

FIND YOUR NORTH

VIEWBOOK
2023/24
ACADEMIC YEAR

VANCOUVER ISLAND
BRITISH COLUMBIA

NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE



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Nuu-chah-nulth

Gilakas'la
Kwak'wala

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Liq'wala

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Island Comox

The above words mean 'welcome' in the four languages of the Nuu-chah-nulth, Kwakwaka'wakw, Liq'wala, and Coast Salish people.

We are honoured to acknowledge the traditional territories of the combined 35 First Nations of the Nuu-chah-nulth, Kwakwaka'wakw and Coast Salish traditions, on whose traditional and unceded territories the College's campuses are situated.



WORKING TOGETHER

Working Together is the first Indigenization plan in North Island College history. It is our commitment to Indigenous-led learning and Indigenous students and communities.

By aligning with NIC's Strategic Plan, *Build 2026*, *Working Together* provides a framework for reconciliation that is grounded in human rights equity and includes goals for creating healing pathways that are led by Indigenous communities and the students we serve.

Read the plan at nic.bc.ca.

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YOUR NORTH

At North Island College,
we hope to inspire you to explore,
discover your direction and find #YourNorth.



130+ PROGRAMS

Flexible pathways and diverse student services to help you succeed



FIVE UNIQUE CAMPUSES

80,000 km² of rugged beauty and endless outdoor adventures



AMAZING SCHOOL/LIFE BALANCE

80% of students commute 30 minutes or less



MORE THAN \$500K

in student awards each year



RELATIONSHIPS THAT MATTER

18 students per class on average and instructors who know your name



STUDY ABROAD IN OVER 50 COUNTRIES

Choose from opportunities in Europe, Asia, South America and North America



EXPLORE HERE

At North Island College, our campuses are surrounded by vibrant communities with ample opportunities for arts and culture, recreational activities and outdoor experiences. Your school/life balance is important to us.

Port Hardy

- 1 Hike the Cape Scott Trails (69.5 km from campus)
- 2 Explore Tex Lyon Trail (12.1 km from campus)
- 3 Swim in the ocean at Storey's Beach (10.6 km from campus)
- 4 Snap a photo at the Ronning Burl (42.6 km from campus)

Campbell River

- 5 Explore Strathcona Park (55.9 km from campus)
- 6 Cross the suspension bridge at Elk Falls - Millennium Trail (12.9 km from campus)
- 7 Hike Ripple Rock (25 km from campus)
- 8 Take a road trip to Myra Falls (91.8 km from campus)

Comox Valley

- 9 Paddle at Goose Spit (9.1 km from campus)
- 10 Check out the salmon ladders at Nymph Falls (12.3 km from campus)
- 11 Ski Mount Washington (33.1 km from campus)
- 12 Visit Airforce Beach (8.4 km from campus)

Port Alberni

- 13 Walk around Cathedral Grove (17.9 km from campus)
- 14 Hike the Hole in the Wall Trail (6.3 km from campus)
- 15 Swim at Sproat Lake (13.6 km from campus)
- 16 Explore the Petroglyphs (11.6 km from campus)

Ucluelet

- 17 Hike the Wild Pacific Trail (1.8 km from campus)
- 18 Paddle off Florencia Bay (15.2 km from campus)
- 19 Walk along Long Beach (23 km from campus)
- 20 Surf Chesterman Beach (36.4 km from campus)



DRIVING TIME

Between campuses

- Port Hardy to Campbell River: 2.5 hrs
- Campbell River to Comox Valley: 45 mins
- Comox Valley to Port Alberni: 1.5 hrs
- Port Alberni to Ucluelet: 1.5 hrs

Between communities

- Campbell River to Courtenay: 45 mins
- Courtenay to Nanaimo: 1.5 hrs
- Nanaimo to Victoria: 1.5 hrs
- Comox to Victoria: 3 hrs



PORT HARDY

Rich, rugged and resilient, Port Hardy is the gateway to an authentic, unspoiled, nature-driven adventure.

Our community

- › Join the fun at FILOMI Days
- › Shop at the Port Hardy Farmers and Artisans Market (Under 1 km from campus)
- › Enjoy the North Island Music Festival
- › Visit the Port Hardy Museum & Archives (Under 1 km from campus)



MIXALAKWILA CAMPUS

Mixalakwila: "Maker of what's been dreamt about."

Gilakas'la

NIC respectfully acknowledges we operate within the unceded traditional territory of the Kwagwł.

At-a-glance

- › Located in the heart of Port Hardy at the Thunderbird Mall
- › Walking distance to local shopping and amenities
- › Access academic supports and NIC student services from one convenient location




CAMPBELL RIVER

A vibrant city surrounded by five provincial parks – Strathcona, Miracle Beach, Morton Lake, Loveland Bay and Elk Falls.

Our community

- › Walk or bike Beaver Lodge Lands (1.6 km from campus)
- › Have a beach fire near the Ken Forde Boat Ramp Park (4 km from campus)
- › Enjoy community events at Spirit Square (5.8 km from campus)
- › Catch a live show at the Tidemark Theatre (5.9 km from campus)
- › Cheer on racers at the Saratoga Speedway (20 km from campus)
- › Watch artists transform logs into carvings at the Transformations on the Shore competition
- › Book a guided whale watching tour



CAMPBELL RIVER CAMPUS

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NIC respectfully acknowledges we operate within the unceded traditional territory of the Wei Wai Kum, We Wai Kai and Kwiakah First Nations.

At-a-glance

- › Shares its location with Timberline Secondary
- › Features:
 - › Youth Train in Trades program
 - › The Bistro - NIC's full-service restaurant with food prepared by NIC culinary students
 - › The Centre for Applied Research, Technology and Innovation (CARTI)
 - › Q̓a pix ʔidaʔas, the Gathering Place - Indigenous students, faculty and staff members' cultural space





COMOX VALLEY




PORT ALBERNI



Surrounded by mountains, farmlands and beaches, the Comox Valley includes the City of Courtenay, the Town of Comox and the Village of Cumberland.

Our community

- Join a sports team and make friends through the Comox Valley Sports and Social Club
- Visit the Comox Valley Art Gallery (3.2 km from campus)
- Sample diverse flavours from a vibrant culinary scene
- Hit the links at one of several easy to access golf courses
- Pedal through the sprawling mountain biking trails in Cumberland
- Dance at the Vancouver Island Music Festival
- Indulge at the BC Shellfish Festival
- Experience the arts at the Filberg Festival



COMOX VALLEY CAMPUS

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NIC respectfully acknowledges we operate within the unceded territory of the K'ómoks First Nation.

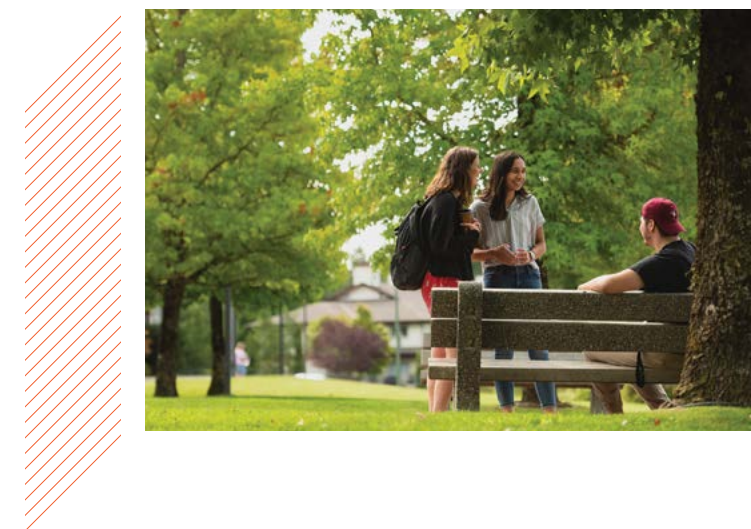
At-a-glance

- Next door to the Comox Valley Aquatic Centre and the Comox Valley Hospital
- Features:
 - The Shadbolt & Raven Art Studios
 - The Trades Training Centre
 - The Stan Hagen Theatre
 - The Office of Global Engagement
 - The Comox Valley campus will be home to NIC's first ever Student Housing Commons, opening in 2024

Located at the head of the Alberni Inlet, the Alberni Valley encompasses Mount Arrowsmith, Cameron Lake, Cathedral Grove, MacMillan Provincial Park, Sproat Lake and much more.

Our community

- Visit the Draw Gallery (3.8 km from campus)
- Take a stroll around the scenic Harbour Quay (4 km from campus)
- Meet locals at the Port Alberni Fall Fair
- Sip local craft brews along the Port Alberni BC Ale Trail



PORT ALBERNI CAMPUS

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NIC respectfully acknowledges we operate within the unceded traditional territory of the Hupacasath and Tseshaht First Nations.

At-a-glance

- The Port Alberni campus is located near the Bob Dailey Stadium and the Alberni Valley Multiplex
- NIC's Tebo Vocational Centre provides shops and equipment for trades training and connects to the main campus via the Scott Kenny Trail
- Home to The Roger Street Bistro - a fully equipped professional kitchen where culinary students sharpen their skills
- The Gathering Place - Indigenous students, faculty and staff members' cultural space



Ali's journey:

I moved from Cuba to Canada five years ago. I started Grade 9 with no English, but I excelled in my ESL courses.



I chose NIC for their smaller class sizes. It's easier to connect with faculty and students. I'll have a smooth transition to my third year at a larger university.

I'm taking a Bachelor of Science in Biology. I applied for Dual Admission with the University of Victoria and was able to apply for awards at both schools.

After this degree, I'm going to study medicine. I hope to make a difference in people's lives and start a career as a general surgeon.

When Ali isn't in class, you'll find him at the tennis courts learning the sport with his dad.

Ali Caraballo Sarduy,
University Transfer
Bachelor of Science in Biology



Immerse yourself in travel with field schools, exchange and degree opportunities in Europe, Asia and beyond.

UNIVERSITY STUDIES

HUMANITIES, ENGLISH & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Programs

Associate of Arts Degree	2 YRS
Associate of Arts Degree <i>Pre-Social Work</i>	2 YRS
Criminology Diploma	2 YRS

What You'll Learn

- Concentrate your studies in one specific area or explore a variety of subjects:
 - Anthropology
 - English
 - French
 - First Nations Studies
 - History
 - Liberal Studies
 - Philosophy
 - Political Science
 - Psychology
 - Women's Studies

START AT NIC	
University Courses	1-2 years
Certificate	1 year
Diploma	2 years
Associate Degree	2 years

MATH & SCIENCES

Programs

Associate of Science Degree	2 YRS
Engineering Foundations Certificate	1 YR

What You'll Learn

- Bolster your academic skill set with STEM subjects that will help you succeed, whether you're at university, in a lab or on the workshop floor. Subjects include:
 - Biology
 - Chemistry
 - Ecology
 - Engineering
 - Physics
 - Mathematics
 - Statistics
 - Space, Science and Astronomy

BACHELOR'S DEGREE



Your possible career path opportunities — Total job openings between 2021-31*

COLLEGE AND VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTORS

5,260

CIVIL ENGINEERS

4,410

AUTHORS AND WRITERS

2,080

PSYCHOLOGISTS

990

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Jenny's journey:

After high school, I wanted to go to Vancouver or Victoria for post-secondary, but I chose NIC because I realized how much money I could save.



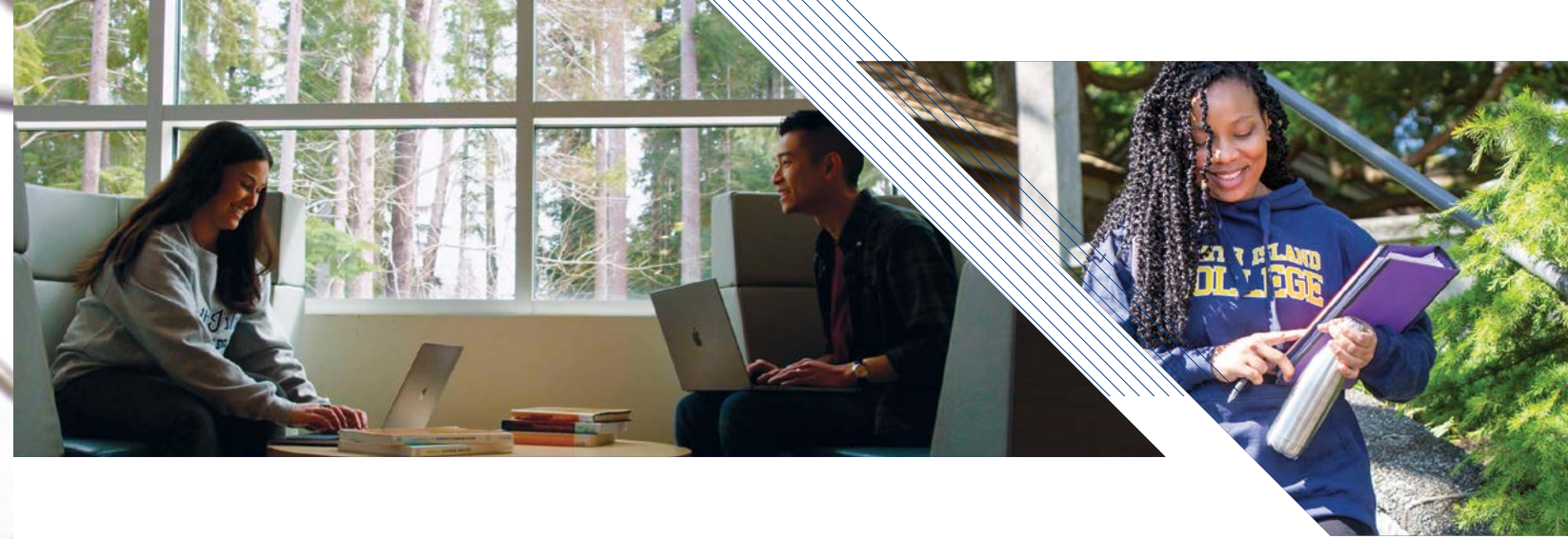
I loved my classes because they were small; I created great friendships and we were given a lot of different scenarios to learn from.

In my third year, I randomly talked to someone I worked with at a grocery store and my current accounting technician job fell into my lap. I'm grateful for those connections.

I graduated and I'm thinking about completing the CPA program in the future.

In her spare time, Jenny loves gardening in her backyard and greenhouse. It's a place where she takes time for herself and explores new plants and gardening techniques.

Jenny Veloso,
Bachelor of Business Administration Degree, Accounting (alumna)



BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT

BUSINESS

Programs

Business Administration Certificate	1 YR
Business Administration Diploma	2 YRS
Bachelor of Business Administration Accounting	4 YRS
Bachelor of Business Administration General Management	4 YRS
Bachelor of Business Administration Marketing	4 YRS
Business Administration Post Degree Diploma	1 YR
Business Administration Post Degree Diploma Global Business Management	2 YRS
Business Administration Post Degree Diploma Pre-Professional Accountant	2 YRS

What You'll Learn

- Prepare to succeed in business, build networks and gain experience locally and globally with a range of co-op and applied learning opportunities.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

Programs

Office Assistant 1 Certificate	1 YR
Administrative Assistant Certificate	1 YR
Computing Accounting Assistant Certificate	1 YR
Office Management Certificate	1 YR
Legal Office Assistant Certificate	1 YR
Medical Office Assistant Certificate	1 YR
Medical Terminology Skills for Office Administration Micro-credential	14 WKS

What You'll Learn

- Complete your Office Assistant 1 Certificate, then strengthen your skills with professional specializations.



Live in France and earn two degrees at the same time.



Your possible career path opportunities — Total job openings between 2021-31*

SENIOR MANAGERS

6,520

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT CONSULTING

5,240

FINANCIAL AUDITORS AND ACCOUNTANTS

11,150

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

18,920

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TOURISM & HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT

Programs

Tourism & Hospitality Management Certificate	1 YR
Tourism & Hospitality Management Diploma <i>Hospitality Option</i>	2 YRS
Tourism & Hospitality Management Diploma <i>Sustainable Tourism Option</i>	2 YRS
Global Tourism & Hospitality Management Advanced Certificate	1 YR
Global Tourism & Hospitality Management Advanced Diploma	2 YRS

What You'll Learn

- Create spectacular experiences for visitors and guests, while specializing your skills in accommodations, food and beverage, transportation and sustainable tourism.

STUDY ABROAD

Explore exchange opportunities in over 30 countries as you explore the world and meet new people.



Your possible career path opportunities — Total job openings between 2021-31*

ACCOMMODATION SERVICE MANAGERS

5,760

MANAGERS IN CUSTOMER AND PERSONAL SERVICE

2,480

RESTAURANT AND FOOD SERVICE MANAGERS

9,320

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OUTDOOR SPORT AND RECREATIONAL GUIDES

610

TOUR AND TRAVEL GUIDES

540

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ADVENTURE GUIDING

Programs

Adventure Guiding Certificate	1 YR
Tourism & Hospitality Management Diploma <i>Adventure Guiding Option</i>	2 YRS

What You'll Learn

- Adventure Guiding grads can earn useful industry certifications in addition to their training. These include:
 - Sea Kayak Guides Alliance of BC Assistant Overnight Guide
 - Paddle Canada Sea Kayak Skills Level 1 & 2
 - Sail Canada Coastal Cruising Standard
 - Wilderness First Aid and CPR Level 'C'
 - Mental Health Wilderness First Aid
 - British Columbia River Outfitters Association Guide
 - Raven RSM - Swiftwater Rescue Technician
 - Avalanche Canada - Avalanche Skills Training 1
 - Commercial Bear Viewing Association of BC - Level One Guide
 - MERS Marine Mammal Naturalist Course
 - VHF Restricted Operator Certificate (ROC-M)
 - Occupational First Aid Level 1
 - SuperHost Foundations of Service Quality






FINE ART

Program

Fine Arts Diploma

2 YRS

STUDY ABROAD 
Expand your artistic horizons while on exchange in Europe.

What You'll Learn

Explore these disciplines in our high-calibre studios:

- Ceramics
- Digital Media
- Drawing
- Painting
- Photography
- Printmaking
- Sculpture
- Video & Sound
- Interdisciplinary Practices
- Art History



Complete the Fine Arts diploma and transfer to complete a degree:



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GRAPHIC DESIGNERS AND ILLUSTRATORS

5,420

FILM INDUSTRY, PUBLISHING AND PERFORMING ARTS

910

ADVERTISING, MARKETING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

5,240

COLLEGE AND VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTORS

5,260

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Foroozan is excited to pursue her BFA at Emily Carr University of Art + Design, but started her artistic journey at NIC, where she had the opportunity to showcase work at the Comox Valley Art Gallery.

Foroozan Taliefard,
Fine Art diploma (alumna)



Foroozan's journey:

I'm from Iran, but we came to Vancouver eight years ago, later relocating to Vancouver Island.



My background was in sewing, but I really loved arts and crafts. I applied for the Fine Art program at NIC, got accepted and discovered my passion for sculpture.

I exhibited my work here in the Comox Valley and it inspired me to do more.

I'm going to continue following my path as an artist by transferring from NIC to the Bachelor of Fine Art program at Emily Carr University of Art + Design.





DIGITAL DESIGN + DEVELOPMENT

DESIGN STREAM

Programs

DIGITAL Content Production Micro-credential	1 YR
Web Design Fundamentals Certificate	1 YR
Communication Design Diploma	2 YRS
DIGITAL Design + Development Advanced Diploma	3 YRS

Post-Graduate Programs

DIGITAL Design + Development Post-Graduate Certificate	1 YR
DIGITAL Design + Development Post-Graduate Diploma	2 YRS

What You'll Learn

- Branding
- Typography
- Graphic design
- User interface design
- Front-end web development

DEVELOPMENT STREAM

Programs

Android Application Development Certificate	1 YR
Computer Information Systems Certificate	1 YR
Web and Mobile Application Development Diploma	2 YRS
DIGITAL Design + Development Advanced Diploma	3 YRS

Post-Graduate Programs

DIGITAL Design + Development Post-Graduate Certificate	1 YR
DIGITAL Design + Development Post-Graduate Diploma	2 YRS

What You'll Learn

Development Stream

- Industry-standard programming languages
- Tools for developing effective websites and browser-based applications
- Mobile app creation for Android and Apple devices

Computer Information Systems

- Modern information systems
- Hardware
- Software
- Networking



Join your classmates on a field school in South America or earn a degree in Europe.



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GRAPHIC DESIGNERS AND ILLUSTRATORS

5,420

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COMPUTER PROGRAMMERS AND INTERACTIVE MEDIA DEVELOPERS

12,620

SOFTWARE DESIGNERS

9,350

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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

HEALTH CARE

Programs

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN) Degree	4 YRS
Practical Nursing (LPN) Diploma	2 YRS
Access to Practical Nursing Pathway	22 WKS
Health Care Assistant (HCA) Certificate	6-8 MTS

BSN applications open October 3. The deadline to apply is mid-December.

What You'll Learn

- Gain theory, knowledge and practical skills to make a positive change in the lives of others and build stronger, healthier communities.

STUDY ABROAD

Broaden your world view during short-term exchanges across Asia, South America and Europe.

Health Care Assistants (HCAs)

Provide individualized support for clients in their home, in hospital or in assisted living facilities.

Practical Nurses (LPNs)

Have a broad scope of practice and provide hands-on care in acute, complex or residential care or in-community settings.

Registered Nurses (RNs)

Are leaders in the health care field, with their practice guided by a code of ethics and professional practice standards. From research to education to policy to clinical care, RNs lead the way in patient advocacy with a focus on safe, ethical and competent practice.



Hayley's journey:

After high school, I worked in New Zealand, ran youth camps on cruise ships and tree planted.



I chose NIC because I wanted to study in the same community I was going to live in after I graduated.

I took upgrading classes to boost my chance of getting into nursing school, then I studied in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

I graduated and found a job immediately. I look forward to trying out a lot of different areas of nursing in my career. I'll probably specialize and maybe even teach nursing in my future.

When Hayley isn't caring for patients, you can find her tending to her beautiful garden.

Hayley Dunbar,
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (alumna)



Your possible career path opportunities — Total job openings between 2021-31*

REGISTERED NURSES AND PSYCHIATRIC NURSES

20,140

MANAGERS IN HEALTH CARE

3,240

OTHER ASSISTING OCCUPATIONS IN SUPPORT OF HEALTH SERVICES

2,120



EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE & EDUCATION

Programs

Early Childhood Care & Education Certificate	1 YR
Early Childhood Care & Education Diploma	2 YRS
Early Childhood Care and Education Infants and Toddlers Diploma (International Admission Only)	2 YRS

What You'll Learn

- Make a difference in the lives of young children through a fulfilling career you'll love. Specialize in infant/toddler care and/or working with children who require extra support.



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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS AND ASSISTANTS

8,630

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHING ASSISTANTS

4,840

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HUMAN SERVICES

Programs

Community Mental Health Worker Certificate	16 WKS
Social Service Diploma	2 YRS
Human Services Diploma	2 YRS
Human Services <i>Educational Assistant/Community Support Certificate</i>	1 YR
Human Services <i>Educational Assistant/Community Support, Indigenous Focus Certificate</i>	1 YR

What You'll Learn

- Communication, theoretical and practical skills to support children, adults and families in your community.



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SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKERS

12,160

SOCIAL WORKER

1,390

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Ava's journey:

I started learning Kwak'wala when I was in preschool. When I was in high school, I helped build an app to help other children learn the language.



In my first year at NIC, I took university studies as I wasn't sure what I wanted to pursue. I fell in love with teaching while working as a teaching assistant in my Kwak'wala classes, so I continued my education to VIU for Indigenous education and history.

I realized I have a passion for teaching younger children and I love Campbell River. So, I applied to the ECCE program at NIC to start next September!

My dream is to work at the the same preschool where I went. I'm excited to bring my knowledge and background of Kwak'wala and culture to them.

On study breaks, Ava visits her family in Campbell River. She always visits Tyee Spit — a spot that is close to the heart for her, her grandmother and great-grandmother.

Ava Duff,
University Studies to
Early Childhood Care and Education



INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

Programs

Aboriginal Leadership Certificate	1.5 YRS
Awi'nakola	VARIES
Indigenous Language Fluency Certificate	1 YR
Indigenous Languages	VARIES

What You'll Learn

- Choose from Kwak'wala, Nuu-chah-nulth and other Indigenous language courses:
 - Introduction to Kwak'wala
 - Kwak'wala Immersion Drawing
 - Introduction to Nuu-Chah-Nulth Language
 - Histories and Impacts of Colonization
 - Governance and Organizational Structures
 - Vision, Values, Philosophies and Ethics
 - Indigenous Language Revitalization and Technology
 - Pathways to Reconciliation and Social Action
 - Strategies for Indigenous Language Revitalization

The North Island College Aboriginal Scholars Program

Students work with an Indigenous education navigator to create an achievement plan, based on their individual needs. The goals can be academic, spiritual, emotional and/or physical, with the overall aim of supporting students and providing life skills to help them during their educational journey and beyond. Students can apply for one term or the entire academic year. At the end of each term, successful students will earn a \$250 scholarship.



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INDIGENOUS PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

15,900

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TRADES, APPRENTICESHIP & TECHNICAL PROGRAMS



TRADES & TECHNICAL

Programs

Aircraft Structures Technician (AME-S)	40 WKS	Furniture Design and Joinery Certificate	36 WKS
Automotive Collision and Refinishing Technician Foundation Harmonized	34 WKS	Heavy Mechanical Plus Micro-credential	48 WKS
Automotive Service Technician Foundation Harmonized Certificate	30 WKS	Heavy Mechanical Trades Foundation Certificate	36 WKS
Carpentry Foundation Harmonized Certificate	24 WKS	Motor Sport and Power Equipment Technician Foundation Certificate	20 WKS
Electrician Foundation Harmonized Certificate	24 WKS	Parts and Warehousing Person Foundation Certificate	20 WKS
Fabricator-Welder Micro-credential Combination	32 WKS	Plumbing and Piping Trades Foundation Harmonized Certificate	24 WKS
Fabricator-Welder Foundation Harmonized	32 WKS	Trades Sampler Plus Micro-credential	13 WKS
Fundamentals of GIS Mapping and Drone Operations Micro-credential	8 WKS	Welder Foundation Harmonized Certificate	28 WKS
		Welder Foundation Harmonized Enhanced	46 WKS
		Women in Construction Trades	2 WKS

Foundation

Gain entry to a trade and earn your Level 1 apprenticeship.

Apprenticeship

Combine apprenticeship training with in-class theory and learning.

Earn your Red Seal

Prepare for your Red Seal exam and practice your trade across Canada.

All NIC trades programs follow standards set by BC's Industry Training Authority.

RED
SEAL



Your possible career path opportunities — Total job openings between 2021-31*

PLUMBERS

2,880

WELDERS AND RELATED
MACHINE OPERATORS

2,970

AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECHNICIANS,
MECHANICS AND MECHANICAL REPAIRERS

6,620

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TRADES APPRENTICESHIP

Programs

Automotive Refinishing Technician Apprenticeship Harmonized	3 WKS	Heavy Duty Apprenticeship Training	4-10 WKS/LVL
Automotive Service Technician Apprenticeship Harmonized	7 WKS	Landscape Horticulture Apprenticeship Training	VARIES
Cabinetmaker (Joiner) Apprenticeship	6 WKS	Metal Fabricator Apprenticeship Harmonized	6-7 WKS/LVL
Carpentry Apprenticeship Harmonized	7 WKS/LVL	Plumber Apprenticeship Harmonized	6-8 WKS/LVL
Construction Craft Worker Apprenticeship	4 WKS/LVL	Welder Apprenticeship Harmonized	8-16 WKS/LVL
Electrician Apprenticeship Harmonized	10 WKS/LVL	Welding Levels B & A	B-16 WKS A-8 WKS



Xavier's journey:

I chose NIC because it was close to home and affordable.

After high school, I worked in carpentry in Ucluelet for 18 months. That's what piqued my interest and gave me the motivation to pursue my education.



I've completed my first year of the Carpentry Foundation Certificate. Now, I'll be taking the apprenticeship program and working towards my Red Seal.

I'm hoping to work locally as there are so many opportunities right now.



When Xavier isn't honing his carpentry skills, he enjoys learning new songs with friends.

Xavier Comiskey,
Current NIC Carpentry
Apprenticeship Harmonized



ELECTRONICS & AUTOMATION

Programs

Electronics Technician Core Certificate	1 YR
Industrial Automation Technician Diploma	1 YR

What You'll Learn

- Integrated control systems
- Logic controllers
- Instrumentation
- Robotics



Your possible career path opportunities — Total job openings between 2021-31*

ELECTRONIC AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS

2,430

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MOTION PICTURE TRAINING

Programs

Motion Picture Craft Services Micro-credential	9 WKS
Motion Picture Grip Micro-credential	7 WKS
Motion Picture Lighting Micro-credential	7 WKS
Motion Picture Production Accounting Clerk Micro-credential	6 WKS
Motion Picture Production Assistant Micro-credential	12 WKS
Motion Picture Set Construction Micro-credential	7 WKS

What You'll Learn

- Execute film or television shoots, explore lighting or set construction and gain a solid foundation in on-set skills, protocols, terminology and safety procedures.



Your possible career path opportunities — Total job openings between 2021-31*

SUPPORT OCCUPATIONS IN MOTION PICTURES, BROADCASTING, PHOTOGRAPHY AND THE PERFORMING ARTS

1,240

OTHER TECHNICAL AND CO-ORDINATING OCCUPATIONS IN MOTION PICTURES, BROADCASTING AND THE PERFORMING ARTS

1,590

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RESOURCE TRADES

Programs

Aquaculture Technician Certificate	4 MTS
Aquaculture Technician Diploma	7 MTS
Coastal Forest Worker Certificate	4.5 MTS
Coastal Forest Technology Diploma	2 YRS
Hatchery Operations Certificate	4 MTS
Mineral Exploration Field Assistant Micro-credential	13 WKS
Principles of Ecosystem Stewardship Micro-credential	9 WKS
Resource Field Assistant Micro-credential	12 WKS
Shellfish Aquaculture Technician Certificate	VARIES
Underground Mining Essentials Certificate	4 MTS

What You'll Learn

- Sustainable practices and responsible resource management, while gaining knowledge in occupational safety, data collection and field skills.



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FORESTRY, LOGGING AND SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

4,600

MINING, OIL AND GAS EXTRACTION

7,700

AGRICULTURE AND FISHING

7,400

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CULINARY ARTS

Programs

Prep Cook Certificate	14 WKS
Professional Cook 1 (Institutional Entry)	28 WKS
Professional Cook 2 (Institutional Entry)	14 WKS
Professional Cook 3	8 WKS
Culinary Business Operations Certificate	1 YR
Culinary Business Operations Diploma	2 YRS

STUDY ABROAD

Strengthen your culinary resumé with outgoing exchanges in Ireland.

What You'll Learn

- Discover essential workplace safety and core culinary skills, menu creation, à la carte production, presentation and professional business practices in NIC's state-of-the-art teaching kitchens.



Program Pathway: Business & Kitchen - Become a Red Seal Chef

Professional Cook 1

Earn your Level 1 technical training credit and learn essential core culinary skills.

Professional Cook 2

Build on your skills with specialized training in menu creation, à la carte production and more.

Professional Cook 3

Complete your technical training with intensive, theory-based learning. Prepare for a leadership role in the kitchen.

Red Seal Certification

Complete your Red Seal Examination and work anywhere.

Culinary Business Operations Certificate

Culinary Business Operations Diploma



Connie's journey:

Before NIC, I was an artist — I was teaching art paint nights, I was an art instructor for home schools, and I was face painting.



I chose NIC because I've always loved cooking and the program was fully funded. I had nothing to lose and everything to gain.

I start Professional Cook 3 this year, then I will take the exam and finish my 3,000 hours to get my Red Seal certification.

I hope to work at resorts with high end cooking. I'm also interested in working internationally in Italy or Ireland.



When Connie's not in a commercial kitchen, you'll still find her cooking elaborate meals for her husband and family.

Connie Schaad,
Professional Cook 2



Your possible career path opportunities — Total job openings between 2021-31*

CHEFS

3,470

COOKS

12,470

RESTAURANT AND FOOD SERVICE MANAGERS

9,320

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CONTINUING EDUCATION

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Programs

Activity Assistant Certificate	4 MTS PT
Animal Care Aide Certificate	7 MTS PT
Hospital Unit Clerk Certificate	9 MTS PT
Metal Jewellery Design Certificate	8 MTS

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Programs

Advanced Memory Care	8 WKS
Brewery Management Program	25 WKS
Coastal Log Scaling	8 MTS
Craft Brewing and Malting	VARIES
Digital Elevation Expertise	10 WKS
Diversity in Long-Term Care	8 WKS
Farmworker Fundamentals	8 WKS
Market Gardener	5 MTS
Regenerative Farming	5 MTS
Wildfire Crew Member Training	4 WKS

WORK FORCE TRAINING

Programs

First Aid & CPR Training	VARIES
FoodSafe	1 DAY
Forklift Operator	1 DAY
Marine Training	VARIES

What You'll Learn

- Gain a wide range of professional skills and workforce training, including: sustainable farming practices, craft brewing, program planning for seniors, first aid, animal care and more.



UPGRADING

Prepare for post-secondary education or complete your high school diploma.

Programs

Adult Basic Education	VARIES
BC Adult Graduation Diploma	VARIES

ACCESS & LEARNING

NIC offers a variety of study options to support individuals with cognitive or developmental disabilities to develop literacy, independence, employment, daily living and workplace readiness skills.

Programs

Accessible Learning	VARIES
Employment Transition	VARIES
Employment Transition Grounds & Custodial Assistant	26 WKS
Employment Transition Kitchen Assistant	26 WKS
Practical Academics for the Workplace	VARIES
Workplace Professionalism	VARIES



Your possible career path opportunities — Total job openings between 2021-31*

GENERAL FARM WORKERS

1,600

PET GROOMERS AND ANIMAL CARE WORKERS

1,510

ARTISANS AND CRAFT PERSONS

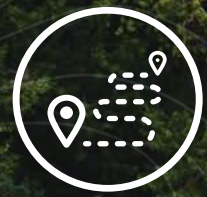
1,420

POSITIONS IN NURSING AND RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES

32,600

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YOUR JOURNEY

Let's be real—life as a student is demanding.
Let us help you navigate all the twists and turns
in your path so you can focus on what counts.



Dual Credit

Kickstart your post-secondary education while still in high school.
nic.bc.ca/dual-credit



Upgrading

It's never too late to start your journey. Earn your high school diploma and prepare for further studies.
nic.bc.ca/upgrading



NIC Foundation

Over \$500k in awards, all available with only one application.
foundation.nic.bc.ca



The Department of Accessible Learning Services (DALs)

Whether it's classroom accommodations, learning assists or exam arrangements, there are resources to help you succeed.
nic.bc.ca/dals



Educational Advisors

Ask for guidance. Book an appointment with an admissions or academic advisor.
nic.bc.ca/advising



Financial Support

We can make your journey affordable.
nic.bc.ca/financial-support



Indigenous Education Navigators

Available to assist you in developing educational plans, liaise with instructors or contact Indigenous sponsorship organizations.
indigenouseducators@nic.bc.ca



Self-Declare Indigenous ancestry

We encourage you to declare your Indigenous ancestry. Meet with one of our Indigenous Navigators to connect.

Why self-identify?

- Gain access to information on awards, events, supports and services.
- Priority admission for Indigenous students is available on select health and human services programs.



Elders in Residence

Whether you're seeking guidance or support, Elders in Residence welcome you to connect with them for advice and resources.
indigenouseducators@nic.bc.ca



Connect with culture

Relax between classes and meet other Indigenous students in our Indigenous Student Lounges.



Work-Integrated Learning

Your one-stop-shop for career advice, resumé building, workshops and Career Central – NIC's exclusive job board for students.
careercentral.nic.bc.ca



Study Abroad

See the world. Earn your degree overseas, take part in field schools or explore outgoing exchanges across the globe.
nic.bc.ca/study-abroad

- Save up to \$482 a month in living expenses studying at NIC*
- Up to \$2,782 in tuition savings/semester!*

*compared to other BC institutions



CREATE CONNECTIONS



NEXT STEPS

Orientation

A journey is about the people you meet along the way. We welcome you to connect and engage.

nic.bc.ca/orientation

North Island Students' Union

Connect with NISU and meet your peers who are on the journey with you. Services and supports for you by students like you.

nisu.ca

Student Life

NIC isn't just a college, it's a community. Stay connected through our student newsletter or @NICStudentLife on social media.

Library & Learning Commons

Access research help, tutoring, technical support and study spaces.

library.nic.bc.ca

Student Wellness

Access free, professional and confidential counselling and sexualized violence support.

Early Assist

Get all your questions answered with only ONE email.

earlyassist@nic.bc.ca

Campus Events

There's plenty of in-person and online events offered year-round.

nic.bc.ca/events

1

CHOOSE A PROGRAM

Explore programs and admission requirements at nic.bc.ca/programs

Apply early to secure your spot. Applications open in October for the following school year.

2

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Sign up to educationplannerbc.ca, fill out your application and pay the \$25 fee.

We'll send confirmation of your application to your personal email address. Be sure to add @nic.bc.ca to your safe sender list.

3

ACTIVATE YOUR MYNIC ACCOUNT

Log in to mynic.nic.bc.ca with the username and password in your confirmation email.

4

SUBMIT YOUR TRANSCRIPTS

Upload your official transcripts and any other documents required for your program.

5

CHECK YOUR MYNIC ACCOUNT FOR YOUR OFFER OF ADMISSION

Accept your offer and pay your tuition deposit.

6

REGISTER FOR YOUR COURSES

Choose courses in self-service in your myNIC account.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

We're here to help! futurestudents@nic.bc.ca

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