NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE

NIC

VANCOUVER ISLAND, CANADA 🍁

INTERNATIONAL
STUDENT GUIDE

POST GRADUATE
PROGRAMS
2025–2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

Mixalakwila Campus

Campbell River Campus

Comox Valley Campus

Port Alberni Campus

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Flights from
CALGARY/EDMONTON

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CANADA

STUDY ON
VANCOUVER ISLAND

**As a post-graduate student, you'll study at our
Campbell River campus or Comox Valley campus.**

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Nuu-chah-nulth

G̱ilakas'la
Kwak'wala

Ǧəlakasla
Liq'wala

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Island Comox

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

NIC is 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
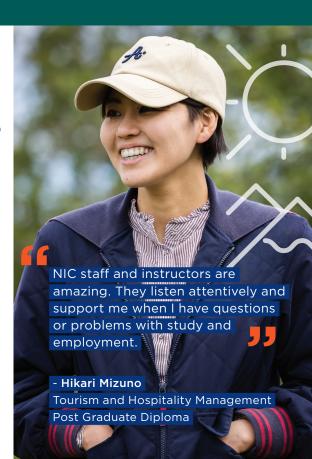territories the college's campuses are situated.

WHERE YOU
LEARN MATTERS

Immerse yourself in beautiful and vibrant
locations and discover the power of
community that takes your future further.
Our region offers an unbeatable combination
of opportunity and quality of life.

20% lower living costs
compared to average
costs in urban city centres

Unemployment rate:
(against 6.4% national unemployment
rate as of June 2024) **4**%

97% say life is good or
very good in the
region

"NIC staff and instructors are
amazing. They listen attentively and
support me when I have questions
or problems with study and
employment."

- Hikari Mizuno
Tourism and Hospitality Management
Post Graduate Diploma

CAMPUS LOCATIONS

Campbell River

Population: 38,000
Student number: 771

The coastal city of Campbell River offers endless outdoor adventures. The campus is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities and classrooms, including our modern kitchen and bistro.

campbellriver.travel

Comox Valley

Population: 73,000
Student number: 1,812

The Comox Valley campus is a hub of academic activity and community engagement. The Comox Valley offers everything from mountains to farmlands to beaches and offers a variety of amenities, activities and culinary experiences.

discovercomoxvalley.com

NIC FACTS

640
International students

4,340
Total students

18
Students in an average class

MORE THAN
42
Countries of origin

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

Starting your life in another country is a big step, but it doesn't have to be challenging. We are here to help you get the most out of your experience in Canada and at NIC.

Academic and immigration advising

Student employment services

Counselling and mental health

Math, writing and research supports

Supports for learning disabilities

Course-specific peer tutoring

"Instructors are so kind and I would have never guessed how much support I would get. They have different understanding of subjects and there was so much I didn't know about.

– **Humairaa Shaikh**
Business Administration Post Graduate Diploma, Global Business Management

WHY CHOOSE A POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA?

Secure a competitive edge in both the Canadian and international job markets. By honing your skills with a post graduate diploma you can access a more diverse range of employment opportunities.

You'll gain new expertise or enhance your existing learning in a Canadian context

You'll develop a stronger academic background with great support

Our programs are more affordable than master's degree and focus on practical skills

You'll build work experience and be able to access more job opportunities after graduation

Digital Design and Development

	LENGTH	INTAKES	CAMPUS	ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS	EST. COST PER YEAR (CAD $)
Digital Design and Development Post Graduate Certificate	1 YEAR	Sep	Comox Valley		$17,000
Digital Design and Development Post Graduate Diploma				Degree completion	
– Web development stream	2 YEARS	Sep	Comox Valley		$17,000
– Mobile application development stream	2 YEARS	Sep	Comox Valley		$17,000

Post graduate certificate and diploma programs include mandatory capstone project(s).

NIC's digital design and development post graduate programs provide focused, industry-relevant training with the opportunity to collaborate with a diverse team of designers, developers and employers in the region. The programs include extended, six-credit capstone projects where you'll produce substantial digital products and manage all stages of the development life cycle: ideation, prototyping, testing, coding, quality assurance, deployment and launch.

Graduates are hired as software engineers and designers, computer programmers, interactive media developers, web/graphic designers and developers, graphic illustrators, UI/UX specialists and multimedia specialists.
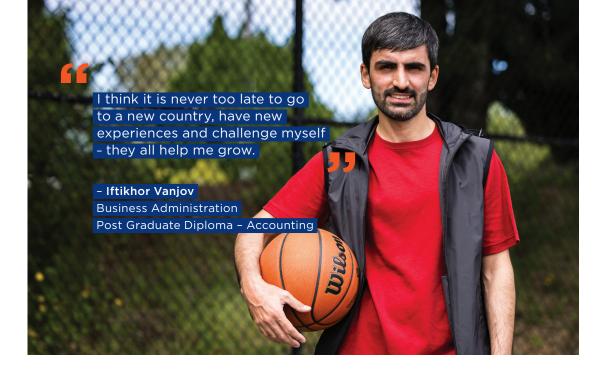
Web development stream

The web development stream provides training for 'front-end' (coding static and dynamic websites), 'back-end' (accessing server-side databases) and web application development (coding a software application that runs on a browser like Google Chrome). This is a great option for students with backgrounds in fine arts, design or marketing.

Mobile application development stream

The mobile application development stream provides training to code software applications on both Android and iOS mobile devices. Students with backgrounds in IT, software engineering, computer science, computer applications will thrive in this stream.

Employers who have hired our grads

- Boleyn Media
- Denman Digital
- Medium Rare
- Skip the Dishes
- Skybox Labs
- Real Estate Webmasters
- Sun Peaks Resort
- City of Courtenay
- Tithe.ly
- PathWise Solutions
- Tremain Media

Business Administration

	LENGTH	INTAKES		CAMPUS	ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS	EST. COST PER YEAR (CAD $)
		SEP	JAN	CV/CR		
Business Administration Post Graduate Diploma – Accounting and Global Business Management	2 YEARS	Sep	Jan	CV/CR	Math 11, degree completion	$17,000

CV = Comox Valley campus | CR = Campbell River campus
Post graduate diploma programs include a mandatory internship.

Global business management option

Learn operational skills related to financial accounting, human resources management and administration. Position yourself as a top hire globally, in both the private and public sectors.

Possilbe careers include, but are not limited to: general management, business development and sales, client services and relations, office and executive administration, business analytics, project management and sales.

Accounting option

This specialized program prepares you for entry into the Canadian Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) certification program.

Career paths include: auditing, financial and wealth services, forensic accounting, consulting and more.

Employers who have hired our grads

- CIBC
- TD Bank
- Royal Bank of Canada
- ScotiaBank
- Broadstreet Properties
- Seymour Pacific Developments Ltd.
- MNP
- Western Forest Products
- Chan Nowosad Boates

Tourism and Hospitality

	LENGTH	INTAKES	CAMPUS	ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS	EST. COST PER YEAR (CAD $)
Tourism and Hospitality Management – Post Graduate Certificate				Diploma or Degree Completion	
– Tourism and Hospitality	1 YEAR	Sep	Comox Valley		$17,000
Tourism and Hospitality Management – Post Graduate Diploma					
– Tourism and Hospitality	2 YEARS	Sep	Comox Valley		$17,000

Post graduate diploma programs include a mandatory internship.

NIC's tourism and hospitality programs focus on the business skills needed for supervisors and managers in this exciting and fast-paced industry. You'll develop strong accounting, marketing, events management, communication and leadership skills, enabling you to compete effectively for rewarding positions in the global tourism industry.

Career possibilities include: tourism customer service representative, restaurant and food service managers, accommodation service managers, conference and event planners, accommodation, travel, tourism and related services supervisors, front desk supervisor, hotel front desk clerks, housekeeping supervisor, restaurant and food services, hotel front desk managament, tourism and travel services and much more.

In your first year, you'll develop your management skills through a combination of theory-based and applied courses. Principles of accounting and marketing are quickly put into practice as you hone your skills, on-campus at the Third Course Bistro and through the creation of special events.

Depending on your professional objectives, you will choose a specialty in year two — hospitality or tourism — and complete a four-month internship with employers like Old House Hotel and Spa, Kingfisher Oceanside Resort and Spa, Crown Isle Resort and Golf Community, Naturally Pacific Resort (Campbell River), Fairmont Hotels, Marriott Hotels, Westerly Hotel, WestJet and Air Canada.

"My goal to receive great education has not changed, but I now have more foundation and opportunities to keep developing myself.

- Jay Pham
Tourism and Hospitality
Management Post Graduate Diploma

ENTRANCE AWARDS

English Proficiency
$500 - $1,500

Language Pathway Schools
$1,000

Region and Program-specific
$500 - $2,000

After enrolment, International students are also eligible to apply for many awards and bursaries.

STEP BY STEP APPLICATION

1. Choose your program and check the admission requirements and deadline
2. Apply online for the program of your choice
3. Make the deposit payment and receive your letter of acceptance
4. Apply for a study permit

Do I need an agent?

If you are from India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Philippines, Nepal, Sri Lanka or Nigeria, you are required to work with an NIC authorized agent. To find an agent, visit **international.nic.bc.ca**

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

General admission requirements for international applicants:

- A passport that is valid until the end of your scheduled program

- Completion of a three or four-year degree (include transcripts and graduation diploma) from an accredited post-secondary institution with minimum GPA of 60%

- IELTS 6.0 or equivalent. Students with a band score of Academic IELTS 5.5 will be required to take ENG 104 in the first semester. See our website for more information

- Graduates of recognized degree programs (three or four years in length) from an accredited post-secondary institution where English was the medium of instruction (and where English is an official language of the country) are also accepted as meeting the English language requirement. For the full list of countries, visit nic.bc.ca/international

Accounting requirements:

Students entering into Business Administration Post Graduate Diploma – Accounting option must have completed Grade 11 math or higher, along with a financial accounting course at post-secondary level.

The students who do not meet financial accounting requirements may opt to enter the management option for the first term and take the required financial accounting course first. They may then transition to the accounting option in the second term.
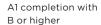
Digital Design and Development requirements:

Students entering the Digital Design and Development Post Graduate Certificate/ Diploma programs are strongly recommended to have completed a university degree in a relevant field. Contact us at **study@nic.bc.ca** if you have questions.

Improve your English first

Apply to our language pathway schools and NIC at the same time to gain guaranteed admission into NIC's academic programs. Upon successful completion of required courses at one of our language pathway partners, you can smoothly transition into your program.

Global Village ENGLISH CENTRES

GV6 Level with minimum 80% average grade and minimum 80% attendance

ilsc LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

A1 completion with B or higher

ILAC INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE ACADEMY OF CANADA

PW3.2 completion (level 15)

SPROTT SHAW LANGUAGE COLLEGE

EPE certificate with minimum coursework grade of 70% at SSLC

IMPORTANT DATES

INTAKE	JANUARY 2025	SEPTEMBER 2025	JANUARY 2026
Applications Open	OPEN	Oct 1, 2024	Oct 1, 2024
Application Deadline (Offshore)	Aug 31, 2024	April 30, 2025	Aug 15, 2025
Study Permit Deadline	April 17, 2025	Aug 7, 2025	Dec 18, 2025
First Day of Class	May 5, 2025	Sept 2, 2025	Jan 5, 2026

Offshore international applicants to NIC are required to meet the above deadlines. For international applicants who are already in Canada with a valid study permit, alternate dates may apply.

Applications may close without notice if programs are full. Prospective students are encouraged to submit their application as soon as the application window opens.

CONTACT US

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All efforts are made to ensure information accuracy. Please note information may change without notice. The most up-to-date program information, including full admission requirements and curriculum details, is available at nic.bc.ca/international

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BCCIE BC COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Canadian Bureau for International Education Bureau canadien de l'éducation internationale

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

CANIE climate action network

NIC is a public institution and recognized as a Designated Learning Institution (DLI) by the Government of Canada.