

VCC

VIEWBOOK 2021/22

FIND

YOUR EFFECT



We acknowledge that Vancouver Community College (VCC) is located on the traditional and unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and sə́ilwətaʔ4 (Tsleil-Waututh) peoples who have been stewards of this land from time immemorial.

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Welcome

For more than 55 years, VCC grads have been making our lives better. During the COVID-19 pandemic, this “VCC Effect” was clearer than ever.

VCC grads treated the sick, delivered vaccines, and provided child care. They also kept our vehicles running, cooked our takeout, cut our hair, and contributed in countless other ways to keep our entire community safe and well.

Are you ready to learn valuable skills while also serving your community? At VCC, our goal is to help you discover a career with purpose – to **find your effect**.



FIND YOUR EFFECT

Elevating experiences

BAKING, CULINARY, HOSPITALITY, HAIRSTYLING

Advancing creativity

DRAFTING, FASHION, GRAPHIC DESIGN

Redefining work

BUSINESS, LANGUAGES, WRITING

Cultivating care

HEALTH, COUNSELLING SKILLS, ECCE

Driving innovation

TRANSPORTATION TRADES, TECHNOLOGY



OUR NETWORK

VCC's learning network reaches far beyond our students and instructors. Our connections with local industry, business, and employers are unparalleled – and our students reap the benefits.

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 receive products and online training from leading beauty companies.

Lululemon

VCC Fashion Design and Production students enjoy industry practicums and project feedback from top apparel 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 two campuses serving 13,000 students per year in the Metro Vancouver area.

Downtown campus

250 West Pender St.

- Adult Special Education
- Baking
- Business
- CAD and BIM (Drafting)
- Counselling Skills
- 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
- University Transfer
- Visually Impaired

LIVE AND LEARN

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

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Creating a safe and empowering environment for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis learners

Indigenous engagement advisors

VCC offers one-on-one assistance with program applications, funding research, and educational planning.

Elders on Campus

VCC's Elders on Campus program allows Indigenous learners to connect with Elders to explore Indigenous ways of knowing and being, traditional teachings, and engage in culturally reflective counselling.

Gathering Spaces

VCC's Indigenous Gathering Spaces support the needs of Indigenous learners by promoting cultural safety and belonging, as well as offering the use of computers, printers, kitchenettes, and casual meeting areas.

Cultural expression

VCC hosts regular Indigenous-focused workshops, talks, performances, celebrations, and recognition events including National Indigenous Peoples Day, Orange Shirt Day, and Sisters in Spirit.

Furthering reconciliation through education

VCC is committed to honouring the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and responding to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action addressing the historical exclusion of Indigenous people in post-secondary education and career training. Our current initiatives include:

- a purposeful Indigenous enrolment policy that guarantees spaces and flexible payment deadlines for Indigenous learners,
- career programs delivered on campus and in community, partnering with local First Nations and the Native Education College,
- a curated Indigenous book and film selection in the VCC Library, and
- enhanced programming throughout the college that incorporates Indigenous ways of knowing and being.

Learn more and connect with us by calling 604.871.7000, option 5 or visiting vcc.ca/indigenous.



672 Indigenous students
enrolled at VCC
2020/21



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.

Serving food 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.

Giving in style

VCC's fashion students regularly design and sew business attire which is donated to charities like Dress for Success and YWCA Career Zone.

Showing pride

VCC's nursing and jewellery students collaborated to design a pin that identifies health care workers who appreciate the needs of trans and non-binary patients.

Making smiles

Students in VCC's dental programs offer free checkups to hundreds of young children each year at our Tooth Trolley event.

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 140 programs to choose from, but we know you're only looking for one – the right one.

Learn more about many popular VCC programs by attending free information sessions held throughout the year. See the schedule at vcc.ca/infosessions.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The programs in this Viewbook are available to Canadian citizens and permanent residents. Find program options for international students by calling +1.604.443.8600 or 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, 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. 23). 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. 20).

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. 33).

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. 32).

Continuing Studies

Expand your skills, earn a professional credential, or just learn something new. VCC Continuing Studies offers a range of popular part-time classes as well as certificate and diploma programs (p. 34).

BUSINESS

Gain expert skills in finance, communications, and more while learning proven leadership practices.

vcc.ca/business



OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

Administrative Professional

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

Accounting

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

Executive Assistant

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

LEGAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

Legal Administrative Assistant

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

MEDICAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

Medical Office Assistant

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

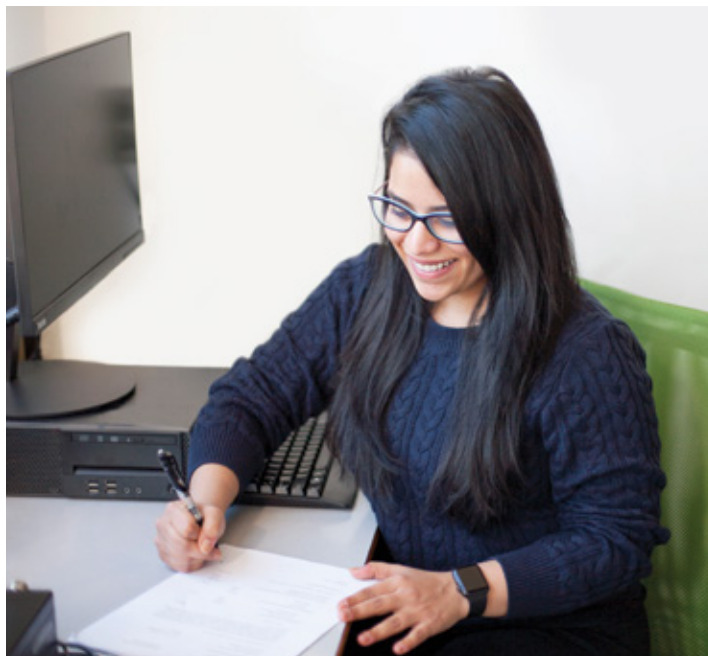
Medical Transcriptionist

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

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

Marketing Technology

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



SACRED STORIES

VCC's Gladue Report Writing program is the first of its kind in Canada, teaching the legal standards for addressing an Indigenous offender's personal and cultural history in advance of sentencing.

CONTINUING STUDIES

BUILDING AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Building Manager

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

BUSINESS AND LEADERSHIP

Business Leadership and Management

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

Leadership

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

Leadership Coaching (Associate Certificate)

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

Leadership Coaching (Certificate)

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

Management Skills for Supervisors

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

FOOD AND HOSPITALITY

Wedding and Event Management

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

LEGAL AND OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

Gladue Report Writing

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE START: SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 1 YEAR / PART-TIME

Paralegal (Certificate)

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

Paralegal (Diploma)

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA START: CONTINUOUS
LENGTH: 3 YEARS / PART-TIME

Legal Office Skills

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

Medical Office Skills

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

Administration and Supervision Skills

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

Record Management Skills

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

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BAKING AND CULINARY

THE GOLD STANDARD

VCC baking students consistently earn top spots at provincial and national Skills Canada competitions. In 2021, our bakers swept all medal categories in B.C.'s provincial competition and brought home two golds at the national level.



Sharpen your skills under highly acclaimed chefs in Western Canada's largest culinary school.

vcc.ca/baking-culinary

BAKING

Baking and Pastry Arts – Artisan Baking

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** MAY

LENGTH: 11 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

Baking and Pastry Arts – Pastry

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** JANUARY, MARCH, APRIL, OCTOBER

LENGTH: 11 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

Baking and Pastry Arts – (Baker) Apprenticeship

CREDENTIAL: APPRENTICESHIP **START:** VARIES

LENGTH: THREE 4-WEEK TRAINING SESSIONS OVER 3 YEARS / FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING

Baking Foundation – High School

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** AUGUST

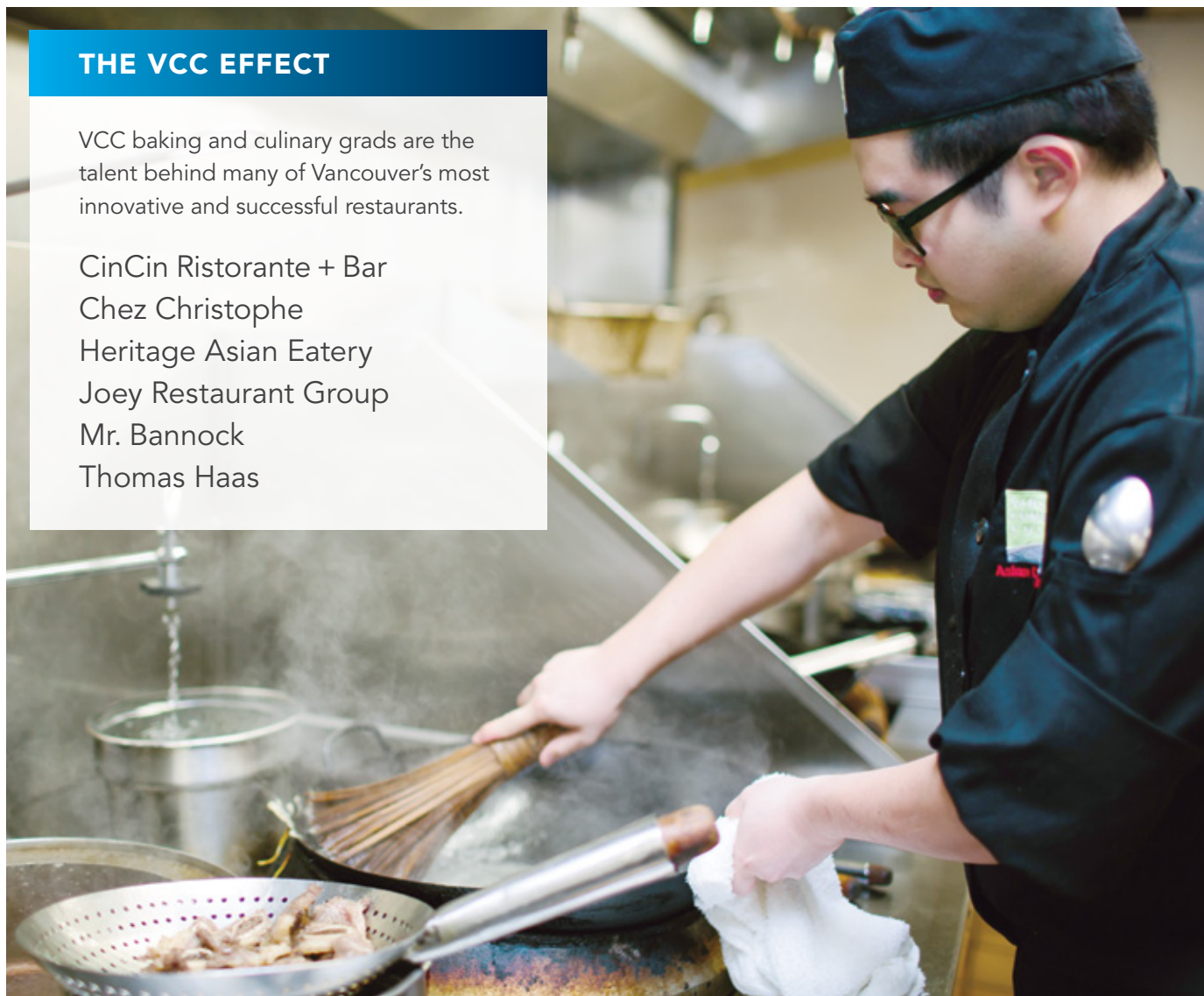
LENGTH: 6 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

Part of the Youth Train in Trades program by the B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA)

THE VCC EFFECT

VCC baking and culinary grads are the talent behind many of Vancouver's most innovative and successful restaurants.

CinCin Ristorante + Bar
Chez Christophe
Heritage Asian Eatery
Joey Restaurant Group
Mr. Bannock
Thomas Haas



CULINARY

Professional Cook 1 Plus

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** MONTHLY

LENGTH: 8 MONTHS / FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING

Professional Cook 2

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** MONTHLY

LENGTH: 4 MONTHS / FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING

Culinary Arts (Cook) Apprentice

CREDENTIAL: APPRENTICESHIP **START:** VARIES

LENGTH: 5 WEEKS / FULL-TIME OR 12 WEEKS / PART-TIME,
PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING

Professional Cook 1 – High School

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, FEBRUARY

LENGTH: VARIES / FULL-TIME

Part of the Youth Train in Trades program by the B.C. Industry Training Authority (ITA).

Asian Culinary Arts

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, FEBRUARY

LENGTH: 5 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

Professional Cook 1 – ESL

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER

LENGTH: 10 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

PERFECT TIMING

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

DESIGN

WHAT ARE CAD AND BIM?

CAD stands for Computer-Aided Design, and BIM stands for Building Information Modeling. Both have become industry-standard technologies used in the drafting and engineering of modern buildings, systems, and infrastructure.

Develop your inner artist while learning the tools for success in B.C.'s creative industries.

vcc.ca/design

CAD AND BIM (DRAFTING)

Architectural Technician

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER

LENGTH: 10 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

Civil/Structural Technician

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER

LENGTH: 10 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

Mechanical Engineering Technician

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER

LENGTH: 10 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

Steel Construction Modelling Technician

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER

LENGTH: 10 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

CAD and BIM

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA **START:** SEPTEMBER, APRIL

LENGTH: 2 YEARS / FULL-TIME

CAD Technician

CREDENTIAL: SHORT CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER

LENGTH: 4 MONTHS / FULL-TIME



SHINE BRIGHT

Each year, VCC Jewellery Art and Design students showcase their work in a public exhibition and gala attended by industry professionals.

GRAPHIC DESIGN

Graphic Design

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

Graphic Design – Advanced Entrance

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY
LENGTH: 10 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

JEWELLERY

Jewellery Art and Design

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA **START:** SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 2 YEARS / FULL-TIME OR UP TO 5 YEARS / PART-TIME

CONTINUING STUDIES

Fashion Design and Production (Certificate)

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

Fashion Design and Production (Diploma)

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA **START:** SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 2 YEARS / FULL-TIME OR 3 YEARS / PART-TIME

Fashion Merchandising

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

vcc.ca/cs/fashion

HAIR AND ESTHETICS

GOING GREEN

VCC runs the largest Green Circle Salon in Canada. Our 100-seat facility recycles and repurposes chemicals, foils, hair clippings, and other spa waste, diverting them from landfills and waterways.

Train with experienced instructors in VCC's state-of-the-art salon and spa facility at our Downtown campus.

vcc.ca/hair-esthetics

HAIRSTYLING

Hairstylist

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE

START: SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, JANUARY, MARCH, MAY

LENGTH: 10 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

Hairstylist Apprentice – Level 1

CREDENTIAL: APPRENTICESHIP **START:** MAY, SEPTEMBER

LENGTH: 10 WEEKS / FULL-TIME

Hairstylist Apprentice – Level 2

CREDENTIAL: APPRENTICESHIP **START:** AUGUST, JANUARY, APRIL

LENGTH: 5 WEEKS / FULL-TIME

Hair Design – High School

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER

LENGTH: 10 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

ESTHETICS

Esthetics and Spa Therapy

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE

START: SEPTEMBER, NOVEMBER, JANUARY, MAY

LENGTH: 10 MONTHS / FULL-TIME (3 DAYS A WEEK)

Nail Technology

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

LENGTH: 4 MONTHS / FULL-TIME OR 8 MONTHS / PART-TIME

HOSPITALITY

THE VCC EFFECT

VCC hospitality management grads can be found in leadership positions at top hotels and resorts around the world.

Coast Hotels and Resorts
Fairmont Hotels and Resort
Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts
Hilton Hotels and Resorts
Marriott Hotels and Resorts
Shangri-La Hotels

Learn professional management practices for hotel, restaurant, and resort settings while gaining experience in VCC's popular on-campus service outlets.

vcc.ca/hospitality

HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT

Hospitality Management (Diploma)

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

Bachelor of Hospitality Management

CREDENTIAL: DEGREE **START:** SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 2 YEARS / FULL-TIME
Hospitality Management diploma required

Bachelor of Hospitality Management – Executive Cohort

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

BACK TO BUSINESS

Did you know? Tourism has traditionally been one of B.C.'s top industries, employing over 160,000 people annually and contributing more to the provincial economy than mining, logging, or oil and gas.

*Source: Power of Tourism Fact Sheet,
Destination British Columbia, 2008-2018*

UNIVERSITY TRANSFER

Start your university degree in a supportive learning environment with small classes and attentive instructors.

University Transfer

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE

START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, MAY

LENGTH: 4 MONTHS PER COURSE / FULL-TIME

PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

- Arts (Humanities, Social Science)
- Computing Science and Software Systems
- Environmental Studies
- Mathematics
- Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- Pathway to Health 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
- Mathematics
- Molecular Biology and Biochemistry
- Physics
- Software Systems
- Statistics

University Transfer – Engineering

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, MAY

LENGTH: 4 MONTHS PER COURSE / FULL-TIME

Complete first-year engineering credits at VCC and apply for admission into second-year degree programs at the University of British Columbia (UBC), University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC), University of Victoria (UVic), or Thompson Rivers University (TRU).

Associate of Science – Computer Science

CREDENTIAL: ASSOCIATE DEGREE **START:** SEPTEMBER

LENGTH: 2 YEARS / FULL-TIME, 4 YEARS /

PART-TIME AVAILABLE

Complete two years of university-level credits at VCC to earn a standalone credential or gain a solid foundation for third-year university programs.

START SMART

Moving from a high school classroom to university lecture hall can be an overwhelming change for many students. VCC university transfer programs are designed to help ease this transition and set you up for academic success.



HEALTH SCIENCES

KEEPING IT REAL

VCC's health sciences building is home to a state-of-the-art hospital environment where students in multiple programs coordinate their learning.



Make an impact as a front-line caregiver or support worker in numerous in-demand health care careers.

vcc.ca/health

DENTAL

Dental Assisting – Certified

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER

LENGTH: 10 MONTHS / FULL-TIME OR 2 YEARS / PART-TIME ONLINE

Dental Hygiene

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA **START:** SEPTEMBER

LENGTH: 2 YEARS / FULL-TIME

Dental Reception Coordinator

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, FEBRUARY

LENGTH: 5 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

Dental Technology Sciences

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA **START:** SEPTEMBER

LENGTH: 2.5 YEARS / FULL-TIME

HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Health Unit Coordinator

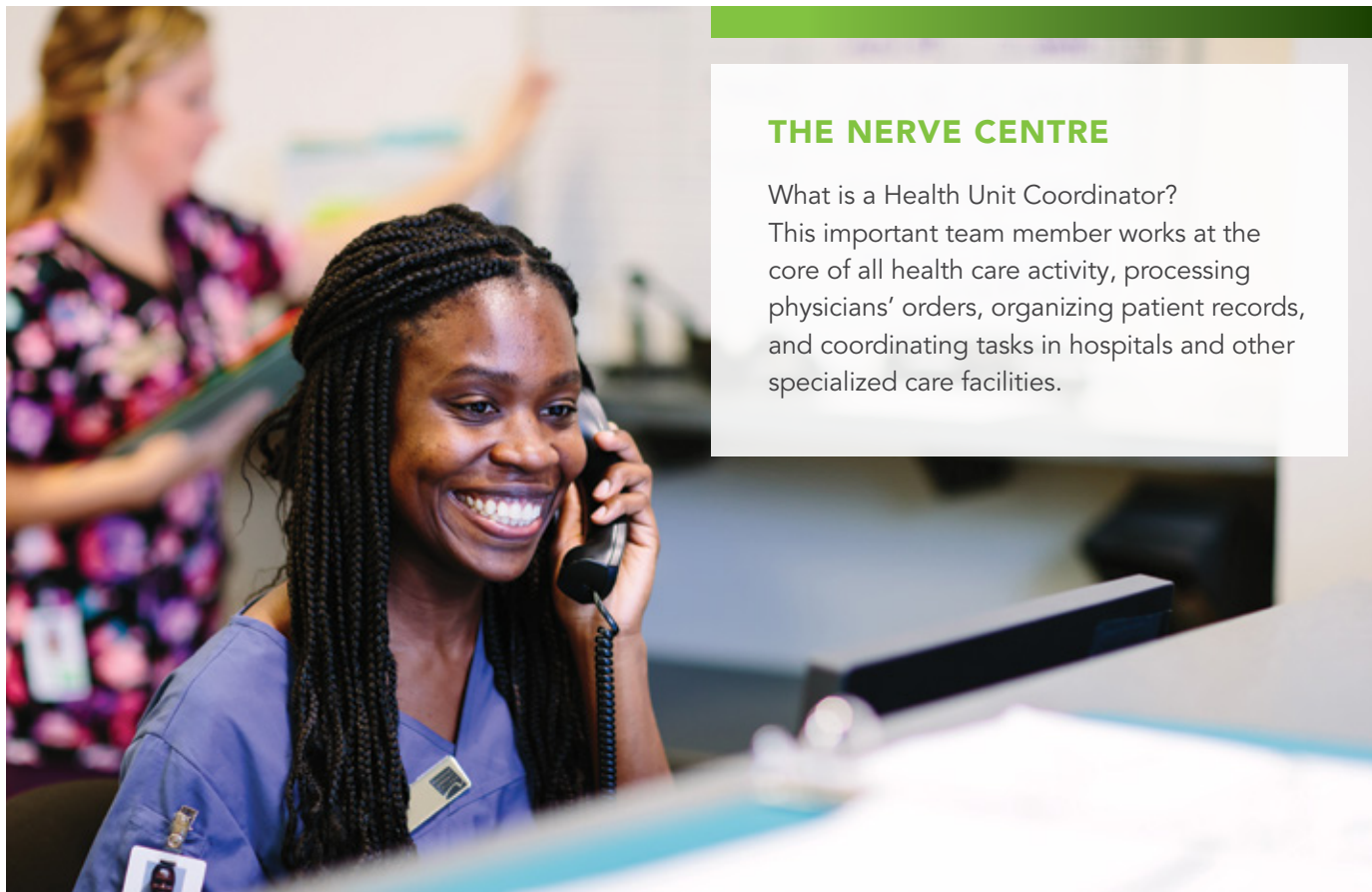
CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, MAY

LENGTH: 7.5 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

Medical Office Assistant

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, MARCH

LENGTH: 6 MONTHS / FULL-TIME



THE NERVE CENTRE

What is a Health Unit Coordinator?

This important team member works at the core of all health care activity, processing physicians' orders, organizing patient records, and coordinating tasks in hospitals and other specialized care facilities.

Medical Transcriptionist

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

HEALTH CARE

Health Care Assistant

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE
START: SEPTEMBER (F/T AND P/T), JANUARY (F/T), MAY (F/T)
LENGTH: 7 MONTHS / FULL-TIME OR 12 MONTHS / PART-TIME

Health Care Assistant – EAL

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

Medical Laboratory Assistant

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

Occupational/Physical Therapist Assistant (Rehab Assistant)

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

Pharmacy Technician

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER 2021
LENGTH: 8 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

NURSING

Nursing (BScN)

CREDENTIAL: DEGREE **START:** SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 3 YEARS / FULL-TIME

Nursing – Advanced Entry (BScN)

CREDENTIAL: DEGREE **START:** JANUARY
LENGTH: 2 YEARS / FULL-TIME
Intended for Licensed Practical Nurses holding current Canadian registration

Practical Nursing

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

Access to Practical Nursing

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA **START:** SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 13 MONTHS / FULL-TIME
Intended for certified and experienced Health Care Assistants (HCA) or Resident Care Attendants (RCA)

CONTINUING STUDIES

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Medical Device Reprocessing Technician

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

vcc.ca/cs/mdrt

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES



CREATING ROOM

Modeling real child care centres, VCC's Downtown campus is home to a dedicated Early Childhood Education space that can be set up for learning activities like dramatic play, storytelling, science, art, music, and more.

Make the community your classroom while learning to care for young children or help neighbours in need.

vcc.ca/cs

CONTINUING STUDIES

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Counselling Skills – Foundational

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

Addiction Counselling Skills

CREDENTIAL: ADVANCED CERTIFICATE
START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, MAY
LENGTH: 1 YEAR / FULL-TIME OR 3 YEARS / PART-TIME

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION

Early Childhood Care and Education (Certificate)

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

Early Childhood Education Post-Basic (Diploma)

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



INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

Learn top methods for teaching adults in schools, government institutions, and private companies across Canada and the world.

vcc.ca/sie

LANGUAGE STUDIES

Boost your communication skills for work or personal growth.

vcc.ca/asl

INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

Provincial Instructor Diploma Program (PIDP)

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA **START:** CONTINUOUS

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

Online/eLearning Instruction

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** CONTINUOUS

LENGTH: 135 HOURS (ONLINE)

SIGN LANGUAGE

ASL and Deaf Studies

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER

LENGTH: 10 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

CONTINUING STUDIES

LANGUAGE AND WRITING

Business and Technical Writing

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** CONTINUOUS

LENGTH: 1 YEAR / PART-TIME

vcc.ca/cs/technical-writing

MUSIC AND DANCE

THE VCC EFFECT

VCC music grads can be found performing and working with top names across the country.

BESTiE

Dan Mangan

Mazacote

Mother Mother

Queer as Funk



Launch your career in music and music-related professions by learning from Canada's finest performers, composers, and producers.

vcc.ca/music-dance

MUSIC

Music (Diploma)

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA **START:** SEPTEMBER

LENGTH: 2 YEARS / FULL-TIME

Bachelor of Applied Music

CREDENTIAL: DEGREE **START:** SEPTEMBER

LENGTH: 2 YEARS / FULL-TIME

Music diploma required

DANCE

Dance

CREDENTIAL: DIPLOMA **START:** SEPTEMBER

LENGTH: 2 YEARS / FULL-TIME

Offered in partnership with Arts Umbrella

TAKE THE STAGE

VCC Music applications are open from November 1 to April 1, and auditions are held between February and May for September admission.

TECHNOLOGY

MAKE CONNECTIONS

The world turned digital during the COVID-19 pandemic, advancing in many areas from contactless payments to virtual meetings. Where do you see yourself making a difference?

Learn to build the networks and develop the software that keep our digital world running.

vcc.ca/technology

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Computer Systems Technology

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

VR/AR Design and Development

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

Designed and delivered in partnership with Vancouver Film School

REPAIR TECHNOLOGY

Electronics Repair Technology

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

CONTINUING STUDIES

COMPUTING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

IT Operations Professional

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 1 YEAR / PART-TIME
Short Certificate also available

Network Security

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

vcc.ca/cs/computing

TRANSPORTATION TRADES

TALKING SHOP

VCC's Broadway campus houses more than 33,000 sq. ft. of shop space, making it one of the largest automotive training facilities in B.C.

Train on real vehicles and equipment in VCC's on-campus shops using the most up-to-date tools and technology.

vcc.ca/tt

AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE

Automotive Service Technician Harmonized Foundation

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, MAY
LENGTH: 8 MONTHS / FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING

Automotive Service Technician Apprentice

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

Automotive Service Technician E-apprentice

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



THE VCC EFFECT

VCC grads can be found working for notable companies across the automotive repair industry.

Boyd Autobody & Glass
Craftsman Collision
Dilawri Group
Kirmac Collision
OpenRoad Auto Group

COLLISION AND REFINISHING

Automotive Collision and Refinishing Foundation

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

LENGTH: 8 MONTHS / FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING

Automotive Collision and Refinishing Foundation E-pprentice

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** NOVEMBER

LENGTH: 8 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

Automotive Collision Repair Technician Apprentice

CREDENTIAL: APPRENTICESHIP

START: SEPTEMBER, NOVEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY, JUNE

LENGTH: THREE 5-WEEK SESSIONS / FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING

Automotive Collision Repair Technician E-pprentice

CREDENTIAL: APPRENTICESHIP

START: SEPTEMBER, NOVEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY, JUNE

LENGTH: 4 MONTHS ONLINE PLUS 3 WEEKS CLASS-BASED / FULL-TIME

Automotive Glass Technician E-pprentice

CREDENTIAL: APPRENTICESHIP **START:** JANUARY

LENGTH: 4 MONTHS ONLINE PLUS 1 WEEK CLASS-BASED / FULL-TIME

Automotive Paint and Refinishing Technician Apprentice

CREDENTIAL: APPRENTICESHIP **START:** AUGUST

LENGTH: 1 MONTH / FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING

Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician Apprentice

CREDENTIAL: APPRENTICESHIP **START:** JANUARY

LENGTH: 1 MONTH / FULL-TIME, PLUS WORKPLACE TRAINING

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)



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.

Learn the English skills you need to work, study, and participate in everyday life in Canada.

vcc.ca/english

ENGLISH FOR CAREERS

Culinary Arts – Professional Cook 1 – ESL

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER

LENGTH: 10 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

Health Care Assistant – ESL

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** SEPTEMBER

LENGTH: 9.5 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

ESL Pathways

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE (Canadian Language Benchmarks Levels 5-7)

START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL

LENGTH: VARIES / FULL- OR PART-TIME

ESL Pathways – Advanced

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE (Canadian Language Benchmarks Levels 8-9)

START: SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL

LENGTH: VARIES / FULL- OR PART-TIME

University Transfer English for EAL Students

CREDENTIAL: N/A **START:** SEPTEMBER, JANUARY, APRIL

LENGTH: VARIES / FULL- OR PART-TIME

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

LEARNING FOR LIFE

Need to brush up? VCC offers individual courses in American Sign Language, English upgrading, and speechreading for Deaf and hard of hearing students.

Discover your potential through career-focused programs that lead to meaningful employment for people of all abilities.

vcc.ca/access

ADULT SPECIAL EDUCATION

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS WITH COGNITIVE DISABILITIES

Adult Special Education

CREDENTIAL: N/A START: SEPTEMBER LENGTH: VARIES / PART-TIME

Career Awareness

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE START: SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 9 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

Food Service Careers

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE START: SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 9 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

Retail and Hospitality Careers

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE START: SEPTEMBER
LENGTH: 9 MONTHS / FULL-TIME

DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

Deaf and Hard of Hearing – Job Readiness

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

VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Visually Impaired

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

ACADEMIC UPGRADING

FEEL THE FREEDOM

Adult Basic Education (ABE) and English as an Additional Language programs in B.C. have been tuition-free for domestic students since September 2017. Learn more at upgradebc.ca.

Earn the credits you need to complete high school, start a career program, or apply to college or university.

vcc.ca/upgrading

Adult Basic Education (ABE) Graduation

(class-based or self-paced)

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** MONTHLY

LENGTH: VARIES / FULL- OR PART-TIME

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

SUBJECTS AVAILABLE:

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

ABE Intermediate

(Grades 9 and 10, class-based or self-paced)

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** MONTHLY

LENGTH: VARIES / FULL- OR PART-TIME

ABE Intermediate – Youth (ages 15 to 18)

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** CONTINUOUS

LENGTH: VARIES / PART-TIME

Basic Education (beginning skills to Grade 9)

CREDENTIAL: CERTIFICATE **START:** CONTINUOUS

LENGTH: VARIES / PART-TIME

Career Access

CREDENTIAL: N/A **START:** CONTINUOUS

LENGTH: VARIES / FULL- OR PART-TIME



APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

Get certified in the skilled trades while learning 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.

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 Seal Endorsement (RSE) is earned at the end of an apprenticeship by completing a comprehensive examination.

Apprenticeship programs at VCC

- Automotive Collision Repair Technician
- Automotive Glass Technician
- Automotive Refinishing Technician
- Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician
- Automotive Service Technician
- Baking and Pastry Arts (Baker)
- Culinary Arts (Cook)
- Hairstylist

YOUTH APPRENTICESHIPS

Did you know you can start apprenticeship training as early as Grade 11? Get hands-on trades 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.

CONTINUING STUDIES

Upgrade your skills and develop new knowledge that can be quickly applied to the workplace – all in your spare time.

vcc.ca/cs

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. 13-27). Other popular courses include:

- Building Service Worker
- Impacts of Colonization
- Microsoft Office
- Photoshop and InDesign
- Quickbooks
- Sewing and Pattern Making
- Small Business Management
- Social Media Marketing
- Urban Farming
- And more...

Continuing Studies catalogue

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: continuingstudies@vcc.ca
Phone: 604.443.8484

NEW EASY REGISTRATION

VCC Continuing Studies has a new online registration system! Check out our streamlined site and register for programs and courses now with an easy-to-use shopping cart.



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 and other Asian dishes prepared by students in VCC's Asian Culinary Arts program.

Cafeteria

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

Seiffert Market

Sink your teeth into freshly baked breads, cookies, cakes, and more, made daily by VCC baking 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 professional treatments by VCC hairstyling and esthetics students in our beautiful facility.

vcc.ca/eat



BROADWAY

Auto Shop

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

Blenz

Treat yourself to local, 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 and chef instructors.

EATING CLEAN

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



THE CHEF'S TABLE

Experience VCC's gourmet pop-up kitchen dinner operated seasonally 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.

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 mcgregorccs@outlook.com, or 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 604.871.7518, emailing interpreting@vcc.ca, texting/FaceTime 604.328.8742, or visiting vcc.ca/interpreting.

Registrar's Office

Your central resource for information about admissions, registration, credits, fees, and student records. Inquire by calling 604.871.7000, option 4 or visiting vcc.ca/ro.

U-Pass and Compass Card

U-Pass BC is a universal transit pass program for 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 or on campus via VCC's Broadway or Downtown campus bookstores. Browse and order by visiting vcc.ca/bookstore.

VCC Student ID Card

Your VCC Student ID 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 ID, contact the Registrar's Office by calling 604.871.7000, option 4.

STUDENT LIFE

Counselling

Free, professional, and confidential counselling is available to help VCC students set goals, manage workloads, 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 604.871.7040.

myVCC

VCC's internal website for students is a portal 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 778-783-5020 for Broadway campus security, 604-443-8361 for Downtown campus security, or dialling 4444 on any campus 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.

Wi-Fi

Free, fast, and reliable Wi-Fi is available at all VCC campuses. Students can access VCC's network by logging in with a myVCC 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/career-guidance.

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).
 - For most programs, you will be directed to EducationPlannerBC.
- **Track your application**
See your status by logging in to my.vcc.ca

Online Payments

Learn more about VCC's convenient, online payment options 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 every 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

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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