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# na'ʔk'wulamən

(the things that we do)

One of Okanagan College's key directions is working with, and learning from, the Indigenous community. The College is dedicated to providing culturally relevant support to Aboriginal students as they journey toward their personal, educational and career goals. Each year the College hosts a powwow, the Aboriginal Career Fair, recognition ceremonies and other cultural events. Thoughtful Aboriginal spaces can be found on each campus including Indigenous outdoor gardens – the na'ʔk'wulamən in Kelowna, k'nmalka sənqâltən in Vernon and a new Indigenous garden in Penticton. These spaces celebrate and recognize the traditional ways and knowledge of the Indigenous peoples of the region.

Okanagan College respectfully acknowledges that our Penticton, Kelowna and Vernon campuses are located on the traditional and unceded territory of the Syilx-Okanagan people and our Salmon Arm campus is located on the traditional and unceded territory of the Secwepemc people.





# THE OC ADVANTAGE

We are a community of learning, rich with cultural diversity and academic support. With smaller class sizes, industry-experienced professors, hands-on learning with co-op and practicum opportunities, and affordable tuition, we put learner success at the heart of everything we do.

That's what we like to call the OC advantage.

At Okanagan College, we are dedicated to providing the skills, training and education to help achieve your goals. We are proud to offer courses and programs in a wide range of subject areas to best meet your needs.

**21,200+**  
STUDENTS  
ATTEND OKANAGAN  
COLLEGE EACH YEAR

EQUIVALENT TO  
**9,093**  
FULL-TIME STUDENTS

**1,890**  
ABORIGINAL  
STUDENTS

AVERAGE  
CLASS  
SIZE **18**

# GET CONNECTED

People come from all over the world to live, work and study here. Our four campuses are nestled in B.C.'s beautiful southern interior known for its turquoise lakes and sandy beaches, arts and culture, fruit, wine, craft beer and spirits.

Revel in a dynamic region. Taste the locally grown food. Sip award-winning wine and soak in the beauty that is your own backyard.

Live in one of the most desirable regions in Canada and take advantage of our ultimate four-season lifestyle filled with endless opportunities to ski, swim, kayak, bike, golf, climb and more.



## Experience OC for yourself

**Attend an info session** – Learn about upcoming programs at the College through a virtual session that connects you with advisors and recruiters.

**Talk to a recruiter** – Meet one of the College's recruiters who can answer questions about your programs of interest.

**Explore our campuses** – Head to our website to explore more about our campuses and the programs unique to each location.

Visit [okanagan.bc.ca/futurestudents](https://okanagan.bc.ca/futurestudents) for more information.





# PENTICTON

Okanagan College's Penticton campus offers education in a lively and energetic environment, featuring some of the most innovative and sustainable buildings in Canada.



## EXPERIENCES AND AMENITIES:

- Gymnasium and fitness centre
- Indigenous garden
- State-of-the-art welding centre
- Jim Pattison Centre of Excellence
- BC Beverage Technology Access Centre
- Flourish drop-in mental wellness program

## UNIQUE PROGRAMS:

- Criminal and Social Justice
- Kinesiology
- Viticulture and Wine Studies
- Sustainable Construction Management Technology
- Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic





# KELOWNA

Okanagan College's Kelowna campus offers a variety of activities and connections in a diverse and welcoming atmosphere, among the most sustainable educational environments in the country.



## EXPERIENCES AND AMENITIES:

- State-of-the-art Trades Training Complex
- New Health Sciences Centre
- na'ʔkʷulamən garden
- Enactus Okanagan College
- Infusions Restaurant

## UNIQUE PROGRAMS:

- Culinary and Pastry Arts
- Audio Engineering and Music Production
- Bachelor of Business Administration
- RV Service Technician
- Common First-Year Engineering



# VERNON

Okanagan College's Vernon campus offers quality education and training in a casual and relaxed environment overlooking Kalamalka Lake – where the dedicated learning community focuses on students' success.



## EXPERIENCES AND AMENITIES:

- k'nmaika sənqâltən garden
- Enactus Okanagan College
- State-of-the-art Trades Training Centre
- Spa Training Centre
- The Bunker letterpress printshop

## UNIQUE PROGRAMS:

- Writing and Publishing
- Esthetics and Nail Technology
- Aircraft Maintenance Technician





# SALMON ARM

Okanagan College's Salmon Arm campus is small and big in the best ways. Opportunity meets community with a full range of academic and vocational programs, coupled with personalized support. This is a welcoming campus with a big heart. The nearby Revelstoke Centre is home to rotating trades programs as well tourism and Continuing Studies courses.



## EXPERIENCES AND AMENITIES:

- Gathering Place
- On-call therapy dog Woof
- Enactus Okanagan College including Launch-a-Preneur
- Student Success Centre

## UNIQUE PROGRAMS:

- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Tourism Management Diploma
- Rotational Trades and Apprenticeship programs
- Rotational Health and Social Development programs
- English Second Language courses



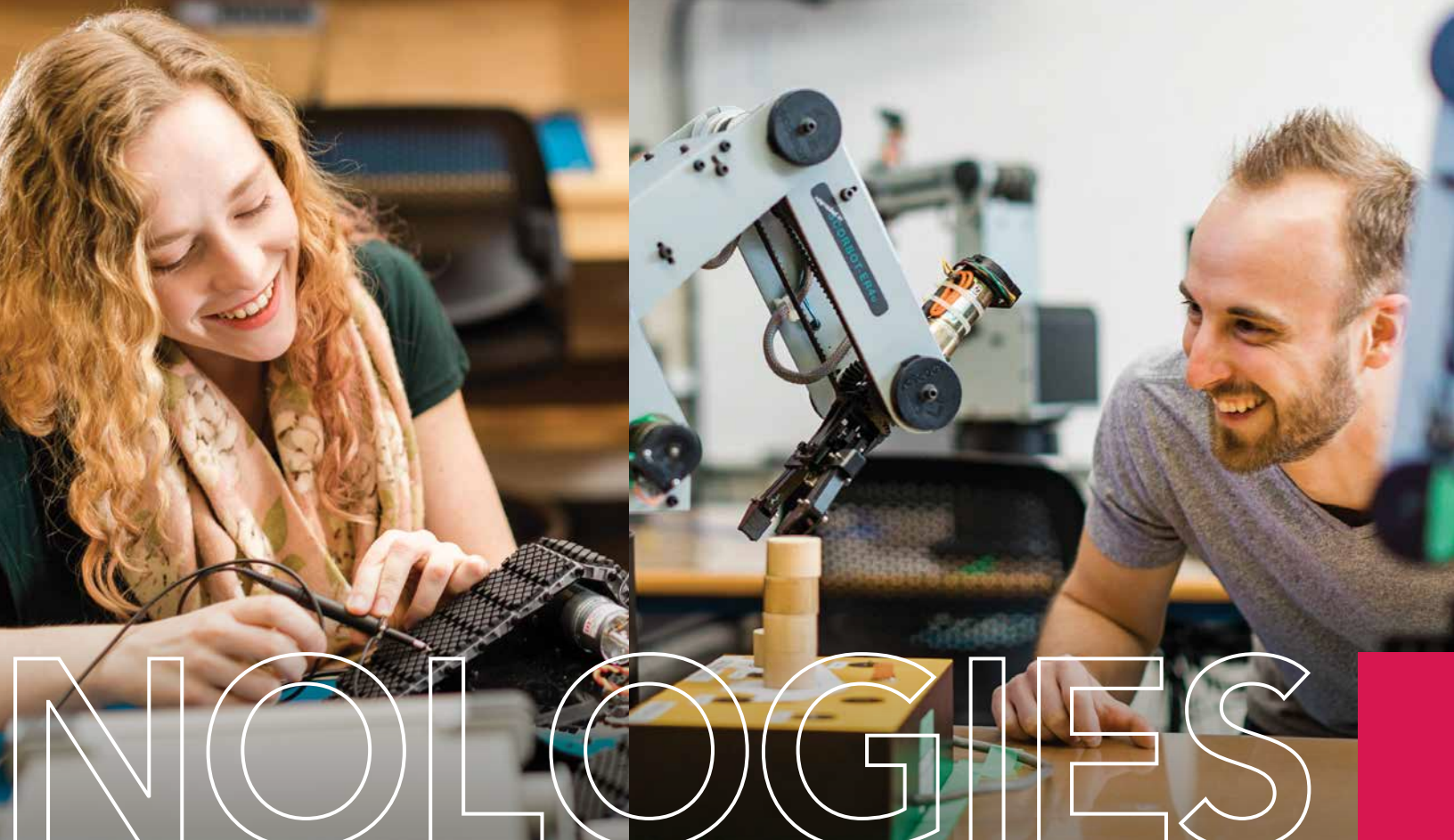
"A large driving force for coming to OC was the program itself. The Mechanical Engineering Technology program has a good balance between theoretical and practical learning. So I took this program not only to hone my hands-on skills as a fabricator, but also as a stepping stone to build a sturdy foundation for my engineering career."

**Randy McFarland** – Mechanical Engineering Technology

## START YOUR CAREER EARLY

Gain a competitive edge and get a head start on your career by taking advantage of the College's co-op program and work-integrated learning opportunities. Visit [okanagan.bc.ca/coop](https://okanagan.bc.ca/coop) for details.





Kick off your career as a 2D or 3D animator, IT professional, engineering technologist, water treatment plant operator or a sustainable construction manager. Get job-ready education with the technical know-how, versatile skills, training and real-world experience you'll acquire through Okanagan College's technology programs.

## DIPLOMAS

- Animation
- Civil Engineering Technology
- Electronic Engineering Technology
- Infrastructure and Computing Technology
- Mechanical Engineering Technology
- Sustainable Construction Management Technology
- Water Engineering Technology

## CERTIFICATE

- Sustainable Studies Post-Diploma

## BRIDGE TO A DEGREE

Turn your engineering diploma from Okanagan College into a degree at UBC Okanagan and other Canadian universities.

# UNIVERSITY STUDIES IN

# ARTS

Immerse yourself in different cultures, new perspectives and timely historical insights. Communicate in new ways and dig up answers to long-standing and emerging questions facing today's world.

Develop your critical thinking and research skills with the two-year Associate of Arts Degree at OC. Programs include more than 300 course offerings in 23 subject areas and will prepare you for future education and rewarding careers in social work, publishing, education, counselling, media, criminology and more.

## AREAS OF STUDY

Anthropology  
Communications  
Criminology  
Earth and Environmental Science  
Economics  
English  
Fine Arts  
Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies  
Geography  
History  
Indigenous Studies  
Modern Languages  
Philosophy  
Political Science  
Psychology  
Social Work  
Sociology

## ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Associate of Arts

## DIPLOMAS

Communications, Culture and Journalism Studies  
Criminal and Social Justice  
Environmental Studies  
International Development  
Writing and Publishing

## CERTIFICATE

Advanced Certificate in Communication







## TAKE YOUR EDUCATION ANYWHERE

Start your university degree at OC. Take first- and second-year arts courses that are fully transferable to universities throughout British Columbia and other institutions across Canada. Find out more at [bctransferguide.ca](https://bctransferguide.ca).

"I like the diversity of my campus,  
and how comfortable it feels. It makes  
me feel at home."

**Shantelle Bishop** – Associate of Arts

# UNIVERSITY STUDIES IN SCIENCE

Build a strong academic foundation and develop your skills to reflect critically, experiment, analyze, problem solve and pioneer new ways of thinking about local, national and world-wide issues.

The two-year Associate of Science Degree positions you to pursue careers in the fields of medicine, dentistry, chemistry, forensic science, wildlife biology and more. Get the best start possible to your career at Okanagan College with small class sizes, dedicated professors and hands-on instruction in a dynamic learning environment.







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## ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Associate of Science

## DIPLOMAS

Kinesiology

Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Marketing  
and Data Analytics

## CERTIFICATE

Common First-Year Engineering

## AREAS OF STUDY

Astronomy

Biology

Chemistry

Mathematics

Physics

Statistics

"I chose to study at OC because of the options it gave me. I was able to continue to work and live at home while getting some credits under my belt. It really is a fantastic college with amazing professors and I appreciate how solid the teaching was in my program."

**Andrea Lee** – Associate of Science Degree

Health care and social development jobs are among the most needed in B.C. with an estimated **141,700 job openings** in the next 10 years.







# HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Choose a rewarding career in the health-care industry providing excellence in patient and client care. Learn from industry-leading instructors and enjoy small class sizes where you get one-on-one attention and create lasting friendships with your classmates.

Okanagan College's Health and Social Development programs provide you with the theoretical, technical and practical training needed for a successful career.

## DEGREE

Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
(years 1 and 2; bridge into years 3 and 4 at  
the University of British Columbia Okanagan)


## DIPLOMAS

Early Childhood Education  
Human Service Work  
Kinesiology  
Practical Nursing  
Therapist Assistant

## CERTIFICATES

Certified Dental Assistant  
Health Care Assistant  
Pharmacy Technician

Additional health certificates are offered  
through OC's Continuing Studies department.  
View page 38 for a full list of programming.



**New \$18.9-million  
Health Sciences  
Centre at the  
Kelowna campus.**



# GET REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

Take advantage of industry connections and co-op work experience to enter the workforce feeling confident about your future. Learn more about co-op opportunities by visiting [okanagan.bc.ca/coop](http://okanagan.bc.ca/coop).

Master technical aspects of computer information systems, including software development, database systems and systems analysis. Learn to develop software for computers, websites and mobile applications. Collect and manage data to design models for technological solutions. Collaborate with a team of students on real-world projects and challenges.

## DEGREE

Bachelor of Computer Information Systems

## DIPLOMA

Computer Information Systems

"The programs here are great and compared to other computer programs that are offered at other post-secondary schools, the CIS program is a more hands-on learning experience."

**Michael Ware** – Bachelor of Computer Information Systems





A man with a full brown beard and short brown hair is sitting in a brown leather armchair. He is wearing a dark purple V-neck t-shirt and blue jeans. He is looking off to the side with a slight smile. A black laptop is open on his lap. The background is a blurred indoor setting with large windows and modern decor. A large, light gray circular graphic is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing text.

Bursting with start-ups and innovative technology firms, the Okanagan's **\$1.67-billion** tech sector is home to more than **693** tech companies, employs more than **12,400** people and is constantly growing.

# COMPUTER SCIENCE

# OKANAGAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Okanagan College's School of Business has a national reputation for excellence in shaping future accountants, financial planners, human resource advisors, managers, administrators and marketing experts.

The comprehensive business degree, diploma and certificate programs prepare you for success in the fast-paced and ever-changing world. With a career-oriented and innovative approach, each program combines theory and hands-on applied practices taught by professors who are experts in their fields.

Student associations, clubs and competition teams provide you with the opportunity to develop your skills and apply classroom knowledge to real-world situations.

"I love the hands-on learning in each class and it feels like such a community here. At OC, instructors encourage open discussion, the transfer of knowledge and the questioning process. They really want what's best for you."

**Kira Johnson** – Bachelor of Business Administration







# GET INVOLVED

Join Enactus OC, Okanagan Business Students' Association, Accounting Club, Human Resources Management Club or Marketing Club. Learn more at [okanagan.bc.ca/osbconnect](http://okanagan.bc.ca/osbconnect).

## DEGREE

Bachelor of Business Administration

## DIPLOMAS

Business Administration

Commercial Aviation

Post-Baccalaureate

Accounting

Marketing and Data Analytics

Marketing

Human Resources Management

Tourism Management

Business degree and diploma students can choose from six specialty areas:

Accounting

Finance

Human Resources Management

Tourism and Hospitality Management

Management

Marketing

## CERTIFICATES

Accounting/Bookkeeping

Administrative Assistant

Business Administration

Business Studies

Commercial Helicopter Pilot

Legal Administrative Assistant

(Corporate/Conveyancing or Litigation)

Medical Administrative Assistant

Office Assistant

Office Management

Post-Diploma Certificate in

Business Administration



# WINE AND TOURISM

## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, CONTINUING STUDIES

Join the global community right from your backyard, exploring all that the Okanagan has to offer. Choose from a range of programs in Tourism and Hospitality, Viticulture and Wine Studies, that will prepare you to provide outstanding experiences for guests, from crafting unforgettable moments to uncovering flavour nuances in wine.

### DEGREE

Bachelor of Business Administration  
(Tourism and Hospitality Management)

### DIPLOMAS

Business Administration  
(Tourism and Hospitality Management)  
Tourism Management  
Culinary Management

### CERTIFICATES

Viticulture  
Wine Sales  
Winery Assistant



Tourism in British Columbia generates over **\$20.5 billion** in revenue, employing **161,500** people throughout **19,329** businesses.





# CULINARY AND PASTRY ARTS

## TRADES AND APPRENTICESHIP

Begin your culinary journey in the heart of the Okanagan Valley, where your senses will guide you to create delectable dishes and sweet treats. With the guidance of renowned chefs in a region known for its award-winning flavours, you get a recipe for success in any one of Okanagan College's culinary programs.

### CERTIFICATES

Culinary Arts  
Pastry Arts

### APPRENTICESHIP

Professional Cook  
Baker

## GROW YOUR CULINARY CAREER

Become a cook, pastry chef, kitchen porter, sous chef, kitchen or restaurant manager, hotel chef or caterer.

"The experience of being at OC has provided knowledge to both us the students and our instructors. We exchange and share new ideas and ingredients and collaborate on different Indigenous styles of cooking. It's by far been the best decision I have ever made and I've discovered that my purpose is to become an inspiration for youth and my community to pursue their own dreams."

**Ruby Pahtayken** – Onion Lake Cree Nation, Saskatchewan, Culinary Arts Certificate, Indigenous cohort



# TRADES AND APPRENTICESHIP

Gain the skills to build a successful career in the trades. Learn techniques from industry leading instructors and get hands-on experience with the latest equipment and technologies in state-of-the-art training facilities.

Okanagan College has been the region's leading school for tradespeople for more than 50 years, helping to meet the provincial demand for skilled workers. B.C. labour analysis forecasts 861,000 job openings across the province by 2029, and over 80 per cent of the most in-demand trades require skills you can acquire at Okanagan College.

Okanagan College offers the Gateway to the Building Trades for Women program and trades foundation program sponsorships, providing opportunities for women who are interest in a career in trades.

Find out more at  
[okanagan.bc.ca/witt](https://okanagan.bc.ca/witt).

BECOME A JOURNEYPERSON

Apprenticeship  
technical training available,  
learn more at  
[okanagan.bc.ca/apprenticeship](https://okanagan.bc.ca/apprenticeship).





## APPRENTICESHIPS

Automotive Glass Technician  
Automotive Painter  
Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician  
Automotive Service Technician  
Carpenter  
Construction Electrician  
Gasfitter Class B  
Heavy Duty Equipment Technician  
Motor Vehicle Body Repair Technician  
Plumber  
Professional Cook and Baker  
Recreation Vehicle Service Technician  
Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic  
Sheet Metal Worker  
Steamfitter/Pipefitter  
Transport Trailer Technician  
Truck and Transport Mechanic  
Welder

## DIPLOMAS

Automotive Service Technology  
Collision Repair and Refinishing

# THE TOOLS FOR YOUR FUTURE ARE HERE

## FOUNDATION CERTIFICATES (PRE-APPRENTICESHIP)

Aircraft Maintenance Technician M-License  
Aircraft Maintenance Engineer S-Licence  
Automotive Service Technician  
Carpenter  
Carpenter/Joiner  
Collision Repair/Refinishing Prep Technician  
Electrician  
Heavy Mechanical  
Plumbing and Piping Trades  
Recreation Vehicle Service Technician  
Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic  
Sheet Metal Worker  
Studio Woodworking  
Welder

# CONTINUING STUDIES

Pursue an education that works for your life, your business and your career with a Continuing Studies professional certificate. Get the boost you need to update your skills, stay on-trend with industry advances and take your career to the next level.

Experience a dynamic learning environment, choose if you want to study part-time, full-time or by distance education and say yes to a Continuing Studies certificate for year-round accessible, affordable and accelerated learning. Recognized by employers nation-wide, Okanagan College offers a variety of certificate programs to choose from.

"I wanted to take my learning to the next level. I wanted to know how and why things happened the way they did and what influenced winemaker's decisions in the cellar. So I took this program to gain a better understanding of the winemaking process past the initial crush and start of fermentation, and also to be able to help more in the cellar at our winery."

Twylla da Silva – Winery Assistant program







## **CERTIFICATES**

### **COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY**

Advanced Geographic Information Systems  
Audio Engineering and Music Production  
AutoCAD Skills  
Blockchain

### **EDUCATION**

Aboriginal Community Support Worker  
Autism Spectrum  
Education Assistant

### **HEALTH**

Dental Office Administrative Assistant  
Gastroenterology Nursing  
Medical Device Reprocessing Technician  
Medical Office Assistant  
Nursing Unit Assistant  
PeriAnesthesia Nursing

### **BUSINESS**

Basic Accounting  
Bookkeeping  
Leadership and Change  
Project Management

### **EMPLOYMENT AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Esthetics and Nail Technology  
Floral Design  
Interior Decorating  
Landscape Horticulture  
Learner-Centred Instructor  
Occupational Health and Safety

### **WINE AND FOOD**

Viticulture  
Wine Sales  
Winery Assistant





# UPGRADE YOUR FUTURE

## ADULT UPGRADING

Complete your prerequisites or improve your high school marks to get into the program of your choice with upgrading in a variety of subjects. Adult learners can obtain their high school graduation requirement with the B.C. Adult Graduation Diploma (Adult Dogwood).

Adult Upgrading courses are tuition-free for domestic students. There is also significant financial aid available for qualifying students to cover other education costs such as supplies and transportation. Learn more at [okanagan.bc.ca/upgrading](https://okanagan.bc.ca/upgrading).

## ADULT SPECIAL EDUCATION

Discover courses and certificate programs specifically designed for students with special learning needs who wish to work on employment preparation skills, academic skills and independent living skills. Learn more at [okanagan.bc.ca/ase](https://okanagan.bc.ca/ase).

- Advanced Skills
- Basic Skills – A
- Basic Skills – B
- Preparing for Access to Careers and Education (PACE)
- Supported Access to Modified Education (SAME)

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING

Okanagan College offers English Language Certificate (ELC) and English for Academic Purposes (EAP) programs at the beginner, intermediate and advanced levels to ensure students reach their proficiency goals for speaking, writing and understanding English. Learn more at [okanagan.bc.ca/esl](https://okanagan.bc.ca/esl).





# FOUNDATIONAL PROGRAMS

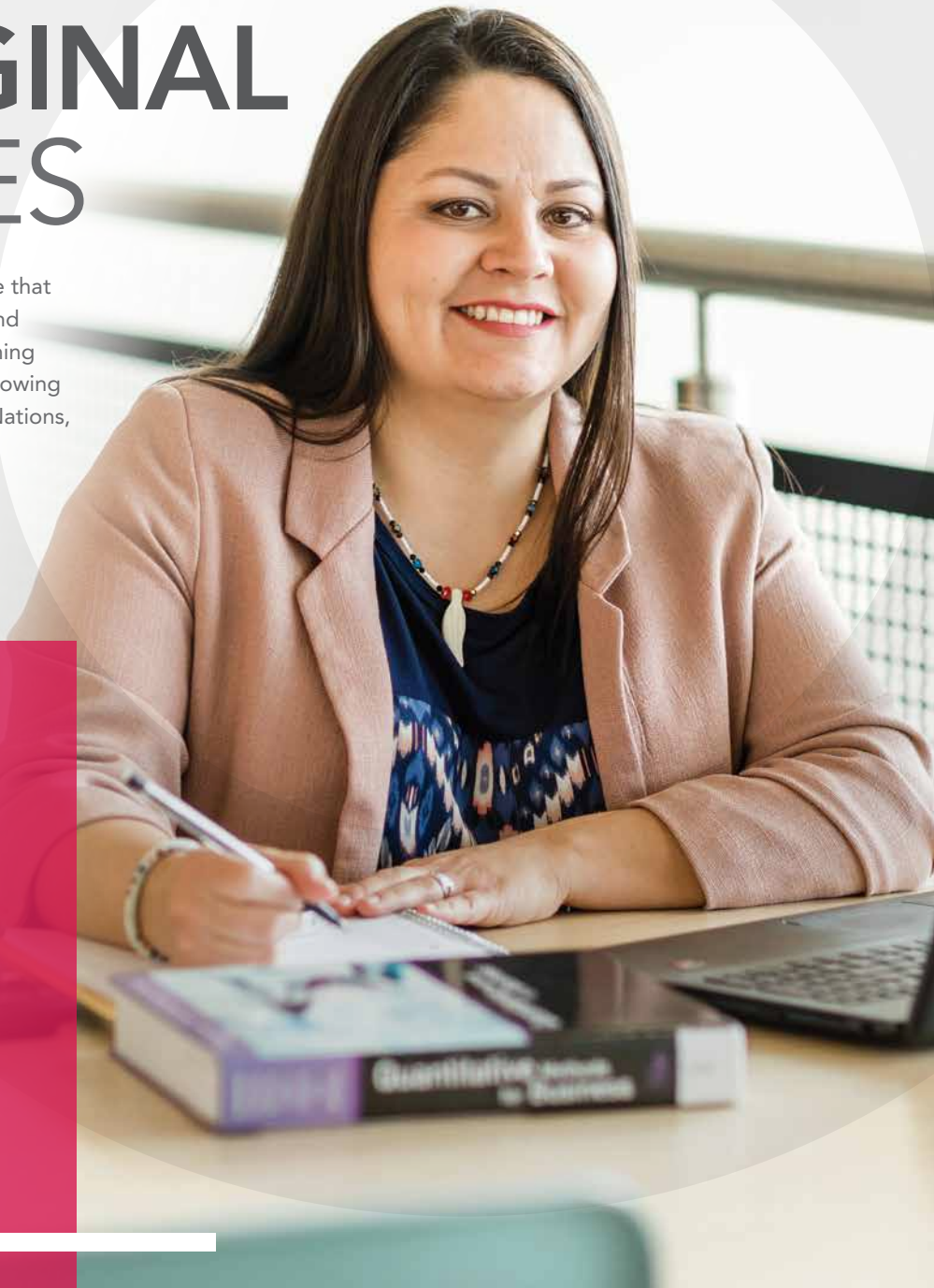
The opportunities ahead of you are endless. Okanagan College's foundational programs offer the boost you need to achieve your educational goals. Our dedicated teachers, small class sizes and individual attention will support you to get you where you want to be.

# ABORIGINAL SERVICES

We celebrate the rich culture and heritage that all students bring to Okanagan College and we are proud to provide a respectful learning environment. We value community and growing our partnerships and dialogue with First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities in Canada. We invite you to join our community.

"My experience at OC was great. I enjoyed the support of the Aboriginal support staff as well as the professors and I was fortunate to have a strong support circle to stand by me along the way."

**Elizabeth Bent** – Penticton Indian Band, Okanagan Nation, Bachelor of Business Administration





# YOUR LEARNING COMMUNITY

Attending post-secondary is an exciting new chapter in your life and we are here to help you realize your goals. While attending the College, you will have access to various supports from Aboriginal Services, to help navigate through school while still achieving balance. Here are some of the services we offer:

## Aboriginal Transition Planners

Aboriginal Transition Planners are one of your primary resources while you attend OC. They are a main point of contact for recruitment and act as community liaisons. They will help you apply to the right program, secure funding or sponsorship for your various academic needs, navigate resources and provide post-secondary transition support.

## Aboriginal Student Centres

Okanagan College provides gathering places for students at each campus. Enjoy a comfortable study space and areas to relax in between classes and to connect with your peers.

## Peer Mentorship

Connect with a peer mentor at each campus. Mentors are current Aboriginal students who have been in your shoes before and can provide insight, support and guidance to help you on your educational journey.

## Aboriginal Student Awards

There is more than \$75,000 in scholarships, bursaries and awards available to Aboriginal students at OC. A variety of other scholarships, bursaries and awards are also available to Aboriginal students through community or government programs.

## Cultural Programming

We provide a series of workshops and ongoing supports at each campus aimed to uphold traditions and enrich the students' experience at Okanagan College. With our visiting Elders program, students may choose to receive support and guidance from Elders who have distinct traditional knowledge that we recognize has immense importance and value to our students. Our Aboriginal Student Centres facilitate ongoing workshops, from traditional beading, moccasin making, to storytelling, drum groups, our annual powwow and recognition ceremony.



### CONTACT AN ABORIGINAL TRANSITION PLANNER

**Kelowna campus**  
250-762-5445, ext. 4498

**Penticton campus**  
250-492-4305, ext. 3280

**Vernon campus**  
250-545-7291, ext. 2284

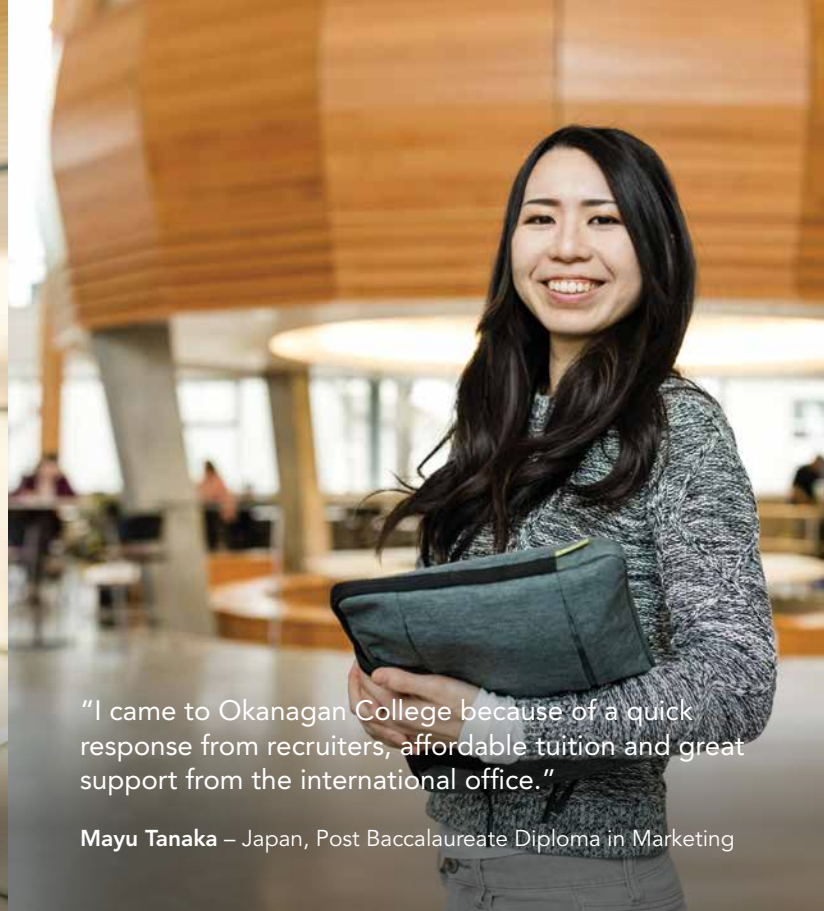
**Salmon Arm campus**  
250-832-2126, ext. 8275

[aboriginal@okanagan.bc.ca](mailto:aboriginal@okanagan.bc.ca)



"What drew me to Okanagan College was the stellar testimonials I received from a friend who was studying here while I was still in Jamaica eyeing a change in career."

**Bjorn Duncan** – Jamaica, Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Marketing



"I came to Okanagan College because of a quick response from recruiters, affordable tuition and great support from the international office."

**Mayu Tanaka** – Japan, Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Marketing

# INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Global perspectives and experiences give students an edge in today's connected world. More than 1,700 students from 60 countries study at four campuses, learning Canadian and Indigenous cultures while building relationships with peers all over the globe. Enjoy an immersive experience at Okanagan College including small class sizes, student-centred instruction and quality learning supports.



"I found Kelowna was the perfect fit because of the Okanagan School of Business and I wanted to do a business diploma."

**Akshat Nayar** – India, Business Administration Diploma



"There are several things I took into consideration when choosing where to study and move including the weather, affordability, reputation and location of Okanagan College."

**Iris Pham** – Philippines, Business Post-Diploma Certificate

# STUDY ABROAD

Expand your horizons and develop a deeper understanding of other cultures by studying abroad. Students can enrich their education with numerous study abroad opportunities at one of the College's **23 partner institutions** in **16 countries** around the world.



# FINANCIAL AID AND AWARDS

The value of your education will last a lifetime. Financial barriers should not be an obstacle to achieving your dreams.

Explore the numerous scholarships, bursaries and awards available to you and visit the Financial Aid and Awards office to find the support you need to make education feasible. Learn about funding options, student loan information and financial support.

## SOLUTIONS THAT FIT YOUR NEEDS

- **Scholarships:** based on academic performance
- **Bursaries:** based on demonstrated financial need
- **Awards:** based on a combination of academics, community involvement and specific criteria to the particular award

**Over \$1 million available in awards, with over \$75,000 available specially for Aboriginal students**

## APPLY FOR AWARDS ONLINE

[okanagan.bc.ca/financialaid](https://okanagan.bc.ca/financialaid)

### OC High School Entrance Awards (60+)

Applications: open Oct. 1, 2020;  
close March 5, 2021  
(subject to change)

### OC General Entrance Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards (200+)

Applications: open March 1, 2021;  
close Sept. 15, 2021

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# SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Discover the comprehensive range of support services at Okanagan College to take your educational experience to the next level. Visit your campus administrative office for information on all of the following:

- Aboriginal Services
- Accessibility Services
- Alumni Association
- Athletics, Recreation and Student Life
- Campus Stores
- Co-operative Education
- Counselling Services
- Education Advising
- Financial Aid and Awards
- Food Services
- Graduate and Student Employment
- Health and Wellness Services
- IT Helpdesk
- Learning and Success Centres
- Library
- Parking Services
- Student Housing
- Student Union/Association

## STUDENT HOUSING

Ready to call Kelowna home while you study at Okanagan College? The on-campus Skaha Place residences make it easy to get to class on time and make friends with your college peers, all while discovering the dynamic neighbouring Pandosy Village with its restaurants, grocery stores and boutiques within walking distance. For housing research information, visit [okanagan.bc.ca/housing](https://okanagan.bc.ca/housing) or call toll-free 1-800-608-3124.

[okanagan.bc.ca/currentstudents](https://okanagan.bc.ca/currentstudents)

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# ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

## PROGRAM OFFERINGS AND ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Okanagan College offers a wide range of credentials in a variety of disciplines. Many programs and courses transfer to universities in B.C. and beyond. Fall, winter and summer sessions, combined with the opportunities for full-time, part-time and distance learning, offer students flexible learning options. B.C. secondary school graduation or equivalent (see: Mature Applicants) is required for entry into all degree, diploma, associate degree and most certificate programs.

See the Calendar at [okanagan.bc.ca/calendar](https://okanagan.bc.ca/calendar) for complete admission and minimum grade requirements for all programs.

## ENGLISH REQUIREMENTS:

Most programs that require English 12 will also accept English 12 First Peoples or equivalent Provincial Level Adult Basic Education English. Communications 12 is not acceptable for most programs. The Language Proficiency Test (LPI) is no longer being offered after July 31, 2020. Okanagan College will continue to accept LPI test results for two years from the date an applicant tested. Approved alternatives are available.

## MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

Most programs that require Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology or another science will also accept the equivalent Adult Basic Education (ABE) course. Challenge tests or competency exams may be available for some programs. Details can be found in the Calendar. As the B.C. secondary school mathematics curriculum changes frequently, other courses may be acceptable.

## LEGEND

**Campus:** P = Penticton, K = Kelowna, V = Vernon, SA = Salmon Arm, NLC = Northern Lights College

**Centre:** R = Revelstoke, O = Oliver

**Delivery:** PT = Part-time, FT = Full-time, D = Distance

\* Co-op

**Prerequisites:** PREC = Pre-Calculus, AWM = Apprenticeship and Workplace Mathematics, FM = Foundations of Mathematics, FMP = Foundations of Mathematics and Pre-Calculus, ENG = English, COM = Communications, PNUR = Pre-Practical Nursing Anatomy and Physiology, BIO = Biology, PHYS = Physics, CHEM = Chemistry, BUAD = Business Administration, OADO = Office Administration online, OADM = Office Administration, BAC = Basic Accounting, ACCT = Accounting, CF = Computer Fundamentals, WPM = typing words per minute, LIFE = Life Science, ATPH = Anatomy and Physiology, MSFD = File and Desktop Management

*Length determined based on full-time, unless otherwise specified.*

*Additional requirements are non-academic admission requirements that can be found in the Calendar.*

## REGULAR APPLICANTS:

Regular applicants are considered students who graduated from secondary school (or equivalent) or are currently enrolled in Grade 12.

## MATURE APPLICANTS:

Mature applicants are at least 19 years of age and have been out of full-time secondary school for at least one year prior to commencement of the program. Grade 12 graduation is not required (unless specified), but the applicant must satisfy all general and program-specific admission requirements.

## OUT OF PROVINCE APPLICANTS:

All requirements are listed with B.C. secondary school curriculum. For provincial equivalencies, visit [okanagan.bc.ca/afteryouapply](https://okanagan.bc.ca/afteryouapply).

## TUITION AND FEES:

Costs are estimates and are subject to change. Costs typically include all ancillary fees except Health and Dental coverage. Course textbooks and materials are usually not included. See [okanagan.bc.ca/tuition](https://okanagan.bc.ca/tuition) for more details.

## NOTES:

The admission requirements listed on the following pages are current as of the publication date. Please be advised that admission requirements may have changed. All prospective students are advised to see Okanagan College's online Calendar for detailed admission requirements for every program.

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PROGRAM	LENGTH	CAMPUS	TUITION AND FEES	DELIVERY	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
<b>UNIVERSITY STUDIES IN ARTS</b>					
Advanced Certificate in Communications	One year	K	2,427	FT/PT	60 post-secondary credits with 67% in all ENG/COM courses
Associate of Arts Degree, Diplomas in: Criminal and Social Justice, Environmental Studies, International Development, Writing and Publishing and Communications, Culture and Journalism Studies	Two years	Varies	4,216	FT/PT/D	ENG 12 60%
<b>UNIVERSITY STUDIES IN SCIENCE</b>					
Associate of Science Degree	Two years	K/V/P/SA	4,611	FT/PT/D	ENG 12 60%; PREC 12 50% or test
Common First-Year Engineering Certificate	Two years	K	5,873	FT	ENG 12 67%; PREC 12 67%; CHEM 12 67%; PHYS 12 67% (all courses in last two years)
Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Marketing and Data Analytics	60 credits	K	8,725	FT	A bachelor degree in any business or science area or any degree and test
<b>BUSINESS</b>					
Accounting/Bookkeeping Certificate	21 weeks	K/D	2,678	FT	ENG 11 50% or test; PREC 11 50% or FM 11 50% or AWM 11 50% or test; or OC Office Assistant or equivalent
Administrative Assistant Certificate	37 weeks	K/V/P/SA/D	4,591	FT	ENG 11 50% or test
Bachelor of Business Administration*	Four years	K/V/P/SA	5,364	FT/PT/D	ENG 12 70%; PREC 12 60% or FM 12 60% or AWM 12 60% or test
Business Administration Certificate	One year	K/V/P/SA	5,364	FT/PT/D	ENG 12 60%; PREC 11 60% or FM 11 60% or AWM 11 60% or test
Business Administration Diploma*	Two years	K/V/P/SA	5,364	FT/PT/D	ENG 12 60%; PREC 11 60% or FM 11 60% or AWM 11 60% or test
Business Studies Certificate	18 credits	K/V/P/SA	3,388	FT/PT/D	ENG 12 60%; PREC 11 60% or FM 11 60% or AWM 11 60% or test
Commerical Aviation Diploma	Two years	K	60,000	FT	ENG 12 60%; PREC 11 60% or FM 11 60% or AWM 11 60% or test; Cat 1 Aviation Medical; letter of recommendation
Commercial Helicopter Pilot Certificate	One year	K	66,500	FT	ENG 12 60%; PREC 11 60% or FM 11 60% or AWM 11 60% or test; Cat 1 Aviation Medical; letter of recommendation; other
Legal Administrative Assistant Corporate/Conveyancing Certificate	20 weeks	K/D	2,566	FT	ENG 11 50% or test; administrative assistant experience or test; or OC Office Assistant Certificate or equivalent
Legal Administrative Assistant Litigation Certificate	18 weeks	K/D	2,335	FT	ENG 11 50% or test; administrative assistant experience or test; or OC Office Assistant Certificate or equivalent
Medical Administration Assistant Certificate	480 hours	D	2,603	PT	ENG 11 50% or test; administrative assistant experience or test; or OC Office Assistant Certificate or equivalent
Office Assistant Certificate	17 weeks	K/V/P/SA/D	2,182	FT	ENG 11 50% or test
Office Management Certificate	30 credits	K/V/P/SA/D	5,364	FT/PT	PREC 11 60% or FM 11 60% or AWM 11 60% or test; completion of 10-month Administrative Assistant program or department permission
Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Accounting	60 credits	K/V	5,364	FT/PT	Bachelor degree
Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Human Resources	60 credits	K	5,364	FT	Any degree other than those with a Human Resources specialty
Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Marketing	60 credits	K	5,364	FT	Any degree other than those with a Marketing specialty
Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Marketing and Data Analytics	60 credits	K	8,725	FT	A bachelor degree in any business or science area or any degree and test
Post-Diploma Certificate in Business Administration	18 credits	K/V/P/SA/D	3,388	FT/PT	A diploma or degree in Business Administration from Okanagan College
<b>WINE AND TOURISM</b>					
Culinary Management Diploma*	Two years	K	9,944	FT	ENG 12 60%; PREC 11 60% or FM 11 60% or AWM 11 60% or test
Tourism Management Diploma*	Two years	R	5,364	FT	ENG 12 60%; PREC 11 60% or FM 11 60% or AWM 11 60% or test
Viticulture Certificate	307 hours	P	3,324	FT	ENG 12 50%; 19 years or older
Wine Sales Certificate	147 hours	P/D	1,738	PT	ENG 12 50%; 19 years or older; Serving it Right certificate
Winery Assistant Certificate	308 hours	P	4,737	PT	ENG 12 60%; 19 years or older



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<b>COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS</b>					
Bachelor of Computer Information Systems*	Four years	K	4,929	FT/PT	ENG 12 60%; PREC 12 60% or FM 12 67% or PREC 11 67% or FM 11 67% or test; additional requirements
Computer Information Systems Diploma*	Two years	K/V	4,929	FT/PT	ENG 12 60%; PREC 12 60% or FM 12 67% or PREC 11 67% or FM 11 67% or test; additional requirements
<b>TRADES AND APPRENTICESHIP</b>					
Aircraft Maintenance Technician 'M' License Diploma	Two years	V	9,345	FT	ENG 11 60% or ENG 12 60% or test; PREC 11 60% or FM 11 67% or AWM 11 67% or test
Aircraft Maintenance Engineer 'S' License	37 weeks	K	7,545	FT	ENG 11 50% or test; PREC 11 50% or FM 11 50% or AWM 11 50% or test; additional requirements
Automotive Service Technology Diploma	Two years	K	12,436	FT	ENG 11 50% or test; PREC 11 50% or FM 11 50% or AWM 11 50% or test
Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician Foundation	22 weeks	K	5,367	FT	ENG 10 50% or test; PREC 10 50% or FM 10 50% or AWM 10 50% or test
Automotive Service Technician Foundation	33 weeks	K	4,674	FT	ENG 10 50% or test; PREC 11 50% or FM 11 50% or AWM 11 50% or test
Carpenter Foundation Certificate	30 weeks	K/V/P/SA	4,035	FT	ENG 10 50% or test; PREC 11 50% or FM 11 50% or AWM 11 50% or test
Carpenter and Joiner Foundation Certificate	30 weeks	K	4,256	FT	ENG 10 50% or test; PREC 11 50% or FM 11 50% or AWM 11 50% or test
Collision Repair and Refinishing Diploma	Two years	K	12,436	FT	ENG 11 50% or test; PREC 10 50% or FM 10 50% or AWM 10 50% or test
Collision Repair/Refinishing Prep Technician Foundation Certificate	38 weeks	K	5,367	FT	ENG 10 50% or test; PREC 10 50% or FM 10 50% or AWM 10 50% or test
Electrician Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate	24 weeks	K/V/P/SA	3,421	FT	ENG 12 50% or test; PREC 11 67% or FM 11 67% or AWM 11 67% or test
Heavy Mechanical Foundation Certificate	38 weeks	K	5,367	FT	ENG 10 50% or test; PREC 11 50% or FM 11 50% or AWM 11 50% or test
Plumbing and Piping Trades Certificate	25 weeks	K/V/P/SA	3,560	FT	ENG 10 50% or test; PREC 10 50% or FM 10 50% or AWM 10 50% or test
Recreation Vehicle Service Technician Foundation Certificate	31 weeks	K	4,395	FT	ENG 10 50% or test; PREC 11 50% or FM 11 50% or AWM 11 50% or test
Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate (Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate)	25 weeks	P	3,560	FT	ENG 10 50% or test; PREC 10 50% or FM 10 50% or AWM 10 50% or test
Sheet Metal Worker Foundation Certificate	20 weeks	K	2,864	FT	ENG 10 50% or test; PREC 10 50% or FM 10 50% or AWM 10 50% or test
Studio Woodworking Foundation Certificate	38 weeks	K	6,546	FT	ENG 10 50% or test; PREC 10 50% or FM 10 50% or AWM 10 50% or test
Welder Foundation Certificate	28 weeks	K/V/P/SA	3,977	FT	ENG 10 50% or test; PREC 11 50% or FM 11 50% or AWM 11 50% or test
<b>CULINARY AND PASTRY ARTS</b>					
Baker Apprenticeship	4 weeks per level	K	526 per level	FT	Additional workplace hours required. Registered with ITA BC, Foodsafe Level 1 certification, working with a journeyperson
Culinary Arts Certificate*	50 weeks	K	5,615	FT	ENG 10 50% or test; PREC 10 50% or FM 10 50% or AWM 10 50% or test
Pastry Arts Certificate*	50 weeks	K	6,499	FT	ENG 10 50%; PREC 10 50% or FM 10 50% or AWM 10 50% or test
Professional Cook Apprenticeship	6 weeks per level	K	789 per level	FT	Additional workplace hours required. Registered with ITA BC, Foodsafe Level 1 certification, working with a journeyperson
<b>TECHNOLOGIES</b>					
Animation Diploma*	Two years	K	25,815	FT	ENG 12 60%; portfolio assessment: 15-30 pieces of work in Life Drawing, Perspective Drawing, Digital Artwork and Your Personal Work; interview
Civil Engineering Technology Diploma*	Two years	K	11,917	FT	ENG 12 60%; PREC 12 60% or FM 12 60% or PREC 11 67% or test; PHYS 12 50% or PHYS 11 60%
Electronic Engineering Technology Diploma*	Two years	K	11,942	FT	ENG 12 60%; PREC 12 60% or PREC 11 67% or test; PHYS 11 60%
Infrastructure and Computing Technology Diploma*	Two years	K	11,346	FT	ENG 12 60%; PREC 60% or FM 12 60% or PREC 11 67% or test

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Mechanical Engineering Technology Diploma*	Two years	K	11,837	FT	ENG 12 60%; PREC 12 60% or test; PHYS 11 50%
Sustainable Construction Management Technology Diploma*	Two years	P	13,968	FT	ENG 12 60%; PREC 12 60% or FM 12 60% or PREC 11 67% or test
Sustainable Studies Post-Diploma Certificate	Two years	D	4,969	PT	Completion of diploma or degree in construction management, engineering, architecture, interior design, city/urban planning or urban design
Water Engineering Technology Diploma*	Two years	K	11,493	FT	ENG 12 60%; PREC 12 60% or PREC 11 67% or test; CHEM 11 67%
<b>HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT</b>					
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	Two years	K	12,149	FT	ENG 12 70%; PREC 11 50% OR FM 12 50%; CHEM 11 50%; CHEM 12 67%; BIO 11 50% or LIFE 11 50%; BIO 12 67% or ATPH 12 67%; additional requirements
Complete Year 1 and 2 at OC and 3 and 4 at UBCO					
Practical Nursing Diploma	Two years	K/V/P/SA	11,802	FT	ENG 12 70%; PREC 11 67% or FM 11 67%; BIO 12 67% or ATPH 12 67%; PNUR 113 70%; additional requirements
Certified Dental Assistant Certificate	10 months	K	4,722	FT	ENG 12 60%; CHEM 12 60% or CHEM 11 60% or PHYS 12 60% or PHYS 11 60%; BIO 12 60% or ATPH 12 60%; additional requirements
Early Childhood Education Diploma	Two years	K	7,796	FT	ENG 12 67%; additional requirements
Health Care Assistant Certificate	6 months	K/V/P/SA	3,263	FT	ENG 11 60% or ENG 12 50%; additional requirements
Human Service Work Diploma	Two years	K/V/SA	7,235	FT	ENG 12 60%; additional requirements
Kinesiology Diploma	Two years	P	4,479	FT/PT	ENG 12 60%; PREC 11 50% or FM 11 50%; CHEM 11 50%; BIO 12 50% or BIO 11 50% or LIFE 11 50% or ATPH 12 50%; additional requirements
Pharmacy Technician Certificate	One year	K	9,250	FT	ENG 12 60%; PREC 11 60% or test; CHEM 11 60%; BIO 12 60% or LIFE 11 60% or ATPH 12 60%; additional requirements
Therapist Assistant Diploma	Two years	K	8,265	FT	ENG 12 60%; CHEM 11 50%; BIO 12 50% or ATPH 12 50%; additional requirements
<b>CONTINUING STUDIES</b>					
Aboriginal Community Support Worker Certificate	375 hours	K	5,716	FT	ENG 12 60%; additional requirements
Advanced GIS Certificate	5 months	SA	7,955	FT	MSFD 101 - File and Desktop Management 60%
Audio Engineering and Music Production Certificate	7 months	K	9,391	FT	ENG 12 60%; PREC 10 60% or FM 10 60% or test; computer fundamentals
Autism Spectrum Certificate	81 hours	K	1,921	PT	ENG 12 60%
AutoCAD Skills Certificate	3 months	K	3,320	PT	Computer Fundamentals 60%
Basic Accounting Certificate	3 months	V/P/D	624	PT	No requirements
Blockchain Certificate	112 hours	D	2,248	PT	ENG 12 60%; PREC 10 60% or FM 10 60%
Bookkeeping Certificate	5 months	V/P/D	1,465	PT	ACCT 12 73% or BAC 11 and 12 or BUAD 111 or OADM 140 and 141 or OADM 140; computer fundamentals 60%
Dental Office Administrative Assistant Certificate	5 months	K/V	1,578	PT	Computer fundamentals; additional requirements
Education Assistant Certificate	5 months	K/V/P/SA/R/S	4,172	FT/PT	ENG 12 60%; additional requirements
Esthetics and Nail Technology Certificate	43 weeks	V	10,710	FT	Meeting with program staff
Floral Design Certificate	5 months	K	2,044	PT	Completion of Grade 10
Gastroenterology Nursing Certificate	7 months	D	6,342	PT	Active practicing license with a respective provincial professional body; additional requirements
Interior Decorating Certificate	5 months	K/V/P	1,733	FT/PT	No requirements
Leadership and Change Certificate	144 hours	D	4,364	PT	B.C. secondary school graduation, or equivalent, or 19 years of age and out of secondary school for at least one year as of the first day of classes. Minimum two years of work experience in a position of responsibility
Landscape Horticulture Certificate	2 months	K/V/SA	1,284	FT/PT	No requirements
Learner-Centred Instructor Certificate	4 months	D	1,064	PT	Instructors who are currently working in an educational institution; ENG 12 50%
Medical Device Reprocessing Technician Certificate	7 months	K	5,056	FT	ENG 12 60%; additional requirements
Medical Office Assistant Certificate	8 months	K/V/P	3,699	PT	ENG 12 60%; additional requirements

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Nursing Unit Assistant Certificate	10 months	K/P/V	5,504	PT	ENG 12 60%; additional requirements
Occupational Health and Safety Certificate	272 hours	D	6,362	PT	ENG 12 60%; PREC 10 60% or FM 10 60% or test
PeriAnesthesia Nursing Certificate	9 months	D	7,500	PT	Active practicing license with a respective provincial professional body; additional requirements
Project Management Certificate	4 months	D	4,499	PT	ENG 12 60%; PREC 10 70% or FM 10 70% or test; additional requirements
Viticulture Certificate	307 hours	P	3,324	FT	ENG 12 50%; 19 years or older
Wine Sales Certificate	147 hours	P/D	1,738	PT	ENG 12 50%; 19 years or older; Serving it Right certificate
Winery Assistant Certificate	308 hours	P	4,737	PT	ENG 12 60%; 19 years or older
<b>FOUNDATIONAL</b>					
Adult Upgrading - Adult Basic Education Provincial Diploma - Adult Basic Education Fundamental, Intermediate and Advanced Certificates	Varies	K/V/P/SA/R	Tuition Free	FT/PT	19 years of age or out of secondary school for at least 12 months and 18 years of age, or completed Grade 12; all students entering any Fundamental Level English or Basic Literacy course for the first time are required to complete an individual admission interview
Adult Special Education - Basic Skills Certificate A and B - Advanced Skills Certificate - Preparing for Access to Careers and Education - Supported Access to Modified Education Certificate	Varies	K/V/P/SA/R	Tuition Free	FT/PT	19 years of age, or 18 years of age and have been out of the public school system for at least 12 months, or have a school leaving certificate; must complete an intake interview and reading assessment, for ASC completion of BSC B; for PACE and SAME additional requirements
English as a Second Language (ESL) - English Language Certificate - English for Academic Purposes	Varies	K	Tuition Free	FT/PT	Assessment required

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