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# NWCC GUIDE

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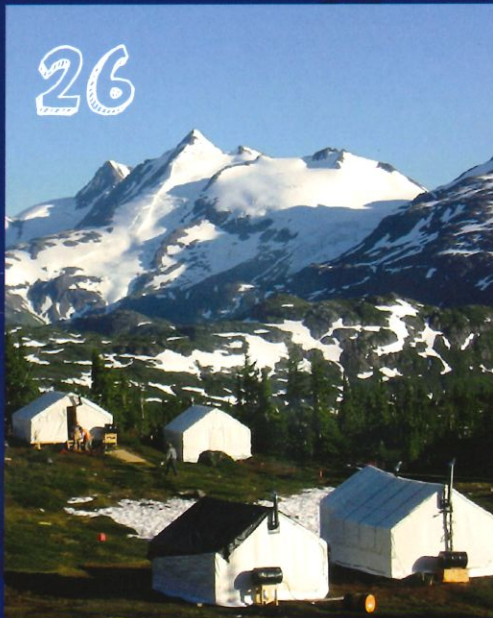
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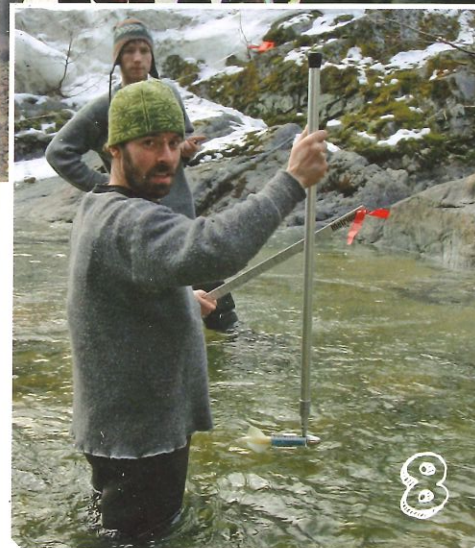


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**NORTHWEST**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Questions? NWCC's Student Services Team has answers! From your first enquiry about studying at NWCC to the day you walk across the stage at graduation, we've got you covered.

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# WELCOME TO NWCC

NORTHWEST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

With \$30 billion in major projects coming to the region, Northwest BC is on the verge of an economic boom. But there's much more to the NW for those of us who study, live and work here. We love it for its remote and rugged beauty—wild rivers, the Great Bear Rainforest, spectacular Haida Gwaii, the Pacific Ocean, mountain wilderness—and the rich and historic traditions of First Nations culture. Northwest BC makes for the perfect learning environment.

**See what we mean.  
At NWCC.**

There's a reason we've kept the word **community** in our name. NWCC serves 34 communities delivering innovative programming at nine regional campuses in Houston, Smithers, Hazelton, Terrace, Kitimat, Prince Rupert, Kaay Llnagaay (Skidegate), Masset and the Village of Queen Charlotte and to remote communities and First Nations villages.

One of 11 public community colleges in BC, NWCC offers quality, accredited, and affordable post-secondary education. Our programs position our graduates for industry-recognized credentials and sustainable careers. We offer trades foundation and apprenticeship training and certificates, diplomas or associate degrees in a range of subjects. For students wishing to earn a Bachelor's Degree—in Arts, Fine Arts or Science—many NWCC programs transfer to university degree programs.

**Start your Bright Future at NWCC.**



## GETTING STARTED

### STEP

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#### CHOOSE YOUR COURSE(S) OR PROGRAM

Find the right fit for your career. NWCC has courses and programs to suit your educational needs—from trades training to one-year certificate and two-year diploma programs and university credit transfer. You'll find information in this guide, by talking to an Educational Advisor or by going online to: [nwcc.bc.ca/programs](http://nwcc.bc.ca/programs)

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#### APPLY TO NWCC

Apply online at <https://applybc.ca/apply>. You can also fill out an Application for Admission form. Find it on page 35 in this guide, from our Student Services Team or registration office at any NWCC campus or on our website. Applications deadlines vary depending on the program. Some are accepted during the 12-month period prior to its start, some have specific application deadlines and others have continuous applications throughout the year. See the website for current information.

! \*\* Application requirements for international students differ. Go to [nwcc.bc.ca/students/international](http://nwcc.bc.ca/students/international) or page 41 of this guide.

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#### COMPLETE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Complete the application form and send in all necessary documentation. This could include official transcripts from secondary or post-secondary institutes, letters of reference, etc. Check the specific admission requirements listed for your program on the website, contact an Educational Advisor or the Registrar's Office to ensure you've provided all the necessary information.

For information about high school transcripts, go online: to [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/transcript/](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/transcript/)

Students who apply online must bring their documents to the Registrar's Office at any NWCC campus or mail them to: Admissions Office / Northwest Community College  
5331 McConnell Avenue  
Terrace, BC V8G 4X2

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#### REGISTER FOR CLASSES

Once you've met all of the admission requirements, you will be offered a seat in your program. Next, you'll pay a tuition deposit—applied to your first semester tuition—and then be sent instructions on how to register for classes and pay your fees.

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#### PAY YOUR FEES

Your registration is complete once full payment of your fees has been received. Current costs for each program are detailed on the website and payment due dates will be detailed in your acceptance letter. Payment can be made online or by phone using a credit card, in person by cash, cheque, debit or credit card or by sponsorship letter from a sponsoring agency.

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#### WELCOME!

Attend orientation days in September, get the books and supplies you need from the NWCC Bookstore and immerse yourself in learning and community at NWCC.

**i** We strongly recommend that you contact an Educational Advisor to discuss your program and course selection well in advance of your course registration date. Educational Advisors facilitate the process of becoming an NWCC student and will help you ease into the NWCC environment.

# TRANSFERRING TO NWCC

## TRANSFER CREDIT

Transfer credit may be useful if you've taken courses elsewhere that might be equivalent to required courses in your chosen program, or equivalent to prerequisites for other courses you may wish to take. If you want to have transfer credit evaluated, you must submit a Transfer Credit Request Form to the Registrar's Office (see website) along with sealed official transcripts from each institution you've attended.

For more info about transferring credit, contact an Educational Advisor or the Registrar's Office.

Transfer agreements in BC are detailed at [www.bctransferguide.ca](http://www.bctransferguide.ca)

## PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT (PLA)

PLA is a process that may allow you to earn credit for skills and knowledge you already possess, regardless of how and where the learning took place. For details, contact an Educational Advisor. Check the website for the detailed PLA policy.

! NWCC endeavours to provide students with the most current and accurate educational advice available; however, because of the dynamic and complex nature of post-secondary education in BC, we urge all students who are seeking transfer to other institutions to always verify the advice we offer with the receiving institution.

### DON'T LET A FEAR OF MATH DIM YOUR BRIGHT FUTURE.

High school math. If you barely got through it or it got the better of you, chances are you've made up your mind—math is not your friend and anything that requires it is off limits. At NWCC, you can conquer your math fears. We offer learning assistance and several fundamental level math courses that will satisfy requirements to earn your Adult Dogwood or get you enrolled in the program you want. Contact an Educational Advisor today.



# NWCC PROGRAMS

The doors to education are always open at NWCC. Our commitment is to you, the learner. Our goal is to offer accessible education and a learning experience that provides every student the greatest opportunity to succeed. We do this by offering quality education choices and student support services every step of the way through your journey.

Life-long learning is celebrated at NWCC and this is reflected in the courses and programs we offer. Do you need short-term certifications to enhance your employability? Or maybe you've decided to change careers. Maybe you've got your first career planned out and it starts here at NWCC. From individual courses or career-minded programs, we meet your educational needs. See what we have to offer, then choose the programs and courses that fit you.

**Your Bright Future starts at NWCC.**

## ONE YEAR OR LESS\*

### CERTIFICATES IN:

- Accounting (ABT)
- Administrative Assistant (ABT)
- Adult Special Education Workplace Skills Training
- Applied Business Technology
- Applied Coastal Ecology
- Applied Earth & Environmental Studies
- Business Administration
- Career & College Preparation
- Community, Crime & Social Justice
- Early Childhood Education – Post Basic
- Early Childhood Education – Basic
- Essential Skills For Work
- First Nations Fine Arts
- Guardian Watchmen
- Health Care Assistant
- Information & Communications Technology
- Office Assistant (ABT)
- Social Service Worker

### TRADES FOUNDATIONS TRAINING IN:

- Automotive Service Technician
- Carpentry
- Certified Utility Arborist **NEW!**
- Electrical
- Hairdressing **NEW!**
- Heavy Equipment Operator **NEW!**
- Heavy Duty Equipment Technician/Commercial Transport
- Intro to Trades **NEW!**
- Millwright/Industrial Mechanic
- Professional Cook

- University Credit courses (200-plus)
- University Credit Field Schools
- School of Exploration & Mining courses
- Workforce Training & Continuing Studies courses

\* Program completion timeline is estimated and dependent on full-time and successful studies

## TWO YEARS-PLUS\*

### DIPLOMAS IN:

- Applied Business Technology
- Applied Coastal Ecology
- Business Administration
- Career & College Preparation
- Early Childhood Education
- First Nations Fine Arts
- Information & Communications Technology
- Practical Nursing **NEW!**
- Social Service Worker

### ASSOCIATE DEGREES IN:

- Arts
- Arts—Archaeological & Cultural Resource Management Specialization
- Arts—Criminology Specialization
- Arts—First Nations Studies Specialization
- Arts—Sustainable Communities Specialization
- Science
- Science—Environmental Geoscience Specialization

### TRADES APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING IN:

- Automotive Service Technician
- Carpentry
- Electrical
- Heavy Duty Equipment Technician
- Heavy Equipment Operator Technician
- Professional Cook
- Residential Building Maintenance Worker
- Welder Training

### DEGREES IN

- Northern Collaborative Baccalaureate Nursing – Registered Nurse\*\*
- Bachelor Of General Studies (Athabasca University)\*\*\*

\*\* Four-year program with two years at NWCC and two years at UNBC Terrace

\*\*\* NWCC Business Administration Diploma plus 10-12 NWCC courses



# ACADEMIC & UNIVERSITY CREDIT

NWCC's Academic & University Credit (UC) programs meet the needs of Northwest learners. With more than 200 university arts and science courses, NWCC's academic and university credit programs offer the flexibility to suit your particular needs. Choose from one-year certificate programs, two-year Associate Degrees or earn the equivalent of the first two years of a Bachelor's Degree for transfer to a university. Or roll up your sleeves and immerse yourself in the applied learning of one of NWCC's amazing spring/summer field schools.

Big Projects are coming to BC's Northwest. Secure your Bright Future with Academic & UC programs at NWCC.

For a full listing of Academic & UC programs, see pages 8-12 or visit to the website.

## SPOTLIGHT ON SCIENCE

NWCC has ramped up its programs that lead to careers in the applied sciences and natural sciences fields, rewarding work that is increasingly in demand in the Northwest and throughout the world. A key feature of these programs is getting students out into the field as much as possible, says NWCC Geography & Geosciences professor Gord Weary.

"Here at Northwest Community College, we've really focused on the applied sciences and by doing that we've got our students out in the field to experience true career opportunities," he says. "In my classes, we spend at least a quarter of the time out in the field in what I call 'real-world employment situations.'"

After just one year, NWCC students who complete the Earth & Environmental Studies Certificate, for example, have the skills and credentials to become junior-level technician. Weary says this is an ideal scenario for many students, as

seasonal work allows many students to return to the classroom in the fall, if they so desire. Students can ladder into a two-year Associate Degree in Science and then have the option to pursue a full, four-year Bachelor of Science Degree at UNBC.

## HUGE GROWTH EXPECTED

Mining and exploration, alternative energy, such as run-of-the-river and wind, transmission line extension and major expansion in the Kitimat area with natural gas and potential pipelines - there's an imminent need for a wide array of job possibilities, says Weary.

"There's lots of opportunity here, either in the geosciences looking at terrain and slope stability or the environmental side doing baseline studies for all these major projects. These projects will need people with a background in science to assess the area before industry comes in and then continue monitoring if development should take place."

## NWCC FAQs

### NWCC ASSOCIATE DEGREE GRADUATE FACTS\*

#### HOW LONG DID IT TAKE YOU TO FIND YOUR PROGRAM-RELATED JOB?

Less than one month	64%
1-2 months	16%
3-4 months	8%
5-6 months	4%
More than 6 months	8%

#### GRADS WITH JOBS

- 76%** employed in a permanent job
- 47%** employed in a job related to the program
- 44%** had current job before/ during studies

\*2009-2011 BC Stats/DACSO Student Outcomes Survey

## DID YOU KNOW?

Associate Degrees are offered by most colleges and regional universities. They are equal to 60 credits or about two years of full-time academic study.

Earning an Associate Degree at NWCC is an inexpensive way for students to work toward a Bachelor's Degree without accumulating a large amount of student debt.

Associate Degree graduates may also qualify for higher paying jobs in specific career fields.

# ACADEMIC AND UNIVERSITY CREDIT PROGRAMS @ NWCC

## APPLIED EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

All campuses

Applied Earth & Environmental Studies—with Geostudies or Geosciences options—is a one-year program that emphasizes the practical application of earth and environmental studies. Hands-on curriculum includes community-based projects and field-based studies, building valuable skills and knowledge that meet employment and career needs. Students gain the academic and applied skills relevant for entry-level employment in natural resource, mining and mineral exploration, tourism, outdoor adventure and environmental industries.

Earns you an **APPLIED EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES CERTIFICATE**

## ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN ARTS & SCIENCE

Prince Rupert Campus  
Smithers Campus  
Terrace Campus



### Associate Degree in Arts

- Archaeological & Cultural Resource Management Specialization
- Criminology Specialization
- First Nations Studies Specialization
- Sustainable Communities Specialization

An Associate Degree is a recognized academic achievement designed to prepare students for employment following graduation or transfer to a Bachelor's Degree (BA) program. Learners complete a broad range of university-level courses in a variety of academic subject areas, balanced with in-depth study in specific disciplines. An Associate Degree is equivalent to the first two years of a four-year BA and may transfer directly to the third year of an undergraduate degree program at other post-secondary institutions.

An **Associate Degree in Arts** is a key pathway to social services and humanities degrees such as English, history, psychology and anthropology. A minimum of 60 credit hours (20 specific University Credit [UC] courses) is required. This must include a minimum of 18 credit hours in Arts at the second-year level in two or more subject areas. The Associate Degree in Arts has been designed to facilitate maximum transferability to a BA Degree program or to conclude after two years at NWCC.

#### — Archaeological & Cultural Resource Management Specialization

The Associate Degree in Arts — Archaeological & Cultural Resource Management Specialization emphasizes classroom and field-based learning in which students gain valuable applied research skills and experience in the growing field of archaeology and cultural resource management. The Northwest region and First Nations communities provide the rich environment to learn about cultural heritage and interpretation, archaeological and cultural assessment, and how those fields apply to tourism, museums, and community cultural resource management.

Earns you an **ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN ARTS — ARCHAEOLOGICAL & CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SPECIALIZATION**

#### — Criminology Specialization

The Associate Degree in Arts — Criminology Specialization focuses on the study of criminology, the scientific study of crime, criminals, and the criminal justice system. Students approach the problems of crime from the perspectives of law, psychology, sociology, cultural studies, social services, political science and history. Each view contributes to a greater understanding of crime in our society.

Earns you an **ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN ARTS — CRIMINOLOGY SPECIALIZATION**

#### — First Nations Studies Specialization

The Associate Degree in Arts — First Nations Studies Specialization students learn about First Nations peoples from their voices, perspectives and worldviews, while gaining an understanding of the diversity amongst First Nations peoples' cultures, values, beliefs, traditions, protocols, history, languages and relationship with the land.

Earns you an **ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN ARTS — FIRST NATIONS STUDIES SPECIALIZATION**

#### — Sustainable Communities Specialization

The Associate Degree in Arts — Sustainable Communities Specialization program allows students to focus on environmental sociology and sustainable communities, and receive the full benefits of an Associate Degree.

Earns you an **ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN ARTS — SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES SPECIALIZATION**

NWCC & YOU



## ERIC LENNERT

NWCC graduate Eric Lennert and his young family moved from Nanaimo to Terrace seeking a new, more affordable lifestyle. An outdoor enthusiast, Eric found a natural interest in the sciences and enrolled at NWCC, first upgrading through the CCP program and then going on to earn his Associate Degree in Science. Eric transferred his NWCC credential to UNBC, where he is in his last semester of a Bachelor of Science degree – with great job prospects. He credits NWCC's small class sizes, dedicated instructors and hands-on learning with giving him the building blocks for a Bright Future.

**ACADEMIC & UNIVERSITY CREDIT PROGRAMS @ NWCC (CONTINUED)**

**ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN ARTS & SCIENCE CONT'**

**Associate Degree in Science**

Environmental Geoscience Specialization

An **Associate Degree in Science** is a key pathway into biological, health and medical degrees. A minimum of 60 credit hours (20 UC courses) is required. This must include a minimum of 18 credits in sciences at the second-year level in two or more subject areas. The Associate Degree curriculum comprises two years of university level study in a variety of academic areas. Students complete a broad range of courses, balanced with in-depth study in specific disciplines. The Associate Degree in Science has been designed to facilitate maximum transferability to a BSc Degree program or to conclude after two years at NWCC.


**— Environmental Geoscience Specialization**

The Associate Degree in Science — Environmental Geoscience Specialization is for students with an interest in the natural sciences and a love of the outdoors. The Environmental Geosciences encompass a broad range of disciplines that allow students to develop an understanding of Earth's related natural systems and processes. Graduates will be well versed in atmospheric, hydrological, ecological, and geological studies and may go on to complete degrees in geography, geology or biology or may find work in a variety of fields, such as mining and mineral exploration, fisheries, wildlife and freshwater management, climate modeling and wind and solar energy production. Fieldwork and field-based methods are an integral part of this Associate Degree.

Earns you an **ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN SCIENCE — ENVIRONMENTAL GEOSCIENCE SPECIALIZATION**

**COMMUNITY, CRIME & SOCIAL JUSTICE (CCSJ)**

Terrace Campus

Prince Rupert and Smithers campuses via 

Community, Crime & Social Justice (CCSJ) is a fully accredited, 10-month program that prepares graduates with a solid grounding in criminology/criminal justice issues, particularly as they pertain to northern and First Nations residents. The comprehensive program includes a unique, supervised work placement in a criminal justice (or related) agency, allowing students to gain valuable employment experience. Graduates may find entry-level employment in criminal justice agencies, including policing, corrections and the courts, and in related agencies, such as residential treatment facilities, shelters for victimized women and restorative justice. CCSJ Certificate courses also ladder directly into the second year of the Associate Degree in Arts – Criminology Specialization.

Earns you a **COMMUNITY, CRIME & SOCIAL JUSTICE CERTIFICATE**

**UNIVERSITY CREDIT (UC)**

All campuses



With 200-plus university arts and science courses to choose from, you can earn the first two years of a four-year Bachelor Degree at NWCC, and then transfer directly into the third year of degree programs at BC universities. Register in a single course, transfer two years of university-level credits, take courses for professional development or fulfill life-long learning needs. Students who complete a minimum 60 specific credits (normally 20 courses) may apply for an Associate Degree or Arts and Science Diploma from NWCC. See Associate Degree program requirements above and previous page. Credits earned at accredited post-secondary institutions in BC may be transferred to NWCC and be used for degree and program requirements.

**ARTS & HUMANITIES**

Art  
Art History  
English  
Film  
First Nations Studies  
French  
History  
Journalism  
Philosophy  
Women's Studies

**SCIENCES**

Biology  
Chemistry  
Computer Science  
Geography (Physical)  
Geology  
Math  
Oceanography  
Physics

**SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Anthropology  
Archaeology  
Asian Studies  
Criminology  
Economics  
Education  
Geography (Human)  
Political Science  
Psychology  
Sociology

**UNIVERSITY CREDIT —  
FIELDSCHOOLS**



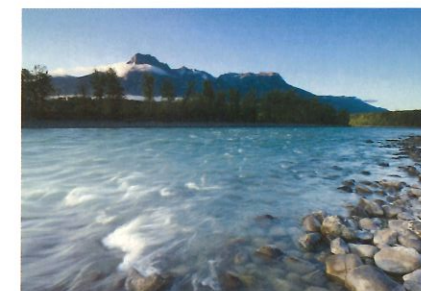
Every year, NWCC offers students an exciting learning option through its world famous field schools. NWCC field schools are intensive spring/summer semester field studies that incorporate a full semester of learning into just a few weeks. UC classroom studies—transferable UC courses from different disciplines—are combined with significant cultural field trips and multi-day excursions to create unique, life-enriching learning experiences in spectacular outdoor classrooms.

*Various locations. See website.*

**CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE SKEENA & BULKLEY VALLEY**

Smithers Campus

The Cultural Heritage of the Skeena & Bulkley Valley Field School focuses on the spectacular regional environment and First Nations communities in BC's Northwest. Students experience intensive short-term anthropological and archaeological study while earning six university credits. This field school offers insightful interpretations of how First Nations people lived, and continue to live, emphasizing links from the past to the present. Local field trips may include 'Ksan, Hagwilget Canyon and Kitselas.



**KITLOPE FIELD SCHOOL**

Terrace Campus and the Kitlope Valley

Explore the ancient natural and cultural heritage of the Kitlope Heritage Conservancy in the world's largest intact coastal temperate rainforest. Learn about its history and significance through stories and guidance of Haisla Elders. Students learn about the geographic and anthropological aspects of this remote and spectacular region with classroom work, followed by a multi-day trip into the Kitlope Valley.



**NWCC  
UC  
SUBJECT  
AREAS**

**HAIDA GWAII FIELD SCHOOL**

Haida Gwaii

The Haida Gwaii Field School is a one-of-a-kind learning experience for students on spectacular Haida Gwaii.

This interdisciplinary biocultural studies program is offered with the support of the people and communities on Haida Gwaii. Biocultural studies promote learning about the unique biological and cultural diversity in northwest BC and the interconnectedness of the two. Students explore significant sites on Haida Gwaii, including a special field trip to Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve. In Gwaii Haanas, students may kayak and take boat trips to significant archaeological and cultural sites.



**STEWART/TELEGRAPH CREEK FIELD SCHOOL**


Terrace Campus, Stewart and Telegraph Creek

The Stewart/Telegraph Creek Field School highlights some of the natural and cultural wonders of the Northwest. Students experience first hand the impacts of climate change, industrial development and tourism on the landscape, ecology, culture and future of the First Nations in this area. Field studies of the natural landscape are blended with learning about First Nations culture and history. Students study volcanic and glacial landscapes, stop to see grizzly bears, observe the Grand Canyon of the Stikine River and Mt. Edziza, the source of extensive obsidian trade for thousands of years. Tahltan Elders and cultural experts are an integral part of this field school.

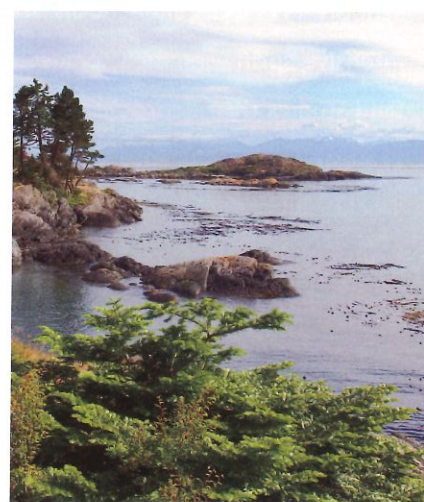


**KIEL – HARTLEY BAY'S SEAWEED CAMP**

Prince Rupert Campus, Hartley Bay

 Smithers, Terrace, and Hazelton campuses

Students explore the complex role of plants in human cultures and study the integration of scientific botanical and Indigenous knowledge about plants found in practice and tradition. Students visit Kiel, Hartley Bay's Seaweed Camp, located on Princess Royal Island in Tsimshian territory. There, they participate in various activities, including observing and harvesting seaweed beds and plants used for food/medicines/materials. They learn about Indigenous gardening, the dyes used for Chilkat weaving, and the pit cooking tradition. World-renowned ethnobotanist Dr. Nancy Turner and Gitga'at Elders lend their expertise.



ACCESS EDUCATION & COLLEGE PREPARATION

NWCC Access Education and College Preparation programs are designed to meet a number of needs for Northwest learners. Students can complete courses required for enrolment (prerequisites) in other post-secondary programs, fulfill high school graduation or GED requirements, earn a BC Adult Graduation Diploma (Adult Dogwood) or upgrade their English language and learning skills. In addition, adult students with special learning needs can aspire to independent living and entry-level employment through NWCC programming.

**NWCC STUDENTS ON THE CAREER & COLLEGE PREP PROGRAM**

*"I am very impressed by how well our CCP instructor knows how to help each student bring out the best in us. In addition, it's a great feeling to receive the encouragement and motivation I need and then see myself succeed. The courses I have been taking have really helped me improve my English. Thank you to all the staff at NWCC Houston."*

— Iris Krebs, CCP student, Houston Campus

*"Without CCP, I could not have achieved my goal of getting into the Dental Hygiene program. It provided me the opportunity for a greater, and more enhanced learning experience, versus taking a distance education course. I would highly recommend taking CCP at the College. The instructors are amazing. They are available outside of class time for any assistance, and are very supportive of your learning."*

—Allie MacDonald, NWCC grad who upgraded through the CCP program in Terrace, completed first-year university credits and is now enrolled at Vancouver Community College in Dental Hygiene

*"If it were not for NWCC, I wouldn't have my current position with the Office of the Wet'suwet'en. I was hired here within a month of graduating from the College. It only goes to prove the importance of the College to our communities. The opportunity to study and remain in my community enabled me to do my practicums and short-term work contracts with the Office of the Wet'suwet'en. NWCC assisted me in setting my goals and achieving them."*

—John Ridsdale started at NWCC by upgrading in the CCP program. He is now the Referral Coordinator of the Natural Resources Department, Office of the Wet'suwet'en

**NWCC INSTRUCTORS ON CCP STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES**

*"Carrie Stumpf completed upgrading in CCP Provincial Biology 050, then went on to complete an online Licensed Practical Nursing program, for which she received support from NWCC instructors. Carrie is now working and completing bridging to nursing."*

—Sandi Lavallie, CCP Instructor at the Houston Campus

*"Vincent Moore, better known as Vinny, took CCP upgrading at NWCC Hazelton Campus for many years. Vinny wanted his grade 10 equivalency to get a job. Vinny loves to cook, and wanted to pursue culinary arts. It took lots of hard work to complete his CCP courses but Vinny did it then transferred to the Culinary Arts program in Terrace. Vinny also completed First Aid training and became a camp cook and First Aid attendant. He's very entrepreneurial, too. When not working in camp, he makes the best bannock and sells to well-established customers."*

—Julie Morris, CCP Instructor in Hazelton

**PEARL MCKAY**

Pearl McKay recently celebrated her one-year anniversary working at Canada Safeway in Terrace, a job she got shortly after graduating from the Workplace Skills Training program. Pearl is now living independently, working 20 to 30 hours a week and continues to work on improving her math and English skills at NWCC Terrace Campus.

*"Work hard. Don't ever give up," says the always smiling Pearl. "If you think it's too hard, take a break and go back to it later."*

Way to go, Pearl!



NWCC & YOU

## ACCESS EDUCATION & COLLEGE PREPARATION PROGRAMS @ NWCC

### ADULT SPECIAL EDUCATION – WORKPLACE SKILLS TRAINING (ASE WST)

Terrace Campus

ASE WST is a program for adults with special learning needs. Program staff and faculty prepare students for the responsibilities of independent living and the demands of entry-level employment. Students explore their interests and aptitudes while developing social, interpersonal and practical skills needed in the workplace. A work-experience placement in a community workplace environment gives students the opportunity to develop and practice necessary employment skills.

Earns you an **ADULT SPECIAL EDUCATION WORKPLACE SKILLS TRAINING CERTIFICATE**

### CAREER & COLLEGE PREPARATION (CCP)

All campuses.  
See website

The CCP program offers literacy and high school-level courses for adult students in an adult learning environment. CCP students learn basic skills to complete high school graduation requirements, upgrade for employment, prepare for further education and training or take specific courses required to enter university, career, technical, trades, health and business programs at NWCC or other post-secondary institutions. The CCP program has four levels. Students earn a NWCC Certificate when they successfully complete each of the first three CCP levels — Fundamental, Intermediate and Advanced. CCP Certificate graduates can earn a BC Adult Graduation Diploma (Adult Dogwood) by completing the fourth CCP (Diploma) level.

Earns you a **CAREER & COLLEGE PREPARATION CERTIFICATE • ADULT DOGWOOD DIPLOMA**

### ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

Prince Rupert Campus

The ESL program offers Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced levels. ESL helps students develop the speaking, listening, reading and writing skills needed for everyday life in Canada. Program activities include conversation, pronunciation and listening exercises, reading, writing and field trips. Students with advanced speaking and listening skills may enrol in a combination of ESL and other NWCC programs and courses. TOEFL or IELTS scores are not required to enrol in the ESL program. The ESL program also provides support and referrals for students needing help to complete forms and make phone calls. We offer assessment services to help students determine their language level (Canadian Language Benchmarks).

### ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR WORK (ESWK)

Various campuses,  
plus community delivery

ESWK is a unique, community-based program with a strong cultural component that integrates employment exploration and preparation skills with personal self-investigation and development. Math, English and practical computer skills, and effective, solution-based communication are integral program components. Students practice newly acquired or enhanced skills and behaviours in work environments.

Earns you an **ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR WORK CERTIFICATE**

## SENIORS ENROL FOR FREE

Did you know that seniors aged 65 and older are eligible for **TUITION-FREE ENROLMENT** in many NWCC courses? NWCC believes in life-long learning because it's never too late to learn.

## DISTANCE DELIVERY

Many NWCC courses and programs are available by alternate delivery formats, either over the internet, with its virtual classrooms and discussions, or networked via video or the telephone. Contact your local campus to find out what's available.

## NWCC FAQs

### WHAT ARE MY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES?

- ✓ Accounting & Related Clerks
- ✓ Administrative Clerks
- ✓ Administrative Officers
- ✓ Assessors, Valuers & Appraisers
- ✓ Banking, Credit & Other Investment Managers
- ✓ Banking, Insurance & Other Financial Clerks
- ✓ Bookkeepers
- ✓ Business Development Officers
- ✓ Business Services Managers
- ✓ Collectors
- ✓ Data Entry Clerks
- ✓ Economists & Economic Policy Researchers & Analysts
- ✓ Financial & Investment Analysts
- ✓ Financial Auditors & Accountants
- ✓ Financial Managers
- ✓ Financial Officers
- ✓ Financial Services – Customer Service
- ✓ Government Managers - Economic Analysis, Policy Development & Program Administration
- ✓ Insurance, Real Estate & Financial Brokerage Managers
- ✓ Insurance Adjusters & Claims Examiners
- ✓ Insurance Agents & Brokers
- ✓ Insurance Underwriters
- ✓ Loan Officers
- ✓ Marketing Researchers & Consultants
- ✓ Purchasing Clerks or Managers
- ✓ Real Estate Agents & Salespersons
- ✓ Retail Trade Supervisors & Managers
- ✓ Sales Representatives

## BUSINESS & FINANCE

NWCC Business & Finance programs give you the credentials and expertise to get ahead in today's competitive workplace. Whether you want to work in a support role as an administrator in business or office settings or pursue a specialized career in a variety of fields within big or small business, NWCC offers one-year certificates or two-year diplomas that get you there.

Business & Finance programs offer the advantage and flexibility of online learning. For a full program list, see page 16 or refer to the website.

### SPOTLIGHT ON APPLIED BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY

The possibilities are many and varied for students in the Applied Business Technology (ABT) program. The ABT online program offers a flexibility that makes it easy for students to succeed, says Program Coordinator Sandy Clark. "With the option to study full- or part-time, from your home, within the time you have available, makes it possible for you to complete a certificate or upgrade your skills with a couple of courses," says Clark. "Our rich faculty experience and knowledge is available to help you obtain the tools necessary for success in today's workplace."

The program is ideally suited for students with previous work experience that want to improve their employability or earn a promotion, and those new to office work who want to position themselves for greater opportunity of advancement.

"Education combined with experience equals more opportunities," adds Clark. "I had a student who graduated last spring. She volunteered at a financial management office for a short time and now has the part-time job she was hop-

ing for when she took the ABT courses. She was at home with two small children as she was working on our Accounting Certificate and now that the children are in school, she has the skills to enter the workforce."

The ABT program is entirely online. All ABT courses can ladder into other programs and the full-time ABT program is eligible for funding opportunities.

### BIG PROJECTS & YOU

With an estimated \$30 billion in major projects coming to the Northwest in the next decade, the spinoff from this massive investment will benefit all sectors of the regional economy. An estimated 4 percent of occupations associated with this massive investment will be in the area of business, finance and administration and a further 8 percent will be in the area of management. That's a lot of jobs! Business & Finance studies at NWCC is your ticket to a Bright Future.

### SCOTT VAN DYK

NWCC grad Scott van Dyk exemplifies what it means to get the most out of the college experience. Scott has the lofty goal of a career in federal politics. With that in mind, he looked at his post-secondary options and chose NWCC's Business Administration program. Able to stay at home while earning a diploma and a chance to travel to China as part of his studies, Scott is glad he did. He earned a \$5,000 Ike Barber Scholarship and has transferred directly to UNBC in Prince George where he's working on his Bachelors of Commerce degree. A future parliamentarian? Scott's Bright Future started at NWCC.



NWCC & YOU



## BUSINESS & FINANCE PROGRAMS @ NWCC

### APPLIED BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY

Available Online

The Applied Business Technology program prepares learners for general and specialized administrative support positions in a variety of business and office settings. Through the convenience and flexibility of online learning, students use popular software and technology to learn new skills and become proficient at managing information, solving problems and producing professional documents. The program offers provincially-accredited training in business communications, computer applications, human relations, and accounting methods from college instructors online. Earn one or all three of these industry-recognized credentials—each focusing on specialized skills—or choose from individual courses. Certificates can be completed full- or part-time, or one course at a time.

Earns you an **ACCOUNTING CERTIFICATE** •  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE** • **OFFICE ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE**

### BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Prince Rupert Campus  
Terrace Campus

The Business Administration program consists of a one-year Certificate and a two-year Diploma with concentrations in accounting, human resources or general management. These programs prepare students for careers in accounting and financial management, banking, insurance, purchasing, entrepreneurship, marketing, tourism, government, not-for-profit and international business. Business Administration program courses ladder directly into third year of degree programs at various universities. Individual courses can be used as credit towards many professional management organizations, and transfer to professional accounting associations including CA, CGA and CMA.

Earns you a **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION CERTIFICATE** •  
**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DIPLOMA**

## TAKE YOUR EDUCATION A STEP FURTHER

NWCC Business Administration courses are transferable to various universities and colleges. Block transfer agreements with partner institutions allow NWCC Business Administration Diploma holders to enter directly into the third year of Bachelor Degree programs. Students can earn a three-year Athabasca University Bachelor of General Studies Degree upon completion of the NWCC Business and Administration Diploma program and 10-12 additional Business Administration and University Credit courses at NWCC. Business Administration courses may also be used as credit toward professional designations in organizations such as Canadian Purchasing Managers Association, Canadian Payroll Association, and Credit Union Institute of Canada, and transfer to professional accounting association designations, such as CA, CGA and CMA.



## NWCC FAQs

### WHAT ARE MY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES?

- ✔ application programmer
- ✔ business application programmer
- ✔ computer game developer
- ✔ computer programmer
- ✔ e-business (electronic business) software developer
- ✔ interactive media developer
- ✔ multimedia developer
- ✔ operating systems programmer
- ✔ programmer analyst
- ✔ scientific programmer
- ✔ software developer
- ✔ software programmer
- ✔ systems programmer
- ✔ web programmer (BC Work Futures)

## COMPUTER STUDIES

Computer studies at NWCC get learners the skills they need to work in Information Technology. The demand for skilled IT workers and the job opportunities in IT continue to grow rapidly. The Information & Communications Technology Certificate gets students into the workforce in as little as one year or, opt for short-term computer studies through Workforce Training and Continuing Studies.

### BIG PROJECTS AND YOU

Few, if any, workplaces can exist today without the use of computer & information technology. Its setup, maintenance and troubleshooting is of vital importance. Computer programmers and interactive media developers write, modify, integrate and test computer code (the detailed and logical instructions that computers follow in order to function). These workers are employed by computer software development firms, IT consult-

ing firms, and in IT units throughout the private and public sectors.

Big Projects in Northwest BC mean an increased demand for IT workers of all kinds in social, cultural, administration, education, finance and health services occupations. All of these sectors will drive the high demand for specialized IT expertise in the Northwest.

Log on to your Bright Future with computer programs at NWCC.

## COMPUTER STUDIES PROGRAMS @ NWCC

### COMPUTER SKILLS – WORKFORCE TRAINING & CONTINUING STUDIES (WTCS)

Various campuses and  
virtual classrooms

WTCS offers a wide variety of highly interactive computer software courses in the classroom and more that you can take entirely over the Internet. Online courses are affordable, fun, fast, and convenient and they are all taught by expert instructors.

Look for Workforce Training & Continuing Studies on the website for a complete list of courses. If you don't see what you need on the website, call WTCS at your local campus. WTCS schedules courses as soon as a minimum number of people let them know they are interested. And, WTCS will customize education training for your organization's needs. Whether it's a one-day workshop for a new software upgrade or an in-depth program of ongoing training and instruction, WTCS contract training offers educational expertise and flexible training solutions to meet all of your unique business and industry needs.

### INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

Virtual classrooms

The Information & Communications Technology program uses popular CISCO, open source and Microsoft hardware and software in a cyberstructure model, combining webconference and online delivery to prepare graduates for a future in Information Technology, a sector full of career opportunities. Students learn programming, scripted and markup languages hands on using various applications, including game development and social media. They learn to understand Information Technology as a business, examine its role in a business environment, and develop the customer service attitudes and skills that are critical in today's IT world.

Earns you an **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY CERTIFICATE** •  
**INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY DIPLOMA**

## COOKING & CULINARY ARTS

NWCC's School of Northwest Culinary Arts is BC's only public post-secondary institution offering a two-year Culinary Arts program. Students are fully integrated into the operations of the Terrace Campus cafeteria, practicing skills and classroom theory in the fast-paced environment of a working industrial kitchen, preparing and serving meals to students, staff and community members.

### WHO WANTS TO EAT?

Everybody. That's why work in the Cooking & Culinary Arts sector offers steady employment prospects. Whether your goal is to be a cook or you aspire to further training to qualify as a chef, the anticipated influx of major investment in the Northwest will bring people and their spending money into the region.

Professional cooks work in the hospitality and food services industry in restaurants, hotels, resorts, fishing lodges, cruise ships, and in the health care and social assistance industries. Here in the Northwest, the huge industrial boom is bringing a large number of live-in construction

camp and with them enormous opportunity for employment in food services.

"A career in culinary arts is tremendously satisfying," says NWCC Trades Chair Brian Badge. "It is a specialized craft that cooks and chefs take great pride in. There's also the social aspect of feeding people and putting a smile on their faces. This is a career path that will always need skilled people, especially now in the Northwest, to feed those workers coming with the big projects."

Satisfy your career craving for a Bright Future at NWCC.

## NWCC FAQs

### WHAT ARE MY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES?

- ✓ cook
- ✓ camp cook
- ✓ dietary cook
- ✓ first cook
- ✓ grill cook
- ✓ hospital cook
- ✓ line cook
- ✓ second cook
- ✓ short order cook
- ✓ chef de cuisine
- ✓ chef de partie
- ✓ corporate chef
- ✓ executive chef
- ✓ executive sous-chef
- ✓ head chef master chef
- ✓ pastry chef
- ✓ saucier
- ✓ specialist chef
- ✓ sous-chef  
(BC Work Futures)

## COOKING & CULINARY ARTS PROGRAMS @ NWCC

### PROFESSIONAL COOK APPRENTICE 1 & 2

Terrace Campus

Successful completion of both Professional Cook Apprenticeship Level 1 and Professional Cook Apprenticeship Level 2 earns a NWCC Professional Cook Certificate, and marks the starting point of a great career in the food service industry. In one year, the practice-based certificate program focuses on skills and knowledge required for employment as an apprentice cook or entrance into the Professional Cook Diploma program.

Earns you a **PROFESSIONAL COOK CERTIFICATE**

### PROFESSIONAL COOK APPRENTICESHIP 3

Terrace Campus

Professional Cook Apprenticeship Level 3 students complete the final six weeks of apprenticeship technical training and are prepared to write the Inter-Provincial (Red Seal) examination. Successful exam results, combined with practical and work-based hours can result in Inter-provincial Red Seal certification. For more information about Inter-Provincial Standard Endorsement (Red Seal) visit [www.red-seal.ca](http://www.red-seal.ca)

Earns you a **PROFESSIONAL COOK APPRENTICE 3**

### PROFESSIONAL COOK DIPLOMA

Terrace Campus

The Professional Cook Diploma program is for students who have completed the Professional Cook Certificate (Apprenticeship Level 1 & 2) program, want to develop more specialized skills in food preparation and delivery, and want to build the management, supervision and business applications associated with restaurant operations. The Diploma program offers First Nations cuisine as a signature feature and provides graduates with the unique skills and knowledge to bring to the workplace.

Earns you a **PROFESSIONAL COOK DIPLOMA**

## ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

### NWCC FAQs

#### WHAT ARE MY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES?

ACE grads work for environmental organizations, federal and provincial government agencies (for example, the department of Fisheries and Oceans), environmental consulting firms, First Nations governments, government-funded programs, aquaculture and forestry industries, eco-tourism and international development projects, and much more.

Guardian Watchmen grads work in entry level positions as environmental stewards and park rangers.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Environmental Management jobs are estimated to take up at least 8 percent of work associated with the major investments proposed in the Northwest.

NWCC offers hands-on Environmental Management programs applicable to a number of careers. Human activity and development in sensitive ecological and cultural areas has produced a need for skilled workers in the Northwest and throughout the world. Choose from the unique applied biology and ecology programming for a career in coastal ecosystem protection and restoration or get the credentials and skills to become a steward of your traditional lands and waters. Make a difference with a rewarding career that takes you out into the natural world.

### OCEANS 2012

"Applied Coastal Ecology (ACE) students have a sense of commitment to the responsible management of the earth's delicate coastal ecosystems, particularly marine ecosystems. They are drawn to the innovative hands-on and field-based learning methodologies employed in this department," says Pouyan Mahboubi, ACE program coordinator.

"That's where we come in. The faculty works diligently with students, helping them gain important foundational knowledge in marine and terrestrial biology and ecology, training them to run the instruments and the specific field techniques used in the profession, and framing their learning in the socio-cultural context of

the North Coast."

This approach of integrating science and technology, with a significant hands-on component to the learning model, gives ACE grads a distinct advantage when applying for jobs—100 percent\* of diploma graduates find work in a related field.

\*2009-2011 BC Stats/DACSO Student Outcomes Survey

### BIG PROJECTS AND YOU

The Northwest ports of Kitimat and Prince Rupert are experiencing exponential growth. Emphasis on sustainable growth and environmental monitoring will require skills offered at NWCC.

Environmental Management at NWCC. A Bright Future for you and your communities.

## ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS @ NWCC

### APPLIED COASTAL ECOLOGY (ACE)

Prince Rupert Campus

The ACE program readies students for careers in coastal natural resources management, ecosystem restoration, environmental monitoring, and many others. ACE balances foundational learning in areas such as biology, geography, chemistry and oceanography with applied courses in areas such as salmon, ground fish and shellfish management, stream habitat restoration, rainforest ecology, wildlife management, and more. ACE students also get important technology training in computer database management, GIS mapping, surveying and technical writing and presentation. Students participate in real-world, community-based projects to gain employment-ready experience and ultimately gain a strong sense of how coastal ecosystems react to the stresses imposed on them by human activity, and how to apply procedures to mitigate impacts and restore healthy ecosystems.

Earns you an **APPLIED COASTAL ECOLOGY CERTIFICATE • APPLIED COASTAL ECOLOGY DIPLOMA**

### GUARDIAN WATCHMEN

Communities throughout northwestern BC

Guardian Watchmen programs provide First Nations students with the knowledge and skills to monitor and ensure that activities and practices within their territories are responsible and consistent with community plans and government regulations. Program graduates are better able to contribute to decisions and plans regarding the management and protection of important cultural and natural resources. The program offers courses in natural and cultural resources management.

Earns you a **GUARDIAN WATCHMEN TRAINING CERTIFICATE**

## NWCC & YOU



### LATHAM MACK

NWCC graduate Latham Mack's life was changed by his experience as a standout student in the First Nations Fine Arts program at the Freda Diesing School of Northwest Coast Art. Latham, from the Nuxalk First Nations and member of the Grizzly Bear and Raven clan from Bella Coola, on BC's central coast, says what he learned at NWCC not only opened his eyes to the importance of art, it also opened his eyes as a person. Latham was chosen to take part in a carving workshop in New Zealand, he assisted in carving two different totem poles for the Kitselas Nation, and he took part in many group exhibitions with classmates during his two years at NWCC. "All those opportunities allowed me to grow as an artist," says Latham, who is self-employed as a fine artist in Terrace, where he's purchased a house with his partner, Lynn. Latham continues his apprenticeship with master carver Dempsey Bob, a Freda Diesing School Advisor.



## FINE ARTS

NWCC's First Nations Fine Arts program is a one-of-a-kind training for students skilled in First Nations art to take their work to the next level and transform into fine artists. Students begin with fundamentals of two-dimensional Northwest Coast art design, drawing and painting basics, followed by building and using traditional tools, and traditional work carving techniques. Students carve a number of small- to medium-sized plaques, spoons, portrait masks and bowls to build their proficiency. Students can opt for a one-year certificate or a two-year diploma.

### PASSING ON THE ART

The First Nations Fine Arts program is so unique because the art is so intrinsically tied to the cultures that invented it. "We teach northern style Northwest Coast Art which is where most of our students are from," says master carver and program coordinator and instructor Stan Bevan (Tahltan/Tlingit/Tsimshian). "As the basis of development for the Northwest Coast artist, we emphasize the significance of providing a strong foundation of the art form. We also teach the values of respecting our heritage, that we are inheritors of a great living art, and that we carry the responsibility of passing the art to a new generation."

### WELL-ROUNDED LEARNING

Talent, hard work and passion for the art is paramount for success as a fine artist and to be successful and self-employed, artists need more than just training in the art form. The First Nations Fine Arts program provides its graduates with a full set of skills to create a thriving career. The curriculum includes lectures by premier gallery owners, museum curators, dignitaries, cultural advocates and First Nations master artists. Student receive important training in public speaking and media training, how to photograph art, build resumés and profiles, and exhibit artwork.

Continue a cultural tradition and carve yourself a Bright Future at NWCC.

Students who complete the First Nations Fine Arts Diploma with a GPA of B or better will be eligible for acceptance into third year of the Bachelor of Fine Arts (Visual or General Fine Arts major) degree program at Emily Carr University of Art + Design.

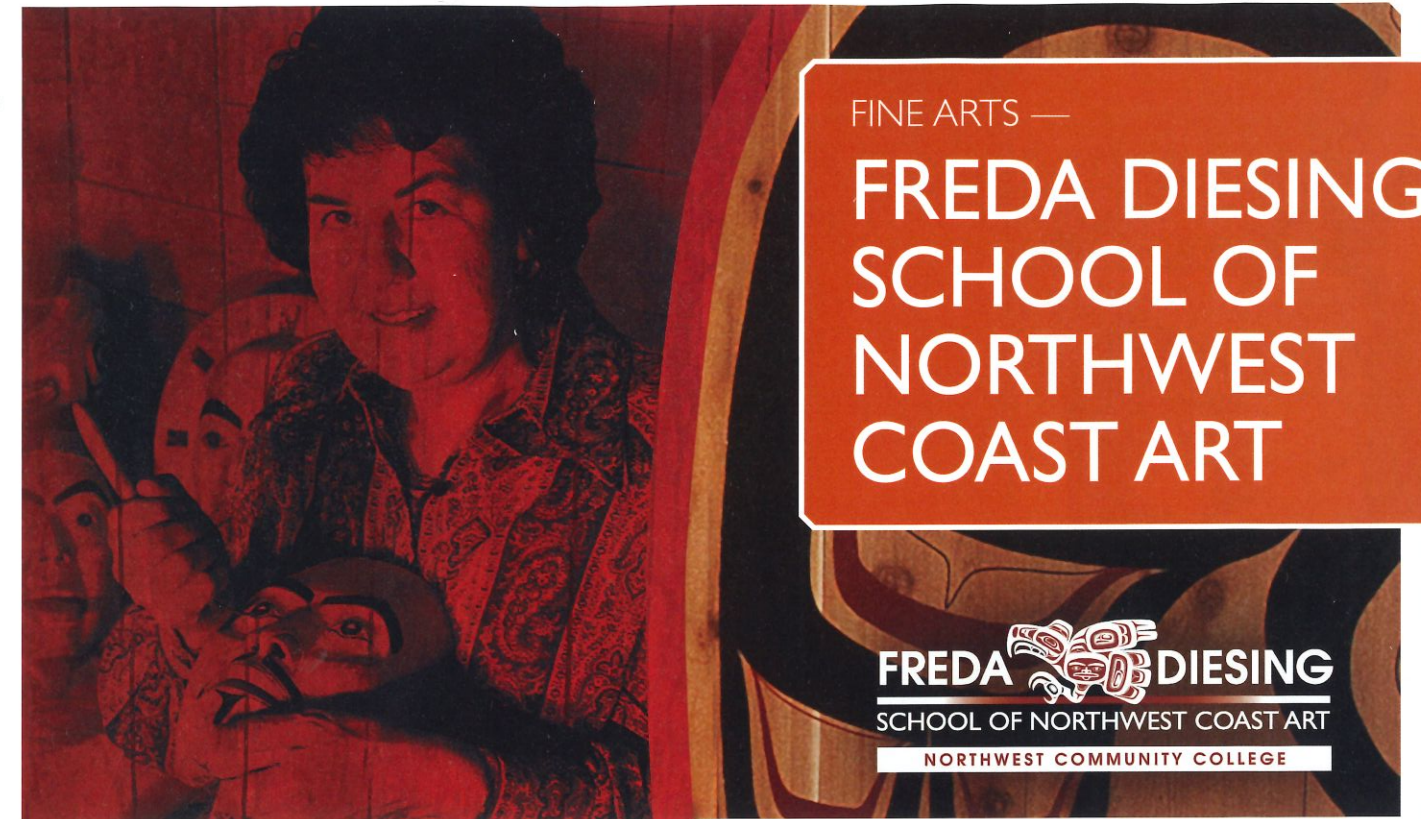
## FINE ARTS PROGRAMS @ NWCC

### FIRST NATIONS FINE ARTS

*Terrace Campus*

First Nations Fine Arts (FNFA) is a vibrant, successful Freda Diesing School of Northwest Coast Art program that seeks to honour and support the rich culture and tradition of First Nations art in the Northwest. Students of Aboriginal descent develop a solid foundation in First Nations Northwest Coast art while learning and practicing the traditional art of woodcarving alongside world-renowned artists. The program includes field trips to important cultural events, cultural sites, museums and galleries. Visiting artists, dignitaries and cultural advocates enhance the learning environment with their knowledge, wisdom and experience. Students mount a number of public art exhibits each year to acquire the skills required by professional artists to display, promote and sell their own creative work.

Earns you a **FIRST NATIONS FINE ARTS CERTIFICATE • FIRST NATIONS FINE ARTS DIPLOMA**



## FINE ARTS — FREDA DIESING SCHOOL OF NORTHWEST COAST ART

**FREDA DIESING**  
SCHOOL OF NORTHWEST COAST ART  
NORTHWEST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Since 2006, the Freda Diesing School of Northwest Coast Art has graduated many successful artists. Program graduates have won *YVR Art Foundation Scholarships*, earned commissions for totem pole, canoe carving and community carving projects in Terrace and Kitselas, and exhibited in Northwest Coast art centres Vancouver and Seattle. Others have found work in instruction/teaching—either full time, work-shop based, or in First Nations art youth programs.

Scholarship and award-winning graduates from Freda Diesing School of Northwest Coast Art:

Cherish Alexander	Gary Hill
Stephanie Anderson	Henry Kelly
Shawn Aster	Chazz Mack
Titus Auckland	Latham Mack
Sophia Beaton	Todd Stephens
Dean Heron	Carol Young
	Bagshaw

The Freda Diesing School of Northwest Coast Art at Northwest Community College was created to honour the legacy of Haida artist and carver Freda Diesing (1925-2002). Diesing achieved great personal success in her artistic work but is equally remembered for her determination to keep traditional Northwest Coast art alive by passing the knowledge to future generations of artists and carvers. One of the first female carvers on the modern Northwest Coast, her work, along with a handful of other master artists in the 1960s, was pivotal in the art and culture's re-awakening.

One of Freda's contemporaries, Dempsey Bob (Tahltan/Tlingit), is one of the world-renowned artists developing the Freda Diesing School of Northwest Coast Art. Bob, along with nephews Stan Bevan (Tahltan/Tlingit/Tsimshian), and Ken McNeil (Tahltan/Tlingit/Nisga'a) serve as instructors and mentors. Graduates Dean Heron and Arlene Ness have returned as instructors and represent the next generation of master carvers.

The Freda Diesing School of Northwest Coast Art brings all nations together in the pursuit of higher education, and sets new standards for aspiring artists. It is the only School of its kind in Canada, focusing on traditional First Nations Pacific Northwest Coast art, with the view of developing skills into fine art.



# TOP 5 THINGS TO DO IN NORTHWEST BC

1. Check Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve on Haida Gwaii — rated the no. 1 park destination in North America by National Geographic for a reason!
2. Fly, float, bottom bounce or just plunk and relax while fishing for salmon and steelhead in our world-class rivers.
3. Take part in a moving and mesmerizing totem pole raising ceremony—and be prepared to add some muscle power!
4. Visit Nisga'a territory and walk among the stunning lava beds in the Nass Valley, site of Canada's most recent volcanic eruption.
5. Catch a glimpse of the world-famous Kermode or Spirit bear... if you're lucky!





## HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Northwest Community College offers a wide range of programs in human and health sciences. If you have an aptitude for working with and caring for people this is the field for you!

NWCC's Health & Health Services programs offer credentials for work in early childhood education, as health care assistants, social service workers and practical and registered nurses with options for certificates, diplomas and the first two years of a Bachelor of Nursing credential. This is a field with a high demand for skilled and licensed professionals.

For all Health and Human Sciences programs, see page 25 or refer to the website.

### SPOTLIGHT ON NURSING

"If you enjoy teamwork, people and are interested in the sciences, nursing will be a rewarding career," says Ester Brisch, coordinator and instructor with NWCC's Northern Collaborative Baccalaureate Nursing Program (NCBNP). "Nursing is all about teamwork in all settings—working together with the patient and family, health disciplines and the community to restore health and ease suffering."

The NCBNP program, offered collaboratively with the College of New Caledonia and the University of Northern British Columbia, gives local people access to high quality instruction and the nursing profession without leaving the Northwest. Since the first graduates in 2009, the local health authority appreciates the highly skilled graduates that complete the first half of their degree at NWCC.

"Graduates from the NCBNP program through NWCC and UNBC are the backbone of our staff at Mills Hospital in Terrace," says Lorna Jefferis, Director of Care with Northern Health Authority. "I am a huge fan of this program."

### BIG PROJECTS & YOU

Major investments coming to the Northwest will bring new residents and, along with an aging population, this will mean a big demand for skilled and qualified health and human service workers.

People always need social supports, health care and quality childcare. It all adds up to rewarding career opportunities and a Bright Future for well-trained, highly skilled graduates from NWCC programs.

## NWCC FAQs

### HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES KEY POINTS

- The Health and Human Services industry has the second largest workforce of any industry sector in BC
- Demand for health care and social assistance services has been increasing due to population growth and aging.
- Future job prospects are expected to be above average.

### WHAT ARE MY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES?

The Health & Human Services industry group provides health care by diagnosis and treatment, residential care for medical and social reasons, and social assistance. Social assistance includes counselling, welfare, child protection, community food and housing, vocational rehabilitation and child care services.

## FUTURE JOB GROWTH

Employment Level in 2010:

**258,800**

New Jobs — 2010 to 2015:

**34,300**

Openings due to Retirements

**37,900**

Total Expected Job Opportunities

**72,200**

Data Sources: COPS BC Unique Scenario 2009; and Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey 2009

## HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS @ NWCC

### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (ECE)

Terrace Campus



Qualified and dedicated Early Childhood Educators that can provide quality care and education for children from birth to school age are in great demand. The ECE program is offered in a distance format consisting of audio teleconference, weekend seminars, practical fieldwork and online learning. This multi-mode format recognizes the importance of learning in your own community. The ECE program offers two levels of learning, ECE Basic and ECE Post Basic, taught in an inclusive atmosphere with a First Nations perspective in all courses.

Earns you an **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION BASIC LEVEL CERTIFICATE**  
**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION POST BASIC CERTIFICATE in**  
• Infant/Toddler • Special Needs • First Nations •  
**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION DIPLOMA**

### HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT

Various locations

See website

An aging population and a shortage of care workers make graduates of the Health Care Assistant program in high demand. The program prepares students to function as valuable members of a health care team. The graduate is able to provide care, under supervision, to assist clients in meeting their basic needs and to achieve the highest possible quality of life. This six-month, full-time, program combines class lectures with hands-on practicum sessions allowing students to begin learning and practicing personal care skills they can transfer directly into the work setting.

Earns you a **HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE**

### NORTHERN COLLABORATIVE BACCALAUREATE NURSING (NCBNP) – REGISTERED NURSE

Terrace Campus

The four-year Northern Collaborative Baccalaureate Nursing Program provides entry into the registered nursing profession. The program is offered collaboratively with the College of New Caledonia (CNC) and the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC). After completing two years of study at NWCC Terrace Campus, NCBNP students continue at UNBC Terrace Campus (or transfer to a partner site) to complete third and fourth year of a Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing (BSN). Graduates are eligible to write the Canadian Registered Nurse Examination and to apply for registration with the College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia (CRNBC) after passing the exams. Graduates are prepared for the changing context of health care and health care delivery and are knowledgeable in current nursing practice, with an emphasis on one of the following: acute care nursing, rural nursing, community health or Aboriginal health.

### PRACTICAL NURSING

Terrace Campus



The Practical Nursing program is two years (four semesters) of study to help prepare graduates to give professional care to individuals and families in a variety of settings. Graduates can apply to write the Canadian Practical Nurse Examination (CPNRE) for licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse. LPNs are hired in the community, continuing care and acute care hospital settings. The Practical Nursing program has been revised province-wide to meet all new education competencies required for practical nursing graduates.

Earns you a **PRACTICAL NURSING DIPLOMA**

### SOCIAL SERVICE WORKER (SSW)

Terrace Campus

The SSW program is for students who wish to become skilled social services practitioners, helping and supporting people with different needs. The programs integrate university credit courses with social service career courses, and combine classroom theory with the practical skills necessary for employment in a broad range of social services occupations.

Practicum opportunities available in Northwest communities allow students to practice what they learn in workplace settings and gain valuable practical experience.

SSW Certificate graduates are prepared to work at the para-professional level or to continue their education to diploma and degree levels of education. SSW Diploma program graduates can either work at the para-professional level or continue their education to a degree level.

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### JORDIE LAIDLAW

Jordie Laidlaw is a first-year student in NWCC's Northern Collaborative Baccalaureate Nursing Program in Terrace, with two years at NWCC Terrace and a further two years at UNBC. Jordie is from Haida Gwaii where both of his parents work in health care, so he knows what he's getting into. He likes that nursing is "recession proof" and he'll have the skills to be hired as soon as he's done his four years. Jordie's going places—literally. He plans to transfer to the Canadian Forces and work abroad in United Nations campaigns or wherever NATO forces are engaged as an acute care nurse. His Bright Future starts here.

# MINING & EXPLORATION

The **School of Exploration and Mining** is in the unique position to provide skills and training to those who want to seize the opportunities the mining and exploration boom is bringing to the Northwest.

With at least 10 mines and proposed mine developments and dozens of exploration projects in our region the future of this industry looks very bright. This can be your Bright Future, too—with the right skills and training.

Since 2004, the School of Exploration & Mining (SEM) has graduated more than 850 students and has assisted approximately 82 percent of its students to find work or further training. Developed in partnership with the Smithers Exploration Group, SEM maintains close industry partnerships to ensure training is timely and relevant to labour market needs.

SEM's innovative program design and delivery, strategic partnerships, and commitment to social and environmental responsibility have been recognized through several provincial, national and international awards.

## EXPLORATION & MINING

"SEM is the foundation for what is to come in the North," says Ann Ball, a spokesperson for NovaGold's proposed Galore Creek mine in northwest BC—one of the world's largest undeveloped copper-gold-silver porphyry deposits. "With the potential of the Northwest Transmission Line opening up the Northwest, the potential for the mining industry will be extreme."

Exploration in the region, adds Ball, is and has been going full-bore for some time. "It's a multi-million dollar industry in the North. The potential to develop partnerships with several different First Nations for training is astounding and will be highly sought after. The mining industry in general will also be developing partnerships and have specialized programs developed to meet First Nations

partners training requirements as well as utilize the already trained students who have journeyed through the expertise of the NWCC."

## BIG PROJECTS & YOU

Employers need skilled workers and NWCC's SEM graduates are work-ready. Much of SEM's programming is offered in a bush camp, students living and learning in an environment that simulates the industry's working conditions, says SEM Manager Andrea Kosalko. "In addition to technical skills training, students upgrade their essential skills, fitness levels and work with local Elders on cultural knowledge and skills. Employers tell us this approach gives our graduates a strong foundation to proceed seamlessly to the workplace."

Ball agrees. "The basics of camp life,

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### MINING & EXPLORATIONS INDUSTRY KEY POINTS

- A high proportion of jobs in this industry group are located in BC's interior and northern regions of the province.
- Wages are well above the BC provincial average.
- Future job prospects are expected to be above average.

### FUTURE JOB GROWTH

<b>Employment Level in 2005</b> .....	13,800
<b>Projected New Jobs (2010 to 2015)</b> .....	2,800
<b>Projected Available Openings due to Retirements (2010 to 2015)</b> .....	3,400
<b>Total Expected Job Opportunities (2010 to 2015)</b> .....	6,200 <small>(BC Work Futures)</small>

### SEM IS ON FACEBOOK!

The popular page - <http://tinyurl.com/fbsem> - is a hub for many students to stay in contact with staff and share their personal stories of success in the workplace.

along with input from highly-qualified instructors on specific aspects of the mining industry, gives SEM students the ability to literally complete the course one day, and be on a job site the following day with the knowledge and confidence to do a good job. SEM grads are highly sought after in the workforce, because they have basic knowledge in several areas of mining and exploration expertise."

## CORY SAMPSON

Cory Sampson knows this about himself: he learns best is in a hands-on environment. That's why he really enjoyed and excelled in SEM's Workforce Exploration Skills Training (WEST) program. A member of the Adams Lake Indian Band, it took Cory two weeks to secure a job with Selkirk Metals after graduation. "Thanks to the skills I learned in the WEST program, it gave me a huge advantage when looking for work." Cory was hired as a core technician and reports that he needed very little job site training as he already knew how to run the saw safely and prepare sample bags.

Cory's Bright Future is now. It includes plans to take the Heavy Equipment Operator program and to work for Selkirk Metals running underground machinery.

## SCHOOL OF EXPLORATION & MINING PROGRAMS @ NWCC



### DRILL CORE TECHNICIAN BASIC TRAINING

Contact SEM for location

March 5 – 10, 2012  
March 13 – 18, 2012

This course provides graduates with the practical skills required to observe, measure and record information from diamond drill core. Graduates will know how to process and safely handle core boxes, how to operate and maintain a core-splitter, and the correct procedures for handling samples.

### METAL LEACHING & ACID ROCK DRAINAGE (ML/ARD)

Smithers Campus

August 27 – 31, 2012

A professional development course for individuals working in industry and government agencies, this course provides a practical understanding of metal leaching and acid rock drainage, the major environmental and reclamation challenges faced by the mining industry. Participants will gain experience in how ML/ARD test work is conducted and mitigation plans are developed, and the challenges that are encountered. In addition to the mine tours, ML/ARD practices and the underlying theory will be illustrated using case studies drawn from the instructors' experience with mines in Canada and throughout the world.

### MINING EXPLORATION FIELD ASSISTANT (MEFA)

Training camp near Smithers

June 13 – 20, 2012

The Mining Exploration Field Assistant course is taught outdoors in a remote tent camp. The course develops students' field skills such as Global Positioning System (GPS), sampling and grid layout. Safety training covers a variety of topics including helicopter safety, bear awareness, and wilderness survival.

### SURFACE DIAMOND DRILLER'S HELPER

Contact SEM for location

April 6 – 18, 2012  
April 15 – 27, 2012

This program combines safety training with hands-on experience using operating drill and diamond drilling equipment. Students will learn the basic drill maintenance skills required for new driller's helpers to prepare for entry-level employment in the drilling industry.

### SURVEY ASSISTANT

Training camp near Smithers

March 20 – April 2, 2012

This 11-day course prepares graduates for employment as survey assistants in the resource and other sectors. Students will learn the roles and responsibilities of a survey assistant and receive important training and field practice with survey equipment and methods.

### WORKFORCE EXPLORATION SKILLS TRAINING (WEST)

Training camp near Smithers

April 27 – June 12, 2012  
June 21 – Aug 8, 2012  
Aug 22 – Oct 10, 2012

Join WEST to learn what it takes to be employed in the growing exploration and mining industry in this seven-week bush camp training program. Enhance your skills and explore a new career with hands-on training delivered in a remote bush camp where you will learn employable skills for exploration, mining and other resource industries. Funding provided through the Canada-British Columbia Labour Market Agreement.

## MORE MINING & EXPLORATION RELATED TRAINING OFFERED @ NWCC

- ★ Mobile, contract, and campus-based Health & Safety Training
- ★ Industry Field Medic
- ★ Occupational First Aid WHMIS & TDG
- ★ Bear Awareness
- ★ Spill Response
- ★ Chainsaw Safety
- ★ Helicopter Safety
- ★ Heavy Duty Equipment Technician
- ★ Heavy Equipment Operator Technician Apprenticeship
- ★ Millwright/Industrial Mechanic
- ★ Other Trades Foundation & Apprenticeship Programs

Course dates may vary and new courses are added throughout the year. For the most up-to-date information, visit the website or contact the NWCC's School of Exploration & Mining.

# SPOKEN WORD

NWCC students tell it like it is

NWCC students have entered the blogosphere through the Northwest Community College Connections blog site. Real students telling real stories.



Business Administration student **Bobbi Boyd** and Scott van Dyk are part of NWCC's academic and cultural exchange to China. They inform readers about culture shock and language barriers, the sensory overload of bustling Beijing and the awesome Great Wall, the visible construction boom, the pride of their Chinese hosts and their appreciation for life in Canada.

Six students in the Crime & Community Justice Certificate program blog about their work practicums in a variety of settings—transition house programs, municipal and regional police forces, Department of Fisheries and Oceans and a parole office. Typical of real-world work, they experience highs and lows. Highs include taking a ride in an armed vehicle and witnessing a police emergency response team training session; going in to public school with a DFO officer; making meaningful connections with transition house clients; and **Sean De Melo's** day with the police dog squad.



NWCC celebrated the official opening of its multi-million dollar Smithers Campus renovation and expansion with a Wet'suwet'en Pole raising Sept. 23, 2011.



*"Our part in history. Proud to be a part of it..."*  
—comment posted on NWCC's Facebook site

*"It was outstanding—such a beautiful building and the pole-raising was just stellar. Great to be there."*  
—comment posted on Twitter by BC MLA Margaret MacDiarmid

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WE'RE ALL OVER  
SOCIAL MEDIA!  
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### TOP 5 TRADES PROFESSIONS REQUIRED DURING NEXT DECADE IN THE NORTHWEST\*

1. Heavy Equipment Operators
2. Construction Trades Helpers and Labourers
3. Drillers & Blasters
4. Contractors & Supervisors, Heavy Construction Equipment Crews
5. Carpenters

\* Coin Pacific report commissioned by BC Hydro steering committee

## TRADES FOUNDATION / APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING

Northwest Community College offers Trades training options at both the Foundation and Apprenticeship levels. All NWCC Trades programs are designed to maximize theoretical and practical skills applications in a variety of industries and create opportunities for employment in secure, well-paid and rewarding Trades careers.

Industries throughout BC and around the world offer increasing opportunities for strong career growth for Trades professionals. Indicators suggest up to 700,000 new jobs will open up in the Trades over the next 10 years, reflecting an increasing demand for skilled Trades workers. This is especially true in the Northwest as the large numbers of major construction, energy, manufacturing and mining projects look to hire local skilled Trades workers.

For a list of Trades programs at NWCC, see pages 30-32 or refer to the website.

### TRADE-INTO A NEW CAREER

A Trades career can be very rewarding, and certainly as successful and valuable as any other profession, says NWCC Chair of Trades Brian Badge. His own career in the industry started with training at NWCC and it afforded him any number of opportunities. "Speaking from my own experience", says Badge, "I was able to travel throughout BC working in all sorts of new and interesting environments, with ample opportunities. The money is good and my work in Trades has created a wonderful life for me and my family."

Each Trade is different but workers in this sector share a love of working with their hands, an aptitude for problem solving and mechanical processes, and an ability to work well within a team.

As a career in Trades is no longer considered to be a secondary option, the stereotypical demographics are changing, too. Younger people are choosing to work

toward a Trades career and so are many more women. This increased awareness and interest in Trades careers couldn't come at a better time.

### BIG PROJECTS & YOU

No single industry stands to gain as much from the Big Projects announced and anticipated in the Northwest as Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations. These occupations will comprise a whopping 63% of the jobs needed for construction of these various projects.

"All of these projects share common Trades," says Badge. "Electricians, carpenters, millwrights, welders, heavy equipment operators, First Aid attendants and labourers. At NWCC, we offer all of that training. "Now is the time to take advantage of these educational opportunities."

The demand for skilled workers is compounded by a provincial trend across

all sectors, where labour demand growth is being outstripped by labour supply growth. "Retirees outnumber new workers," says Badge. "We've seen it coming—especially in Trades."

According to BC Stats, annual average Trades occupation labour demand growth (2.2%) will outstrip labour supply growth (1.8%) during the next decade or so. During the same time period, BC's annual average growth in total occupational demand will reach 1.8 percent, adding approximately 1.13 million job openings over the outlook period (2009 to 2019). In comparison, the outlook for Trades occupations will see an average 2.2 percent growth annually, which will generate almost 135,000 jobs by 2019.

As much as possible, these Big Projects will look to hire local skilled Trades workers. Punch your ticket to a Bright Future with Trades foundation and apprenticeship training at NWCC.

### NIJAH ROCHES

Nijah Roches of Terrace is a third-year electrical apprentice with the Coast Mountains School District. Nijah didn't have to leave the Northwest to pursue what she says is challenging, fun and rewarding work.

"The electrical apprenticeship program at NWCC is a great start in your journey to earning a Red Seal (journeyman)," says Nijah. "The smaller class sizes ensured me more time with instructors and that's prepared me well for what I'm doing now."

Nijah is plugged in to a Bright Future, starting at NWCC.



NWCC & YOU

## TRADES TRAINING FOUNDATION TRADES PROGRAMS @ NWCC

Foundation programs prepare students with entry-level skills required for employment in the trades. Trades programs provide a solid foundation for careers.

For more information about Foundation programs in British Columbia visit the Industry Training Authority (ITA) at [www.itabc.ca](http://www.itabc.ca)

Successful Foundation Trades students receive Level I technical credit and practical hours toward their apprenticeship (total hours vary for each Trades Foundation program).

Learners should be aware that many employers require Grade 12 completion. We encourage trades learners to enhance their employability by enrolling in Level I First Aid. NWCC's Workforce Training & Continuing Studies (WTCS) department offers First Aid courses year round.

### AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECHNICIAN — FOUNDATION TRAINING

Terrace Campus

The Automotive Service Technician Foundation Training gives students the technical skills and knowledge to repair, adjust and replace mechanical parts in automobiles and light trucks.

The full-time, 30-week program covers all the theory and practical components necessary for the first-year Automotive Service Technician Certificate, and provides a complement of valuable industry skills.

### CARPENTRY — FOUNDATION TRAINING

Most NWCC campuses  
See website for current locations

Carpentry Foundation students learn to read plans and use instruments, assemble and erect forms for concrete, wood and metal frame construction, and install interior and exterior finishing for residential, commercial and industrial projects. Learners develop carpentry skills while working on practical projects, such as constructing a foundation and frame for a house.

### ELECTRICAL — FOUNDATION TRAINING

Prince Rupert Campus

The Electrical Foundation program prepares students for entry-level positions as electrical apprentices with contracting companies involved in residential, commercial and industrial construction and maintenance. Students learn to access and utilize resource materials, follow procedures and make sound decisions while installing and maintaining electrical equipment.

### HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR — FOUNDATION TRAINING

Terrace Campus



Road Builder Heavy Construction Foundation students are prepared for entry into the Heavy Equipment Operator Technician Apprenticeship program. In this 150-hour program, students learn correct industry terminology, how to identify and classify machines and processes, and general engineering principles related to road building and heavy construction, in addition to approximately 15 hours on HEO simulators.

### HEAVY DUTY EQUIPMENT TECHNICIAN / COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT — FOUNDATION TRAINING

Terrace Campus

Heavy Duty Equipment Technician/Commercial Transport Foundation students are equipped with the skill and knowledge to troubleshoot, repair and maintain all aspects of mobile equipment. Thorough knowledge of electronics, hydraulics and mechanical components is necessary to be a qualified Heavy Duty Equipment/Commercial Transport Technician. Foundation students registered with the ITA are able to continue directly into the Heavy Duty Equipment Technician Apprentice Level.

### MILLWRIGHT/ INDUSTRIAL MECHANIC — FOUNDATION TRAINING

Kitimat Campus

Millwright/Industrial Mechanic Foundation students learn the entry-level skills required for employment in the trade. The curriculum provides a solid foundation for career advancement and specialization in this field and is equivalent to the first level apprenticeship/technical training. Qualified industrial mechanics install, maintain and repair machinery and heavy mechanical equipment. They read diagrams and schematic drawings to determine work procedures, comprehend and troubleshoot mechanical systems, perform preventative and operational maintenance, and repair or replace parts.

## TRADES TRAINING — FOUNDATION PROGRAMS continued

### UNDER CONSTRUCTION Contact NWCC Trades Department for more information.



### CERTIFIED UTILITY ARBORIST — FOUNDATION TRAINING

This ITA Certificate of Qualification covers the skills required to prune or clear vegetation in proximity to energized electrical equipment, structures and conductors, utility line clearing operations, and pruning, falling or removing trees which could come into contact with energized power lines.

STARTS FEB. 27, 2012

### HAIRDRESSING — FOUNDATION TRAINING



This ITA Certificate of Qualification prepares students for employment in the hairdressing trade. Students learn all aspects of the trade through theoretical classroom instruction and practical application of skills using the latest in salon-standard equipment, tools and materials.

### INTRO TO TRADES — FOUNDATION TRAINING

This program introduces students to carpentry, plumbing, electrical and welding using theory and practical applications pertaining to each trade, plus shop safety practices. It is designed to help students choose the trade that best suits them and is a great ladder into a Trades Foundation program or employment in the trade.



## TRADES TRAINING APPRENTICESHIP TRADES PROGRAMS @ NWCC

Indentured apprentices combine on-the-job training with formal classroom technical skills at NWCC to earn journey person classification. Students receive provincial apprenticeship curriculum pertinent to the apprenticeship level in which they are enrolled. Apprenticeship sponsors can include industry, training institutions, village governments and band councils.

To be eligible for apprenticeship training, you must be registered as an apprentice with the ITA. Registration can be completed at [www.itabc.ca](http://www.itabc.ca)

### AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECHNICIAN — APPRENTICESHIP · LEVEL 2-4

Terrace Campus

Automotive Service Technicians repair, adjust and replace mechanical and electrical parts in automobiles and light trucks. They repair damaged components and perform preventative maintenance, inspect completed work and test that the vehicle's performance meets required standards. Technicians must communicate effectively with customers to explain service needs, provide advice on general vehicle conditions and future repair requirements. Upon successful completion of all four apprenticeship levels and appropriate time in the trade, the student may be eligible to write the Inter-provincial exam in Automotive Service Technician.

### CARPENTRY — APPRENTICESHIP · LEVEL 1-4

Terrace Campus

Carpenters assemble and erect forms for concrete, wood and metal construction framing, and install interior and exterior finishing materials. An indentured carpentry apprentice combines on-the-job training with formal classroom technical skills at NWCC to earn journey person classification. Apprentices complete a four-year, four-level program that includes 6,480 workplace and 720 school training hours. Each year, NWCC offers four levels of Carpentry apprenticeship technical training. Each level of technical training is six weeks long.

### ELECTRICAL — APPRENTICESHIP · LEVEL 1-4

Prince Rupert Campus

Electrical work requires skill and knowledge to install, construct, alter, repair, maintain, commission, test, service, calibrate, and operate related electrical and electronic systems in any premise, place, building or structure. Electricians ensure that all electrical connections are safe and meet the electrical code. Indentured apprentices combine on-the-job training with formal classroom technical skills at NWCC to earn journey person classification. Level 1-4 apprenticeship technical training is offered concurrently, with 10 weeks of instruction per level. Upon successful completion of all four levels and appropriate time in the trade, the student may be eligible to write the Inter-provincial exam in Electrical.



## TRADES TRAINING — APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS continued

### HEAVY DUTY EQUIPMENT TECHNICIAN — APPRENTICESHIP · LEVEL 1

Terrace Campus

The Heavy Duty Equipment Technician – Level 1 program provides apprentices with technical training needed to troubleshoot, overhaul, repair and maintain off-road mobile equipment. Apprentices learn to identify and repair problems in structural, mechanical or hydraulic systems.

### HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR TECHNICIAN — APPRENTICESHIP

Terrace Campus

Heavy Equipment Operator Technician program students log operator time on four pieces of heavy equipment: excavator, articulated rock truck, dozer and loader. These machines are used universally in construction, earth moving, road building, mining and forestry operations. To qualify for the program, students must first complete Road Builder Heavy Construction Foundation program.

### PROFESSIONAL COOK (SEE COOKING & CULINARY ARTS)

See Cooking & Culinary Arts on page 18.

### RESIDENTIAL BUILDING MAINTENANCE WORKER APPRENTICESHIP · LEVEL 1-3

Various locations.  
See website

Residential Building Maintenance Workers repair and maintain residential buildings (single-family units, multi-units, and high-rises). This work includes minor carpentry, electrical, plumbing, painting, drywall, refrigeration and roofing repairs, maintenance, installation, inspection, testing and troubleshooting. Residential Building Maintenance Workers perform these tasks in accordance with federal, provincial and local building codes, bylaws and safety regulations.

### WELDER TRAINING — LEVEL C, LEVEL B, LEVEL A MODULAR & APPRENTICESHIP

Prince Rupert Campus  
Terrace Campus

NWCC offers the ITA accredited BC Welder Training Program designed to provide learners with the skills required to function as safe, competent entry-level welders. As a continuous intake, competency-based and self-directed learning program, students may enter and exit at any time to re-enter the workforce. Welding Modular Training is for individuals who are not indentured into a formal welding apprenticeship with their employer through the ITA. Level C (initial level), Level B (intermediate level) and Level A (highest level) are offered in the Modular Training format. Level 1-4 Welding Apprenticeship Training is for indentured welding industry apprentices. Level A Welders are eligible to challenge the Inter-provincial Standard Endorsement (Red Seal).

## NOTICE TO APPRENTICES

If you are an unemployed apprentice or if your employer is anticipating a slow down in work, consider taking your next two levels of technical training back-to-back. Trades learners are encouraged to enhance their employability by enrolling in Occupational First Aid (OFA) Level 1 and other Workforce & Industry training courses. OFA and Workforce & Industry training courses are scheduled throughout the year at NWCC.

To be eligible for apprenticeship training you must be registered as an apprentice with the Industry Training Authority (ITA). To register or for more information about apprenticeships in British Columbia visit the Industry Training Authority at [www.itabc.ca](http://www.itabc.ca)

These featured NWCC trade students share their real world adventures, their successes or simply some thoughts.

## NWCC Students WORD TRADE



**MO SISTAS!** Hanna Whitaker, Crystal Pottinger, Ryien Lee and Shelby Foote (L to R) joined their male classmates in raising money for the annual Movember campaign in 2011. In all, the Terrace-based welding students raised just shy of \$400 and collected nine bags worth of non-perishable donations for the NWCC Student Food Bank.



**ALISON WEBB**  
NWCC Professional Cook 2 Certificate program students learn to cook many of the basic food categories, among them vegetables, meats, poultry and seafood. Oh, and baked goods and desserts, of course! That's 2011 program graduate Alison Webb and her pillow cake.



Photo courtesy Corinna Bruinjes

## PARTNERSHIP MADE IN MOTOCROSS HEAVEN

NWCC's Heavy Equipment Operator (HEO) program has struck gold in a community partnership with the Terrace Motocross Association. It's estimated heavy equipment operators will be the most sought after trade during the next decade of major investment in northwest BC and that's why NWCC offers the Level 1 apprenticeship program and the prerequisite Road Builder Heavy Construction Foundation program.

Always looking to incorporate community outreach into its training

options, NWCC partnered with the motocross group to develop a 40-acre site. With more work planned for 2012, so far HEO students have cleared land, put two tracks on nearly half the land and built a parking lot. Students get hands-on training in a low-pressure environment and get to contribute to a meaningful outcome. The track is now a venue for BC Motocross Association's season race series.

NWCC is looking at similar community partnership projects in the Northwest for its HEO students.

**HEO TRAINING AT NWCC =  
YOUR BRIGHT FUTURE!**

# WORKFORCE TRAINING & CONTINUING STUDIES

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## FEATURED WTCS COURSES

### BOOTCAMP TRAINING

Get ready for major industrial projects and jobs coming to northern BC. Bootcamps are a one-stop approach to training. You complete a range of relevant courses and earn industry-recognized certificates — in one location, in a short period of time. Equipped with the credentials employers seek, you are ready to apply for jobs.

### MOBILE TRAINING

Mobile training units make it possible for NWCC to bring training solutions directly to students and workers in their home communities and on job sites, eliminating costly travel expenses. Take advantage of the convenience of WTCS mobile training. WTCS mobile training units come to you, bringing fully-equipped classrooms and labs where and when you need them.

### MOBILE SAFETY TRAINING UNIT

The Mobile Safety Training Unit van is fully equipped to deliver health, safety, first aid, workforce and industry training courses such as Occupational First Aid Level 1, Transportation Endorsement, WHMIS, Bear Awareness and Transportation of Dangerous Goods.

### MOBILE COMPUTER SKILLS TRAINING UNIT

NWCC's WTCS department is looking to create a mobile lab to accommodate off-campus computer skills training. The Mobile Computer Skills Training Unit will offer a variety of courses, including Microsoft Office programs, Computer Camps for Elders, Webpage Design, Social Networking and much more!

Whether you're looking to learn a new skill, discover a new hobby, advance in your career or start a new one — NWCC's Workforce Training & Continuing Studies (WTCS) department offers a wide range of courses, certificates, and lecture series to meet your needs.

## ONLINE TRAINING

Choose from thousands of web-based courses and a broad range of certificates, each with its own expert instructor. Online courses are informative, fun, convenient, with direct contact with the instructor and other students. Courses are based on creating projects and include lessons, quizzes, hands-on assignments, discussion areas and supplementary links.

Visit [ed2go.com/nwcc](http://ed2go.com/nwcc)

## JUST ANNOUNCED

These WTCS courses are going ahead in various Northwest communities starting now! Spaces are still available. Contact us to see you if you are eligible for Employment Skills Access (ESA) Program funding, provided through the Canada-BC Labour Market Agreement.

To find out if you're eligible, contact Char Toews: [ctoews@nwcc.bc.ca](mailto:ctoews@nwcc.bc.ca) or 1.800.277.2288 Ext 5357

### CONSTRUCTION TRADES HELPERS & LABOURERS

Terrace . . . . . Jan. 16 - March 9  
 Gitanyow . . . . . Feb. 27 - April 20  
 Prince Rupert . . . . April 23 - June 15

### VALUE ADDED CARPENTRY

Gitwangak . . . . . Jan. 23 - July 13

### INDUSTRY FIELD MEDIC

Terrace . . . . . Feb. 6 - March 2  
 Smithers . . . . . Feb. 13 - March 7  
 Haida Gwaii . . . . . Feb. 27 - March 20  
 Hazelton . . . . . March 19 - Apr. 12  
 or March 26 - Apr. 19

## Application for Admission

### PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please Print Clearly)

Have you previously registered in a credit course or program at NWCC?  Yes  No

NWCC Student Number (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Last name:		First name:		Middle name:	
List other surname name(s) you may have used when taking courses at NWCC:				E-mail Address:	
Permanent Address (mail will be sent to this address):			Local Address (while attending NWCC, if known):		
City:	Province:	Postal Code:	City:	Province:	Postal Code:
Home Telephone #:		Business Telephone #:		Other Telephone #:	
Social Insurance Number:		Date of Birth: (Yr/Month/Day)		<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male	
BC Personal Education Number (if known):		Voluntary Disclosure: Disability/medical condition? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes NWCC will provide you with information about receiving supports/services		Program for which you are applying:	
Optional statistical information: Do you identify yourself as an Aboriginal person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
If you identify yourself as an Aboriginal person, are you (select one or more): <input type="checkbox"/> First Nations <input type="checkbox"/> Métis <input type="checkbox"/> Inuit					
<input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Citizen <i>Immigration papers must be attached if applicant is not a Canadian Citizen</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Landed Immigrant <input type="checkbox"/> Other					
<b>IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CONTACT:</b>					
Name: _____					
Telephone: ( ) _____					
<b>Where do you currently get your information about Northwest Community College?</b> (Check top 3 sources.)					
<input type="checkbox"/> At your high school	<input type="checkbox"/> From your parent/guardian	<input type="checkbox"/> NWCC Calendar			
<input type="checkbox"/> Local media: newspaper, radio	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Media	<input type="checkbox"/> Employment counsellor			
<input type="checkbox"/> From a friend	<input type="checkbox"/> NWCC website	<input type="checkbox"/> NWCC Guide			
	<input type="checkbox"/> NWCC poster, flyer, brochure, other	<input type="checkbox"/> NWCC Student Services Team			

### EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

**Secondary** (Submit an Official Transcript from your high school. Students who are currently attending high school must submit an Interim transcript.)

Last Secondary School	School District	Province (or Country)	Date Last Attended (Mo/Yr)	Last Grade Completed
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**Previous Post-Secondary** (Submit Transcripts)

Institution(s)	Location	Program	Last Date(s) Attended
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Some courses or programs require specific documentation in addition to this application. Check our website at [nwcc.ca](http://nwcc.ca)

**PROCESSING OF YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION IS RECEIVED.**



# Application for Admission

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Contact your local college campus for information about services for students with disabilities, housing or child care.

The College may announce the names of students and use their photographs in promotion and communication materials. Students with privacy concerns are urged to advise campus staff at the earliest possible time.

### DECLARATION

- The information in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and correct.
- I agree to follow the rules and regulations of the College as listed on the Northwest Community College Web site or as amended by the College Board.
- I understand that personal information from this application will be used to verify my Personal Education Number (PEN) or one will be assigned to me for the purpose of research and evaluation. Any information released will be in a non-identifiable form.
- I understand that both the information provided and any other information placed on my student record will be protected and used in compliance with *Bill 50 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (1992)* and the operations of the College. Information collected and maintained as part of my student record is collected under the authority of the *Colleges and Institutions Act*.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to:  
**Admissions Office**  
**Northwest Community College**  
**5331 McConnell Avenue**  
**Terrace, BC V8G 4X2**  
 Toll Free: 1.877.277.2288

Hazelton	4815 Swannell Drive, P.O. Box 338, Hazelton, BC V0J 1Y0	Tel: 250.842.5291	Fax: 250.842.5813
Houston	3221 – 14th Street, West, P.O. Box 1277, Houston, BC V0J 1Z0	Tel: 250.845.7266	Fax: 250.845.5629
Kaay Llnagaay	#2 Second Beach Road, P.O. Box 1523, Skidegate, BC V0T 1S1	Tel: 250.559.7885	Fax: 250.559.4782
Kitimat	606 Mountainview Square, Kitimat, BC V8C 2N2	Tel: 250.632.4766	Fax: 250.632.5069
Queen Charlotte	138 Bay Street, P.O. Box 67, Village of Queen Charlotte, BC V0T 1S0	Tel: 250.559.8222	Fax: 250.559.8219
Prince Rupert	353 Fifth Street, Prince Rupert, BC V8J 3L6	Tel: 250.624.6054	Fax: 250.624.3923
Masset	1730 Hodges Avenue, P.O. Box 559, Masset, BC V0T 1M0	Tel: 250.626.3670	Fax: 250.626.3680
Smithers	3966 2nd Avenue, P.O. Box 3606, Smithers, BC V0J 2N0	Tel: 250.847.4461	Fax: 250.847.4568
Terrace	5331 McConnell Avenue, Terrace, BC V8G 4X2	Tel: 250.635.6511	Fax: 250.638.5432

### For Office Use Only:

Operator:	Date:

# ON THE MONEY

## HOW TO FINANCE YOUR NWCC EDUCATION

The cost to attend NWCC will vary depending on your circumstances, choices and personal expenses: Will you live at home, in residence or rent a suite? Will you drive or take the bus? Will you work part-time while attending college?

First determine how much your program costs (see website), then see what options you have to pay for it.

### NWCC GIFT CERTIFICATES

Give the gift of learning! NWCC Gift Certificates are a great way to support the educational pursuits of family and friends. Certificates can be used toward the costs of all NWCC programs, courses and bookstore purchases.

## WHAT FINANCIAL AID IS AVAILABLE?

NWCC Student Services Team can help you with the latest information on how to pay for your education, see website for contact information.

### FREE MONEY!

- Every year, NWCC offers 65 awards throughout the year, giving away more than \$85,000 in bursaries and scholarships. Awards criteria and application deadlines vary.
- You could be eligible for a grant: ask about the Canada Student Grant for Part-time Students or the Adult Basic Education Student Assistance Program Grant.
- ITA Apprentice Incentive Grants

### BORROW MONEY

- Get a government student loan you won't have to start paying back until you graduate
- Get a bank loan or a student line-of-credit

### EARN MONEY

- Work part-time to help offset the cost of your education
- Contact an NWCC Advisor at your local campus or check these online resources:

[www.nwcc.bc.ca/FinancialAide](http://www.nwcc.bc.ca/FinancialAide)      [www.studentaidbc.ca](http://www.studentaidbc.ca)  
[www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com)      [www.canlearn.ca](http://www.canlearn.ca)

## WHAT'LL IT COST ME? ESTIMATED EXPENSES for an 8-month, full-time program\*

### NWCC student living at home

Tuition & Fees (\$267.93 x 10 courses)	\$2,679.30
Bus Pass	\$240.00
Textbooks/Supplies (\$900 - \$1,250 + GST)*	\$1,250.00
Miscellaneous	\$800.00
Graduation Fee (Certificate or Diploma)	\$25.00
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR ONE YEAR</b>	<b>\$4,994.30</b>

### NWCC student living in Terrace Campus Residence

Tuition & Fees (\$267.93 x 10 courses)	\$2,679.30
Textbooks/Supplies (\$900 - \$1,250 + GST)*	\$1,250.00
Residence & Meals at Terrace Campus	\$4,337.00
Miscellaneous	\$800.00
Graduation Fee (Certificate or Diploma)	\$25.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES FOR 1 YEAR</b>	<b>\$9,091.30</b>

\*Based on a two-semester academic program. Tuition, fees and supplies vary by program. Program costs are detailed on the website. Check for current information.

# STUDENT SERVICES

## HOW TO GET HELP

Student success is at the forefront of everything we do! NWCC's Student Services Team is available across the College region to support this goal. Current and future students reap the benefits from the professional, knowledgeable and friendly Student Services Team.

Here are services they offer to help you succeed.

### EDUCATIONAL ADVISORS

Educational Advisors provide students with up-to-date information on NWCC services, policies, procedures, facilities, programs and courses and how to access sources for financial aid. Educational Advisors are knowledgeable about all NWCC programs, programs and courses at other educational institutions, and will assist students with developing educational plans. Educational Advisors are located at most campuses, online and by phone.

### LEARNING ASSISTANCE SPECIALISTS

Learning Assistance Specialists offer Student Success courses, assessments and assistance for students experiencing learning difficulties.

Learning Assistance Specialists are located at most campuses, online and by phone.

### FIRST NATIONS STUDENT ACCESS COORDINATORS

First Nations Access Coordinators support First Nations students with educational and personal matters. They assist First Nations students in their transition to the College, and often act as a liaison between the College and First Nations Band Education Coordinators. They also work with the NWCC community to provide a welcoming and supportive environment for First Nations students. First Nations Access Coordinators are located at most campuses, online and by phone. Students at other campuses are welcome to contact the Coordinators by e-mail or phone or campus visits.

### ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES COORDINATORS

With a range of services and/or equipment available to them, students with disabilities can pursue their education. These include: accommodation for students with physical disabilities, student assistants, study accommodations, physical accessibility and orientation & pre-registration assistance. If you require these kinds of supports, contact the Accessibility Services Coordinator at least eight weeks before the start of classes. Accessibility Services are offered at all campuses. Coordinator offices are located in Terrace, Smithers and Prince Rupert.

## MORE STUDENT SERVICES



### ACCOMMODATION/HOUSING

Residence accommodation is available to full-time students on the Terrace Campus. There are five, two-storey residence buildings. Each has showers; a lounge with TV/DVD; a kitchen with fridge, freezer, microwave, and washer/dryer. Residents have access to wireless internet and each room is equipped with a bed, study desk, dresser and storage, for each occupant. Residence living emphasizes a close and supportive community to live, learn and grow as individuals. Students are advised to apply early. Find out more by calling 1.250.635.6511 Ext 5266.



### BOOKSTORE

Every campus bookstore carries textbooks, course materials and tools for NWCC courses and programs, plus the day-to-day items students need, like general interest books, stationery, backpacks, clothing and memorabilia. Special order service is available for any book from any campus bookstore location.



### CAREER RESOURCES

Each campus has calendars, books and periodicals with information on a wide variety of topics including career planning, personal development, college and university programs. These resources are available through the Student Services Team and at the library.



### COUNSELLING (PERSONAL)

Students who are experiencing personal difficulties can access community counselling services by contacting any member of the Student Services Team, or an instructor. Students who request this service are assured that their request will be kept confidential and that the service will be provided in confidence.



### FOOD SERVICES

On-campus food services are available at NWCC Terrace Campus. The Waap Haawk Cafeteria is open Monday to Friday, September through May, and offers breakfast, lunch and dinner at great prices to fit a student's budget.



### NWCC LIBRARY

The NWCC Library welcomes anyone living in BC's northwest to drop in, get a free library card, and use our collection and services. We have a library or reading room at every NWCC campus. NWCC's Library is also an associate member of the North Coast Library Federation, which allows you to borrow and return materials from any public or NWCC Library between Houston and Prince Rupert – free of charge!

# ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

NWCC continues on its transformational journey toward a more inclusive and welcoming environment for all learners. This journey has made NWCC a recognized leader in Aboriginal education—we've achieved a high Aboriginal student enrolment through innovative programs and our commitment to respect Aboriginal world-views and educational practices.

## THE NUMBERS TELL THE STORY

Over 39 percent of NWCC's students are Aboriginal. This is the largest number of Aboriginal students of any BC college—a fact largely attributed to the progressive and open relationship between NWCC and local First Nations bands and governments.



## WHAT MAKES US A RECOGNIZED LEADER IN THIS AREA?

### 1 ABORIGINAL STUDENT SUPPORT

First Nations Access Coordinators are there every step of the way to aid First Nations students in the transition to post-secondary education. First Nations Access Coordinators will often act as a liaison between NWCC and First Nations Band Education Coordinators.

### 2 WELCOMING ENVIRONMENTS

NWCC proudly acknowledges the traditional territories of the First Nations. In November 2004, a contemporary totem pole symbolizing the importance of education to the region's seven First Nations was raised at NWCC's Terrace Campus. It has since been followed by pole raisings at our Hazelton and Smithers campuses. Waap Galts'ap, opened in 2010 at our Terrace Campus, is the only longhouse built on a Canadian college campus.

### 3 FIRST NATIONS COUNCIL

Created by NWCC's Board of Governors, the First Nations Council provides direct consultation with First Nations communities in the College region. The Council works with NWCC to increase First Nations student success rates by focusing on student advocacy, program promotion, curriculum design, cultural issues and content, program and education service evaluation.

### 4 FIRST NATIONS PROGRAMS

In partnership with our First Nations Council and First Nations communities, NWCC develops programs connected to the cultural, social, political, and economic values and realities in those communities. We honour and support the rich traditions of First Nations in the Northwest and, through education, ensure these traditions continue throughout future generations.

First Nations focused programs include:

- ★ Associate Degree in Arts – First Nations Studies Specialization
- ★ Essential Skills for Work (ESWK)
- ★ First Nations Fine Arts
- ★ Guardian Watchmen
- ★ Professional Cook Diploma program

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students who come to NWCC get a truly Canadian experience. Northwest BC is a region rich in history, First Nations culture and year-round wilderness adventure. Learn in our safe, friendly communities, and take with you an international experience that will enrich your life.

Founded in 1975, NWCC is a student-centered college offering academic and career degree, diploma, and certificate programs, plus a range of courses and programs for international students, all of which provide excellent exposure to Canadian life and culture.

NWCC is a publicly funded, government accredited, public post-secondary educational institution with campuses in nine communities throughout Northwest BC.

## WHY NORTHWEST COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS A DESTINATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:

- ★ Quality instruction
- ★ Transfer credits to university programs
- ★ Small class sizes and individual attention
- ★ Exposure to Canadian life and culture
- ★ Easy transfer from language training to other post-secondary programs
- ★ Combined English Language/career programs available for groups of twelve (12) or more students

### Language Training

All levels (beginners, intermediate and advanced) of English as a Second Language (ESL) are available at our Prince Rupert campus. Other campuses provide ESL education at various levels. Groups of twelve (12) or more students are able to contract with NWCC to provide language training to suit their specific needs. Most post-secondary programs require high school level English, so many students choose to complete the English requirement before selecting a post-secondary program.

Please note: TOEFL or IELTS scores are not required to enroll in the ESL program

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

### Registrar

The Office of the Registrar can help you gain admission into NWCC. You will need a Canadian Student Visa to enrol. To obtain a Student Visa, you will need a letter of acceptance from the Admissions Department. Refer to the following website for information on how to obtain a Canadian Student Visa: [www.cic.gc.ca](http://www.cic.gc.ca)

### Advising

Our Educational Advisors will give you the help you need to choose the right program and direct you to other services. Advisors will explain what courses are available and guide you in choosing the appropriate courses to reach your goal.

### Registration

Fifty percent of your total fees must be paid prior to your arrival at NWCC, with the balance due at registration.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

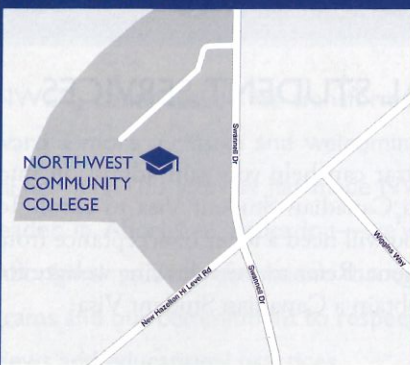
### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS APPLYING TO NWCC MUST:

- ✓ Be at least 18 years of age.
- ✓ Have successfully completed Grade 12 (Sixth Form), five 'O' levels (including English), and at least two 'A' levels or near equivalent standing. Students applying to enter English as a Second Language courses do not need to meet this requirement.
- ✓ Have a TOEFL score of 220 on CBT, 83 on IBT or 560 PBT or better for countries where English is not the language of instruction. See the TOEFL website. Students applying to enter English as a Second Language courses do not need to take the TOEFL.
- ✓ Submit official transcripts from all education institutions attended (official transcript means it is received by NWCC in a sealed envelope from the sending institution and it includes the official seal or signature of that institution).

For more info, go online to [www.nwcc.bc.ca/Students/International.cfm](http://www.nwcc.bc.ca/Students/International.cfm) or email [international@nwcc.bc.ca](mailto:international@nwcc.bc.ca) or call us at 1.250.635.6511 Ext 5477 or toll free at 1.877.277.2288 (in Canada and the US only)

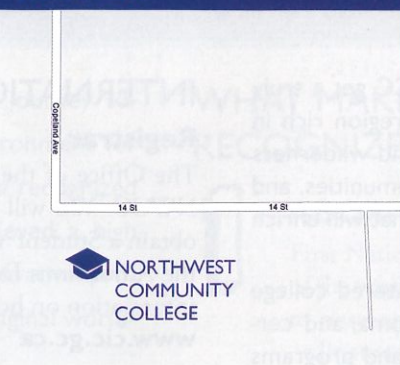
## NWCC CAMPUS LOCATIONS

### HAZELTON



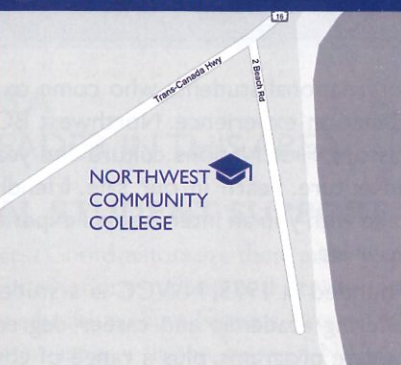
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Hazelton, BC V0J 1Y0  
Tel: 250.842.5291 Fax: 250.842.5813

### HOUSTON



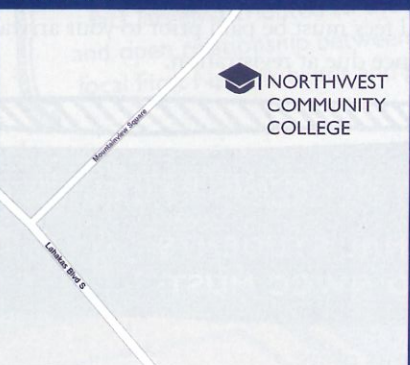
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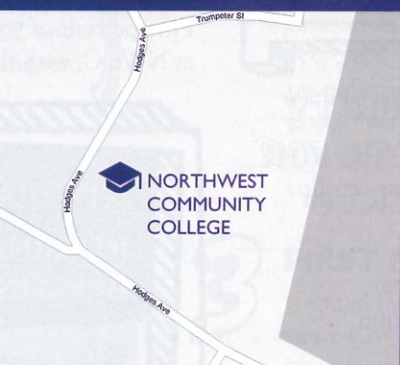
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Tel: 250.559.7885 Fax: 250.559.4782

### KITIMAT



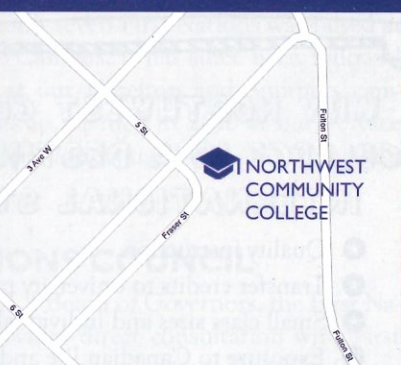
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Kitimat, BC V8C 2N2  
Tel: 250.632.4766 Fax: 250.632.5069

### MASSET



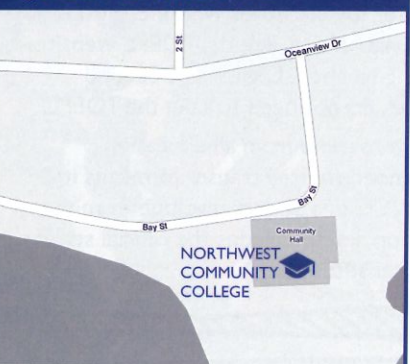
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### PRINCE RUPERT



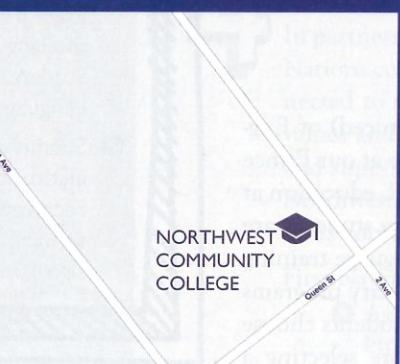
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### QUEEN CHARLOTTE



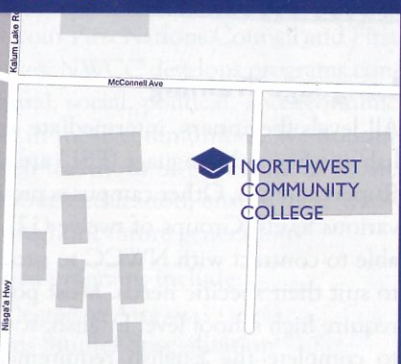
138 Bay Street  
P.O. Box 67  
Village of Queen Charlotte, BC V0T 1S0  
Tel: 250.559.8222 Fax: 250.559.8219

### SMITHERS



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P.O. Box 3606  
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### TERRACE



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### CONTACT US

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E-mail: [info@nwcc.bc.ca](mailto:info@nwcc.bc.ca)

[nwcc.ca](http://nwcc.ca)



### HOW TO GET HERE

NWCC campuses are centrally located in their respective communities.

**WALK OR CYCLE:** We encourage active living by providing bike racks at each of our campuses.

**BUS:** If walking or biking is not an option, the NWCC communities in the Hazeltons, Kitimat, Prince Rupert, Smithers and Telkwa and Terrace and Thornhill are served by public BC Transit. For detailed information on schedules, routes and fares, go to the BC Transit website at: [www.bctransit.com/regions/](http://www.bctransit.com/regions/)

**DRIVE:** Find easy-to-follow directions to each campus by finding us on Google Maps. Go to 'About NWCC' on our website for a full listing of our campuses with links.

**Parking is free at every NWCC campus.**

College employees practice carpooling whenever practical and we encourage the NWCC community to do the same.

*The NWCC Guide is not intended to be a complete statement of all procedures, policies, rules and regulations at Northwest Community College.*

*The College reserves the right to change or cancel any provision or requirement at any time. The College does not accept responsibility for the cancellation or discontinuation of any program, course or class of instruction that may be necessary as a result of an act of God, fire, labour issues, lack of funds or other similar causes.*

*All course/program information including content, cost, length, prerequisites, start/end dates, postponements and/or cancellation is subject to change without notice.*

*Educational Advisors and Student Services personnel may assist in planning programs, but the final responsibility for meeting the requirements for program completion rests with each student.*

*The College endeavours to provide students with the most current and accurate educational advice available; however, because of the dynamic and complex nature of post-secondary education in BC, it is the responsibility of all students who are seeking transfer to other institutions to always verify the advice we offer them with the receiving institution.*

*Information contained in this Guide is subject to change and revision. While every effort is made to ensure that the content remains valid for the period covered, the reader should recognize that changes may occur. The College website is the official Calendar and should be referred to for the most up-to-date information.*



## GET THE SKILLS YOU NEED

FOR A REWARDING AND CHALLENGING CAREER!

At Northwest Community College, we know each and every student has a different reason for going to college. You may know exactly what you've wanted to do or become since you were a kid. You may be changing careers. You may want some new skills to get you working right away. You may want to stay and work in the Northwest or you may want a career that takes you to exciting and new places.

Whatever your reason for choosing NWCC, ***you'll be glad you did!***