CAREER PATH
YOU’LL FIND MORE IN THE NORTH

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WELCOME TO STUDY NORTH BC

YOUR GUIDE TO EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS IN NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA.
CONGRATULATIONS! YOU’RE PUTTING YOUR LIFE ON THE PATH TO SOMETHING SPECIAL AND MEANINGFUL: YOU’RE MOVING ON TO POST-SECONDARY STUDIES. WHETHER YOU WANT TO PREPARE FOR A CAREER, LEARN A TRADE OR STUDY FOR A DEGREE, YOU CAN DO IT IN NORTHERN BC WHILE HAVING THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME.

If you’re lucky enough to live in Northern BC, you already know what a vibrant, inspiring place it is. You’re especially fortunate that the North has such a wealth of educational and training opportunities. You can build your career while benefiting from affordable, local education options.

If you’re from elsewhere in Canada, you will discover the warmth of Northern communities, where diversity and inclusiveness is a way of life. Our communities are vibrant, friendly and welcoming, and the great outdoors is your backyard.

International students are coming to Northern BC’s educational institutions because they offer Canadian safety, security and educational excellence—with the “extras” of smaller classes and a more personal, more welcoming education environment.

Studying in Northern BC offers more: a breadth of courses, choice in career options, and more potential to explore what’s meaningful to you. In Northern BC, you can chart your own path.
LOVE CANADA?

Magnificent geography is in every direction. The great outdoors is only a few minutes’ drive from the college or university of your choice.

For more information about our regional campuses, please visit studynorthbc.ca.
EXPLORE THE CULTURAL DIVERSITY OF THE NORTH.

Northern institutions are inclusive, diverse and culturally rich, with close connections to Aboriginal cultures and communities.

LEARN IN THE CLASS AND LAB—AND THROUGH EXPERIENCE.

Northern institutions offer unique access to industry and geology so you can supplement your learning experience beyond the classroom.

THE WORLD NEEDS MORE CANADA.

International students are welcome in Northern BC’s post-secondary educational institutions. Northern BC’s institutions offer world-class facilities and instruction, all within welcoming communities.

SMALLER COMMUNITIES OFFER MORE OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH.

Safe, smaller communities and classrooms offer a personalized educational experience. In Northern BC, you’ll explore your interests and discover your passions—while preparing for a meaningful career.

EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS WITH THE BC TRANSFER GUIDE.

Thanks to the BC Transfer Guide, you can study at one institution and then transfer to another, taking your credits with you. You take two years at a college and then transfer to a university to complete a four-year degree.
COLLEGE OF NEW CALEDONIA
PRINCE GEORGE

6 CAMPUS

4 LEARNING CENTRES

5,000 APPROX. ENROLLMENT

ABOUT THE REGION

1 HOUR FLIGHT TO VANCOUVER

120 PARKS IN PRINCE GEORGE

165+ TRIPADVISOR RATED RESTAURANTS IN PRINCE GEORGE

HOMESTAY AND ON-CAMPUS RESIDENCE OPTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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PRINCE GEORGE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
MORE THAN 70 PROGRAMS IN HEALTH SCIENCES, TRades AND TECHNOLOGIES, SOCIAL SERVICES, BUSINESS AND UNIVERSITY STUDIES.

The College of New Caledonia main campus is in Prince George, with other campuses in Burns Lake, Fort St. James, Mackenzie, Quesnel and Vanderhoof.

The College of New Caledonia offers a wide range of health, social science, technology, trade, university transfer, adult special education and basic education programs. The college also works with the University of Northern British Columbia to enable students to build upon college studies and obtain university degrees.

International students choose the College of New Caledonia for ESL courses, university transfer, academic upgrading, and diploma or post-diploma programs.

TRANSFERRING CREDITS FROM ONE INSTITUTION TO ANOTHER

Thanks to the BC Transfer Guide, many students can switch from one BC post-secondary institution to another, with credit for the courses they have taken.

What does that mean? If you move or simply want a change, you can switch colleges and take your credits with you. If you want a university degree, you can take the first two years at a college nearer to home, then transfer to a university for the next two years. Learn more at www.bctransferguide.ca

A BREADTH OF OPTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

The universities and colleges of Northern BC offer a wide breadth of learning experiences leading to an enormous variety of satisfying careers. Many courses and programs are designed with unique hands-on learning opportunities. What they have in common is diversity, inclusiveness and a strong connection to their communities.
NORTHERN LIGHTS COLLEGE
DAWSON CREEK

3 LEARNING CENTRES

20 YEARS WELCOMING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

5 CAMPUSES

324,000 SQ. KM AREA SERVED

ABOUT THE REGION

75 TRIPADVISOR RECOMMENDED RESTAURANTS IN DAWSON CREEK & FORT ST. JOHN

4,500 SEATS AT THE ENCANA EVENTS CENTRE IN DAWSON CREEK HOST TOP PERFORMERS

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NORTH PEACE REGIONAL AIRPORT

HOMESTAY AND ON-CAMPUS RESIDENCE OPTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
CAREER AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING, TRADES TRAINING AND ACADEMIC/UNIVERSITY TRANSFER PROGRAMS.

Northern Lights is a Centre of Excellence in training for Oil and Gas, Clean Energy Technology, and Aerospace. The college operates eight campuses and learning centres, situated in Atlin, Chetwynd, Dawson Creek, Dease Lake, Fort Nelson, Fort St. John, Hudson's Hope and Tumbler Ridge.

For over 20 years, Northern Lights College has been welcoming international students to its ESL courses, academic diploma programs (university transfer) and trades programs.

ACCELERATED CAREER PATHS

Your career can go further, faster in the North. There is a high demand for many trades and professions, and a smaller pool of qualified applicants than is typical in urban areas. Northern Lights College offers offer specialized programs in fields including Aerospace, Oil and Gas, Mining, and Clean Energy.

A STUDENT-FOCUSED EXPERIENCE

Northern BC’s educational institutions offer the ideal balance: our facilities are state-of-the art. We meet the same high accreditation standards as larger institutions in the south, while offering smaller class sizes and an intimate, personalized experience. Students know their teachers, and the other students in their classes personally.
NORTHWEST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
TERRACE

7 CAMPUSES
6 FIELD SCHOOLS FOR ECOLOGY, INDIGENOUS CULTURE AND HISTORY

40% ABORIGINAL STUDENT POPULATION
FISHING RODS, SNOWSHOES & BICYCLES CAN BE BORROWED FROM THE LIBRARY

ABOUT THE REGION

Terrace is a central hub with quick access to nature’s playground
Smithers is a vibrant outdoor mountain community
Prince Rupert is a multicultural port community near Haida Gwaii and Alaska

HOMESTAY AND ON-CAMPUS RESIDENCE OPTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
ADVENTUROUS, HANDS-ON LEARNING IN ARTS, SCIENCES, BUSINESS, HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES, TRADES AND WORKPLACE TRAINING.

Northwest Community College is a diverse, innovative institution offering a unique educational experience with a focus on experiential learning. With Field Schools, Degree Partnerships and University Transfer, NWCC offers high-quality, affordable education. NWCC is the centre for the Freda Diesing School of Northwest Coast Art and the School of Exploration and Mining.

Based in Terrace, the college serves a region encompassing 80,000 square kilometres with 90,000 residents. There are seven campus/centre locations in Hazelton, Kitimat, Masset, Prince Rupert, Queen Charlotte City, Smithers, and Terrace. NWCC proudly acknowledges the traditional First Nations territories in which we operate and live.

YOUR CLASSROOM IS THE REAL WORLD

Field schools are a unique way to gain university credits and experience northwest BC’s incredible history, culture and environment. Current students all agree that NWCC’s spectacular outdoor classrooms are unlike any education you receive anywhere else.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Northern BC is diverse and integrated. People from many cultures call BC their home, and all have contributed to a vibrant and welcoming society. Its cities and towns are safe and peaceful, and its landscape is breathtaking.

Northern BC boasts untamed forests, dramatic oceanscapes, and mountains that have to be experienced to be believed.

In Northern BC, you can escape the crowds and the costs of city life, without compromising the quality of your education.
UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA
PRINCE GEORGE

1 MAIN CAMPUS
3 REGIONAL CAMPUSES
9:1 STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO

1 IN 4 STUDENTS RECEIVE A FINANCIAL AWARD
3,593 APPROX. NUMBER OF STUDENTS

ABOUT THE REGION

50+ KM OF NATURE TRAILS NEARBY
3 SKI HILLS WITHIN 45 MINUTES OF THE CAMPUS

299 DAYS OF SUNSHINE PER YEAR

HOMESTAY AND ON-CAMPUS RESIDENCE OPTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

YXS PRINCE GEORGE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
RATED THE #1 SMALL UNIVERSITY IN CANADA, OFFERS 67 ACADEMIC PROGRAMS, 27 MASTERS PROGRAMS, AND 3 DOCTORAL PROGRAMS.

UNBC is committed to all areas of university activities, including research, with programs and research designed to be relevant to Northern BC. Its main campus is in Prince George, and regional campuses are in Fort St. John, Terrace, Quesnel and Wilp Wilxo’oskwhl Nisga’a.

International students can begin with language education and continue with graduate and post-graduate degree studies. Many students transfer to UNBC from other institutions to complete their studies in order to obtain their degree from one of Canada’s leading academic institutions. UNBC offers guaranteed admissions to students, who meet a certain criteria, transferring from the College of New Caledonia, Northern Lights College and Northwest Community College.

WHY STUDY IN BC?

Most BC residents remain in the province for their post-secondary studies. BC is one of the most popular study destinations for international students in Canada, hosting almost 30% of all international students living in the country. Why? Because degrees from Canadian colleges and universities are globally recognized and respected. Our communities are safe and welcoming and boast a high quality of life. And, for many, BC is the destination of choice, offering lifestyle and career opportunities that are unique around the world.

COMMUNITY-CONNECTED CAREER OPTIONS

Each Northern BC institution offers a unique range of courses and programs—many of which are designed to serve the specific needs of their region. From mining to aerospace to clean energy and Northwest Coast art, these programs serve local needs. Many are connected to Aboriginal culture and communities. They represent real career path options for those who want to stay in the North for a satisfying and rewarding career and lifestyle.
STUDENT LIFE
YOU’LL FIND MORE IN THE NORTH

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YOUR CHOICE OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY WILL DEFINE YOUR EDUCATIONAL FUTURE. BEFORE YOU CHOOSE, ASK YOURSELF: CAN I HAVE MORE? MORE OPPORTUNITY? MORE LIFESTYLE? MORE ADVENTURE?

Yes, you can—in Northern BC.

In Northern BC, you can choose a path that leads directly to a meaningful career. You can earn a degree or diploma that is recognized and respected across Canada and around the world.

And you can experience the warmth and safety of Northern communities. You can have a lifestyle that merges studies with unlimited recreational possibilities. Your classroom could be a laboratory one day, and a mountain side the next. Northern BC has it all.

The choice is yours. Choose more in Northern BC.