommodations. Call 604.871.7000, option 2, email disabilityservices@vcc.ca, or visit vcc.ca/disabilities.

FINANCIAL AID

VCC helps students access a variety of scholarships, bursaries, and student loans. Learn more about the types of financial assistance available, find application deadlines, and access forms by calling 604.871.7046 or visiting vcc.ca/financialaid.

INTERPRETING SERVICES

VCC provides high-quality, personalized interpreting for Deaf, DeafBlind, and hard of hearing students. Voice call 604.871.7000, ext. 7518, email interpreting@vcc.ca, text/FaceTime 604.328.8742, or visit vcc.ca/interpreting.

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

The Registrar's Office is your central resource for information about admissions, registration, credits, fees, and student records. Call 604.871.7000, option 4 or visit vcc.ca/ro.

U-PASS AND COMPASS CARD

The U-Pass is a universal transit pass program for B.C. post-secondary students offering full access to bus, SeaBus, and SkyTrain services in Metro Vancouver. Students must first purchase a Compass Card from Translink, then apply the monthly U-Pass online. Visit vcc.ca/upass.

VCC BOOKSTORES

Buy textbooks, course materials, and equipment online or in person at the Broadway and Downtown campuses. The VCC Bookstore also operates a textbook buy-back program. Browse products at vcc.ca/bookstore.

VCC STUDENT CARD

Your VCC student card can be used at the VCC Library, as a student identification to access the U-Pass, and for discounts at various local businesses. Obtain your VCC student card at the Registrar's Office.

Student life

COUNSELLING

Free, professional, and confidential counselling is available to help VCC students set goals, manage workloads, choose careers, and deal with stress, anxiety, and personal matters. Make an appointment by calling 604.871.7000, option 2 or visiting vcc.ca/counselling.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

VCC's Arbiter of Student Issues (ASI) provides neutral support to VCC students experiencing conflict relative to college policies. Call 604.871.7000, ext. 7040.

myVCC

VCC's internal website for students offers access to individualized services like grades, schedules, course materials, as well as news and important college information. Log in to my.vcc.ca using your VCC student ID number.

SAFEWALK

VCC Security will accompany students to cars or transit stations upon request. Call 604.871.7000 ext. 4444 or pick up any campus security phone.

STUDENTS' UNION

The Students' Union of VCC (SUVCC) offers inclusive, fun, and helpful environments at both the Broadway and Downtown campuses where students can share experiences and concerns. Email services@suvcc.ca or visit suvcc.ca.

VCC LEARNING CENTRES

VCC offers free tutoring, academic workshops, and a variety of educational resources at Learning Centres located at both the Broadway and Downtown campuses. Visit vcc.ca/tutoring.

VCC LIBRARY

Fully equipped libraries on both our Broadway and Downtown campuses offer a wide variety of books, electronic materials, and technology (e.g. laptops and tablets) for educational use, as well as experienced librarians to assist students with research. Visit vcc.ca/library.

WIRELESS INTERNET

Free, fast, and reliable Wi-Fi is available at all VCC campuses. Students can access VCC's Wi-Fi by logging in with a VCC account. Guests receive two hours of free access.

Planning ahead

ALUMNI RELATIONS

Graduating from VCC has perks beyond a credential and an awesome job. Stay in touch through a VCC Alumni membership and get discounts on campus and at local businesses. Visit vcc.ca/alumni.

CAREER SERVICES

Research your chosen field, search listings, write a resume, and access valuable resources on VCC's online hub for job seekers. Visit vcc.ca/careerservices.

How to apply

COMPLETE AN APPLICATION

- **Apply at vcc.ca/apply**
A non-refundable \$35 application fee is required (subject to change).
- **Track your application**
See your status by logging in to my.vcc.ca.

LANGUAGE SUPPORT

Contact VCC's Peer Helpers for application help in a variety of languages by calling 604.871.7209.

SUBMIT SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- **Official transcripts**
Original documents only. Documents not in English or French must be translated by a certified translation service.
- **Provincial Education Number (PEN)**
If applicable. PEN is issued to any Kindergarten to Grade 12 student in British Columbia.
- **Copy of Certificate of Landing**
If applicable. Required from Landed Immigrant students.
- **Educational Credential Assessment (ECA) report**
If applicable. Applicants with educational documents not from Canadian or American institutions must have their credentials evaluated by the International Credential Evaluation Service (ICES).
- **Proof of English language proficiency**
For all applicants. To check requirements, visit vcc.ca/elp.

MAKE A COMMITMENT

- **Pay the commitment fee**
After receiving a letter of acceptance by email, commitment fees may be paid either online or in person.
- **Satisfy other program requirements**
 - Academic—e.g. prerequisites or final high school grades
 - Non-academic—e.g. criminal record checks, respiratory mask fit testing, or CPR

PAY FOR YOUR CLASSES

- **Check your invoice**
You will be sent an official invoice outlining your payment amounts and dates.
- **Pay online**
Log in to my.vcc.ca and visit My Services to make an online payment. Other forms of payment may also be accepted at the Student Accounts office.

DEFERRALS AND FINANCIAL AID

Students with approved student loans or external sponsorships may be eligible for a fee deferral.

If you require financial assistance, please contact VCC Financial Aid at least eight weeks prior to the start of your program. Call 604.871.7046 or visit vcc.ca/financialaid.

STUDENT WELCOME DAYS

Join us at the beginning of each fall and winter semester for a fun carnival featuring ways to make the most of your new life as a VCC student.





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