

VCC

VIEWBOOK 2020/21



Together
We
Learn

VCC acknowledges, with gratitude, our location on the traditional unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), and səliłwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) peoples. We are committed to building relationships, based in honour and respect, with the Indigenous peoples here and we appreciate the broader connections and responsibility to Indigenous lands, cultures and communities that are near and beyond our three campuses.

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Welcome

If you're reading this, you've already taken a big step. You've opened your mind to education – to enriching your life and the lives of those around you. We're here to help you succeed.

The 2020-21 school year will feel different. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed how we learn, work, play, and live. It has also forced us all to innovate and to improve.

Currently, all VCC courses are being delivered either online or through physically distanced on-campus activities. Yet thanks to our remarkable instructors and staff, VCC students are learning the same things, using the same tools, and gaining the same skills as before.

Your future is bright, and we're ready to help you get there. **Let's do this together.**

Together we learn

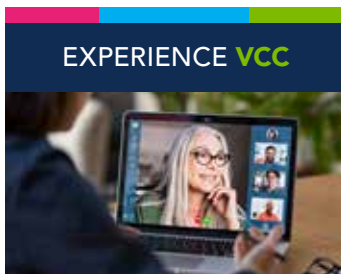


**"In a time of drastic change, it is the learners
who inherit the future."** – Eric Hoffer

At VCC, learning has always meant so much more than taking notes in a classroom. To us, it's about making connections.

Since physical distancing began in March 2020, VCC instructors and staff have gone above and beyond to keep these connections strong.

As a VCC student, you're part of a community that learns and grows together. Here, you're not isolated. You're part of something special.



VCC departments have developed and hosted online industry networking events to keep students and employers in touch.



To keep students learning during the COVID-19 lockdown, some VCC instructors personally delivered tools and supplies to students' homes.



Many VCC instructors have started using specialty cameras and virtual reality equipment in real-time demonstrations.

EXPERIENCE VCC

Twice a year, we host a free virtual open house, allowing you to learn more about our 130+ programs. Plan to join our next event by visiting vcc.ca/experience.

Safety and support

At VCC, the health and safety of students and employees is our top priority.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, most VCC courses and programs are being offered online until further notice. Select programs, such as culinary arts, hairstyling, or automotive repair, may require students to come to campus occasionally for hands-on learning activities.

VCC has worked closely with WorkSafeBC and provincial health authorities to ensure that all on-campus activities meet or exceed current health and safety guidelines.

COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES AT VCC

- Weekly health pre-screening surveys for all students and employees
- Clear signs and decals to ensure physical distancing
- Hand sanitizer stations throughout VCC campuses
- Restricted entrances and ID checks
- Non-medical masks encouraged and available for purchase
- Customized safety plans for each department that exceed health guidelines

FINANCIAL AND CAREER SUPPORT

Help is available. VCC students and grads can access a wide variety of awards, grants, and employment services, including:

- Over 400 sponsored scholarships and awards for student achievement
- Ongoing COVID-19 emergency bursary funds
- Provincial and federal government loans, grants, and benefits
- Industry practicums
- Resume and job-search assistance

Learn more by visiting vcc.ca/financialaid or vcc.ca/careerguidance.

COVID-19 INFORMATION SITE

For the latest information and announcements, visit vcc.ca/covid-19.

RETURN-TO-CAMPUS PLANS

Detailed return-to-campus plans for each VCC department are available by visiting vcc.ca/covid-19/return-to-campus-plans.

Our learning community

VCC's learning community reaches far beyond our students and instructors. Thanks to 55 years of relationship-building, our connections with local industry, business, and employers are unparalleled – and our students reap the benefits.

Arcteryx

VCC Fashion Design and Production students enjoy industry practicums and project feedback from top apparel companies.

BMW

VCC's BMW Group Canada Body and Paint Pre-Apprentice Scholarship ensures students learn the latest BMW technology.

DIVERSEcity

VCC proudly works with local nonprofits to support newcomer students and entrepreneurs.

Fairmont Hotels and Resorts

VCC Hospitality Management students complete 500 hours each of work experience in world-class establishments.

Goldwell, Dermalogica

VCC Hairstyling and Esthetics students benefit from products and online training from leading beauty companies.

Microsoft

VCC is newly certified to offer official training in Microsoft Azure cloud computing technology.

Pyrrha

Cutting-edge jewellery designers support VCC students through scholarships and job opportunities.

RJC Engineers, Dowco

VCC's CAD and BIM technicians-in-training get real experience and scholarship support from top engineering and design firms.

Vancouver Coastal Health

VCC Health Sciences students complete hands-on training at medical centres across the region.

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 St.

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

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

Annacis Island campus 1608 Cliveden Ave.

Motive Power Centre of Excellence

- Heavy Mechanical Trades

U-PASS BC

VCC students attending regular, on-campus activities can access the U-Pass universal student transit pass for all bus, SeaBus, and SkyTrain services in Metro Vancouver. Learn more by visiting vcc.ca/upass.

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 and payment deadline flexibility
- A curated Indigenous book and film selection in the VCC Library
- Enhanced programming throughout the college that incorporates Indigenous ways and knowledge

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



687 Indigenous students
enrolled at VCC
2019/20



OUR PARTNERS



Skwxwu'mesh Nation



shishálh Nation



Lil'wat Nation



Tsleil-Waututh Nation



Musqueam Nation

VCC in the community

At VCC, we believe that learning is a life-changing experience that impacts everyone around us.

Helping heroes

At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, departments from across VCC joined to donate over 60,000 pieces of personal protective equipment (PPE) to local health care workers.

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.

Building connections

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

Serving security

To support local food security during the COVID-19 pandemic, VCC opened its Downtown campus kitchens to produce thousands of pre-packaged meals for vulnerable neighbours.

Training for trouble

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

Crafting care

Participants in one of VCC's immigrant entrepreneurship programs designed, sewed, and donated thousands of cloth face masks to protect at-risk communities from COVID-19.



Programs

VCC has more than 130 programs to choose from, but we know you're only looking for one – the right one.

In the pages ahead, you'll find our full, detailed program catalogue and other great information to help you get started.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The programs in this Viewbook are available to Canadian citizens and permanent residents. Find program options for international students by visiting 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 production. 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. 26), and nursing (p. 24). These programs typically involve four years of full-time study.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Earn a standalone credential or a solid foundation for upper-level university programs in as few as two years (p. 21).

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

OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

Administrative Professional 1

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

Gain skills in Microsoft Office, communications, business documents, and data management for a variety of entry-level office administration careers.

Administrative Professional 2

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

Advance your skills in Microsoft Office, databases, document management, and business finances for a variety of office administration careers.

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 supervisory principles, decision making, presentation techniques, and other skills needed to succeed as an office administrator.

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 (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.

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.

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

Gladue Report Writing

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** MAY **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.

Paralegal (Certificate)

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** CONTINUOUS
LENGTH: 2 YEARS/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: 3 YEARS/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.

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.

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: APPRENTICESHIP **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



CULINARY

Professional Cook 1 Plus

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** MONTHLY

LENGTH: 8 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:** MONTHLY

LENGTH: 4 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 Certificate of Qualification required. Students obtain apprenticeship Level 2 upon completion.

Culinary Arts (Cook) Apprentice

CREDENTIAL: APPRENTICESHIP **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. Apprenticeship sponsor, ITA letter of approval, and 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.

PERFECT TIMING

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





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 Construction Modelling 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, and Tekla Structures) 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.

CAD Technician (Short Certificate)

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER **LENGTH:** 14 WEEKS/FULL-TIME

Get a thorough, hands-on introduction to the Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) software and techniques used in home design, construction, renovations, and development work.

GRAPHIC DESIGN

Graphic Design

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. Graphic design certificate and industry experience 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 OR UP TO 5 YEARS/PART-TIME

Get intensive, hands-on training in design, drawing, history, gemmology, and entrepreneurship for a career as a goldsmith, independent artisan, or jewellery artist.

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, OCTOBER, 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 – Level 1

CREDENTIAL: APPRENTICESHIP **START:** MAY, SEPTEMBER **LENGTH:** 9 WEEKS/FULL-TIME

Earn a B.C. trade certificate while learning the latest techniques in cutting, styling, colouring, shaving, extensions, and chemical treatments. Students must be registered in the hairstylist trade. Read more about B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA) apprenticeships on page 34

Hairstylist Apprentice – Level 2

CREDENTIAL: APPRENTICESHIP **START:** AUGUST, JANUARY, APRIL **LENGTH:** 4 WEEKS/FULL-TIME,

Earn a B.C. trade certificate while learning the latest techniques in cutting, styling, colouring, shaving, extensions, and chemical treatments. Students must be registered in the hairstylist trade. Read more about B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA) apprenticeships on page 34

Hair Design – High School

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER **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, NOVEMBER, JANUARY, MARCH, MAY

LENGTH: 10 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:** 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.



HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT

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Hospitality Management (Diploma)

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, MAY

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.

WINE SOMMELIER

Wine Sommelier

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE (WSET LEVEL 1) **START:** VARIES

LENGTH: 12 HOURS OVER 4 WEEKS/PART-TIME

Get a full 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.



UNIVERSITY TRANSFER

A woman with long dark hair tied in a ponytail, wearing a white lab coat and safety glasses, is working in a laboratory. She is looking down at something off-camera to the right. The background is a bright, out-of-focus laboratory setting.

UNIVERSITY TRANSFER ENGLISH FOR EAL STUDENTS

Need to bring your English skills up 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. For the full list of courses available, visit vcc.ca/ut.

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 of Science – Computing Science

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

Complete two years of university-level credits at VCC to earn a standalone credential or gain a solid foundation for third-year university programs in computing science and/or software systems.



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.

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 used in a medical office environment.



HEALTH CARE

Health Care Assistant

CREDENTIAL: F/T CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER (F/T AND P/T), JANUARY (F/T), MAY (F/T) **LENGTH:** 7 MONTHS/FULL-TIME 12 MONTHS/PART-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:** SEPTEMBER 2021
LENGTH: 30 WEEKS/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, JANUARY, MAY
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.

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:** 3 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. Preceptorship included.

Access to Practical Nursing

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA **START:** FEBRUARY **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. Preceptorship included.



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 by gaining a comprehensive overview of a spectrum of concerns including addictions and community counselling. Practicum included.

Addiction Counselling Skills – Advanced

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** JANUARY, APRIL **LENGTH:** 1 YEAR/FULL-TIME OR 3 YEARS/PART-TIME

Deepen your knowledge and practical skills to engage effectively with individuals, groups, and families struggling with problematic substance use. Practicum included.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION

Early Childhood Care and Education (Certificate)

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER **LENGTH:** 1 YEAR/FULL-TIME OR 2 YEARS/PART-TIME

Gain the knowledge and skills to specialize in the inclusive care and development of children aged 2-6 in licensed early learning settings in British Columbia.

Early Childhood Education Post-Basic (Diploma)

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

Gain the knowledge and skills to specialize in the inclusive care and development of children aged 0-6 and children with special needs. 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.





INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

Provincial Instructor Diploma Program (PIDP)

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA **START:** CONTINUOUS

LENGTH: 10 MONTHS FULL-TIME OR UP TO 36 MONTHS/PART-TIME

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: 135 HOURS (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.

WRITING

Business and Technical Writing

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** ONGOING

LENGTH: 1 YEAR/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

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.

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, MAY

LENGTH: 2 YEARS/FULL-TIME OR UP TO 5 YEARS/PART-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.

IT Operations Professional

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

Launch your Information Technology (IT) career with a strong foundation in computer hardware, software, networks, and security.

Network Security

CREDENTIAL: ADVANCED CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL

LENGTH: 1 YEAR/PART-TIME

Learn the latest methods in network analysis, architecture, forensics, and defence for careers in information systems 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.

Network Technology Administration and Security

CREDENTIAL: POST-DEGREE DIPLOMA **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL

LENGTH: 2 YEARS/FULL-TIME

Advance your skills in network infrastructure, administration, support, and security for careers in computer information systems management and analysis.

VR/AR Design and Development

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA **START:** SEPTEMBER, **LENGTH:** 16-20 MONTHS/FULL-TIME

Create the tools of tomorrow by learning to develop and produce human-centred virtual reality (VR) or augmented reality (AR) experiences using Oculus Rift, Oculus Quest, HTC Vive, and Unreal and Unity engines. Designed and delivered in partnership with Vancouver Film School (VFS).

REPAIR TECHNOLOGY

Electronics Repair Technology

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

Learn to operate, diagnose, and service the latest computers, televisions, and mobile devices for employment as a technician in consumer electronics repair.



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 credits towards apprenticeship Level 1.

Automotive Service Technician Apprentice

CREDENTIAL: APPRENTICESHIP **START:** SEPTEMBER, NOVEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY **LENGTH:** FOUR 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-pptentice

CREDENTIAL: APPRENTICESHIP **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. Then attend VCC for practical assessment and evaluation.





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 credits towards apprenticeship Level 1.

Automotive Collision Repair Technician Apprentice

CREDENTIAL: APPRENTICESHIP **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 – 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: APPRENTICESHIP **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 E-pptentice

CREDENTIAL: APPRENTICESHIP **START:** JANUARY
LENGTH: 4 MONTHS ONLINE PLUS 1 WEEK CLASS-BASED/FULL-TIME

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: APPRENTICESHIP **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, APRIL, 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 duty equipment. No previous experience required. Students obtain credits towards apprenticeship Level 1.

Heavy Duty Equipment Technician Apprentice

CREDENTIAL: APPRENTICESHIP **START:** MONTHLY (SEPTEMBER-MAY)

LENGTH: 4 LEVELS (4-7 WEEKS PER LEVEL)/FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING

Get certified to repair and maintain heavy equipment used in construction, forestry, and mining. Apprentices complete Heavy Mechanical Trades Levels 1-4 to specialize, and can earn a Certificate of Qualification or Red Seal Endorsement. Read more about B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA) apprenticeships on page 34.

Truck and Transport Mechanic Apprentice

CREDENTIAL: APPRENTICESHIP **START:** ONGOING

LENGTH: 4 LEVELS (4-7 WEEKS PER LEVEL)/FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING

Get certified to repair and maintain commercial transport vehicles including trucks, emergency vehicles, highway buses, and recreational vehicles. Apprentices complete Heavy Mechanical Trades Levels 1-4 to specialize, and can earn a Certificate of Qualification or Red Seal Endorsement. Read more about B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA) apprenticeships on page 34.

Diesel Engine Mechanic Apprentice

CREDENTIAL: APPRENTICESHIP **START:** ONGOING

LENGTH: 2 LEVELS (6-7 WEEKS PER LEVEL)/FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING

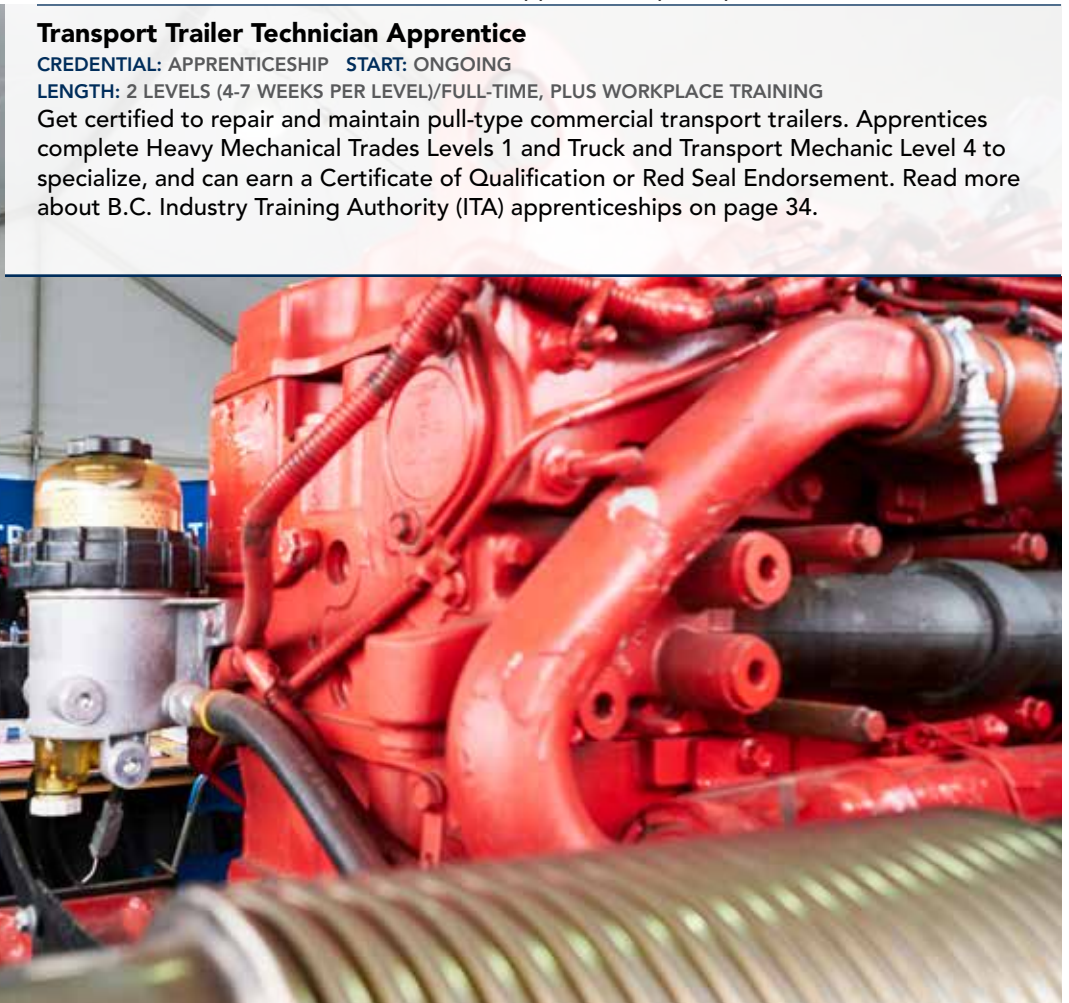
Get certified to repair and maintain diesel engines used in construction, transport, and farming equipment. Apprentices complete Heavy Mechanical Trades Levels 1 and 2 to specialize, and can earn a Certificate of Qualification or Red Seal Endorsement. Read more about B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA) apprenticeships on page 34.

Transport Trailer Technician Apprentice

CREDENTIAL: APPRENTICESHIP **START:** ONGOING

LENGTH: 2 LEVELS (4-7 WEEKS PER LEVEL)/FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING

Get certified to repair and maintain pull-type commercial transport trailers. Apprentices complete Heavy Mechanical Trades Levels 1 and Truck and Transport Mechanic Level 4 to specialize, and can earn a Certificate of Qualification or Red Seal Endorsement. 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: N/A **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 advanced 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 a 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: N/A **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

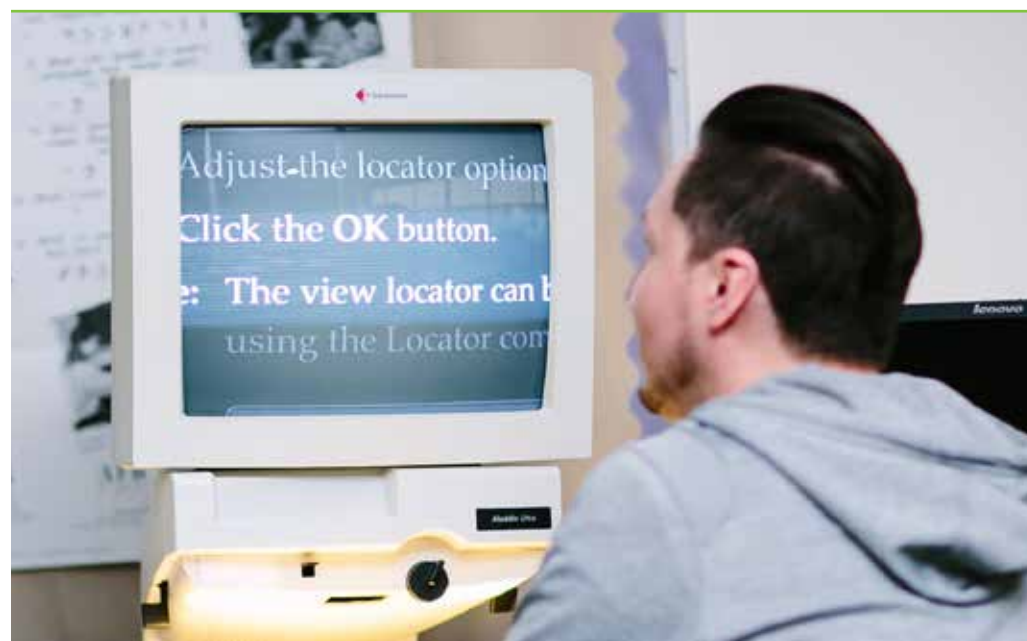
Develop essential job skills including literacy and numeracy while receiving direct instruction, interpreting, and ongoing career support in American Sign Language (ASL). Skill-development practicums included. Intended for Deaf or hard of hearing adults.

VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Visually Impaired

CREDENTIAL: N/A **START:** CONTINUOUS (SEPTEMBER-JUNE) **LENGTH:** VARIES/FULL- OR PART-TIME

Gain the skills needed for advanced education or prerequisites in areas like English, mathematics, Braille, and computer skills including keyboarding, Windows, MS Office, 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: N/A **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 high-school credits up to Grade 10 in a small, supportive learning environment at our Broadway Youth Resource Centre. Some Grade 11 and 12 courses may be available. Intended for students aged 15-18.

Basic Education (beginning skills to Grade 9)

CREDENTIAL: N/A **START:** CONTINUOUS **LENGTH:** VARIES/FULL-TIME

Improve your reading, writing, math, computer, and career exploration skills from beginner levels to Grade 9. Intended for students aged 17 and older. Classes available in group and self-paced formats.

Career Access

CREDENTIAL: N/A **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 an 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 popular 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 Foundation |
| ▪ Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician | ▪ Culinary Arts |
| ▪ Automotive Service Technician | ▪ Hairstylist |
| | ▪ Heavy Mechanical Trades |
| | ▪ Professional Cook 1 |

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.

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:

- Baking and Culinary Arts
- Creative Writing
- Counselling
- Jewellery Making
- Keyboarding
- Languages
- Marketing and Communications
- Office Software
- Personal Finance
- Photography
- Small Business
- Transformational Learning
- Web and Graphic Design

Continuing Studies catalogue

Our Continuing Studies offerings are updated three times per year. View the current list of courses and programs at vcc.ca/cs.

Register for VCC Continuing Studies

- Online at vcc.ca/cs
- By phone at 604.443.8484

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.

COVID-19 information

VCC's on-campus food outlets and services have been temporarily suspended for the safety of our students. We look forward to serving everyone again in the future.

Downtown

ASIAN CULINARY COUNTER

Enjoy authentic Chinese and other Asian dishes prepared by Asian culinary arts students.

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, and culinary arts students.

THE BISTRO

Let VCC hospitality management students serve you a variety of tasty appetizers and hearty meals in a trendy atmosphere.

VCC SALON AND SPA

Relax and enjoy a professional treatment by VCC hairstyling 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 dinner experience is operated seasonally at VCC's Downtown campus by international culinary arts students and special guest chefs. Learn more at vcc.ca/chefstable.

Student Services



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

COVID-19 information

Most of VCC's on-campus student services have temporarily suspended in-person interactions. All services remain available and can be accessed by phone, email, or online.

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 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. Inquire by calling 604.871.7093, emailing assessments@vcc.ca, or visiting 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. Learn more by calling, 778.783.5147, emailing mcmgregorccs@outlook.com, or visiting vcc.ca/childcare.

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 by calling 604.871.7000, option 2, emailing disabilityservices@vcc.ca, or visiting 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. Make arrangements by calling 604.871.7000, ext. 7518, emailing interpreting@vcc.ca, texting/FaceTime 604.328.8742, or visiting vcc.ca/interpreting.

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

The Registrar's Office is your central resource for information about admissions, registration, credits, fees, and student records. Contact them by calling 604.871.7000, option 4 or visiting 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. Learn more by visiting vcc.ca/upass.

VCC BOOKSTORES

Buy textbooks, course materials, and equipment online via VCC's Broadway and Downtown campus bookstores. Browse products by visiting 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. For information on obtaining your VCC student card, contact the Registrar's Office by calling 604.871.7000, option 4.

Student life COUNSELLING

Free, professional, 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 related to college policies. Connect with the ASI by calling 604.871.7000, ext. 7040.

myVCC

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

SAFEWALK

VCC Security will accompany students to cars or transit stations upon request. Inquire by calling 604.871.7000 ext. 4444 or picking 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. Connect by emailing services@suvcc.ca or visiting suvcc.ca.

VCC LEARNING CENTRES

Free online tutoring, academic workshops, and a variety of educational resources are available to students via the VCC Learning Centre. Make an appointment by visiting vcc.ca/tutoring.

VCC LIBRARY

Our Broadway and Downtown campus libraries offer a wide variety of resources for educational use, as well as experienced librarians available to help with research by email and online chat. Connect by visiting 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. Learn more by visiting vcc.ca/alumni.

CAREER GUIDANCE

Research your chosen field, search postings, write a resume, and access valuable resources on VCC's online hub for job seekers by visiting vcc.ca/careerguidance.

How to apply

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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.

COVID-19 UPDATE: Paying Tuition

VCC is currently only accepting online (credit card, Interac, online banking) or mailed cheque payments, as in-person registration services are suspended until further notice. Learn more about our online payment process by visiting vcc.ca/fees.

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 Permanent Resident Card**
If applicable. Required from Permanent Resident 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.



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MAKE A COMMITMENT

- **Pay the commitment fee**
After receiving a letter of acceptance by email, pay your commitment fee online.
- **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

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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, or mail a cheque to:

Student Accounts Office
Vancouver Community College
1155 East Broadway
Vancouver, BC V5T 4V5

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 by calling 604.871.7046 or visiting vcc.ca/financialaid.



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