

**VCC**

**International  
Education**

**Vancouver Community College  
2025 Viewbook**





# **Welcome to real learning, for real change.**

Real is tangible. It's learning from hands-on practice and from experts in their fields.

Real is supportive. It's listening to what you need and providing personal support that meets you where you are.

Real is belonging. It's building community, sharing your experiences, embracing diversity, and celebrating our differences.

Real is attainable. It's providing affordable education through flexible pathways that are accessible for everyone.

Real is growth. It's changing lives by improving your career opportunities, sharpening your skills, and discovering your passions.

# Land acknowledgement

We acknowledge that Vancouver Community College (VCC) is located on the traditional unceded territories of the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm (Musqueam), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) peoples who have been stewards of this land from time immemorial.

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# **International Education strategic objectives**

The International Education Strategic Plan (IESP) is a five-year strategic plan (2024-2029) that informs and guides VCC’s local and global engagement in our internationalization efforts.

The following strategic objectives position VCC to be responsive to global trends and opportunities, and to lead the BC College sector in global engagement. Each objective has related actions that showcase opportunities for VCC to advance internationalization across the college. These actions will be further developed in the next phase of community-wide implementation planning.

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**Indigenous perspectives**

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**Equity, diversity, inclusion, and access**

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**Student success**

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**Global experiences and partnerships**

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**Sustainability**

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# International Education strategic plan

Global experiences, partnerships, and mobility

A key strategic objective of the IESP is to develop and enhance opportunities for the VCC community to participate in and benefit from global engagement through strategic partnerships and internationalization at home.

A shining example of such a partnership was highlighted during a visit by VCC delegates to the Coast Institute of Technology (CIT) in Voi, Kenya, as part of the Young Africa Works project, sponsored by Colleges and Institutes Canada (CiCan) and funded by the Mastercard Foundation.

This visit provided a chance to deepen collaboration between the institutions and enhance CIT's capabilities in curriculum development, instruction, and evaluation.

## UMAP International Secretariat

In January 2021, VCC began a five-year term representing Canada as International Secretariat (IS) of University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific (UMAP), a voluntary association of government and non-government representatives of the higher education sector.

As the UMAP IS, VCC will oversee administration and programming for the consortium. Working in close collaboration with the chairperson of UMAP and the National Secretariat for Canada, along with the National Secretariats of member countries, VCC will manage various study abroad programs, facilitate joint research projects among faculty members from different member universities, and convene bi-annual international board meetings.

# Our campuses

## Downtown campus

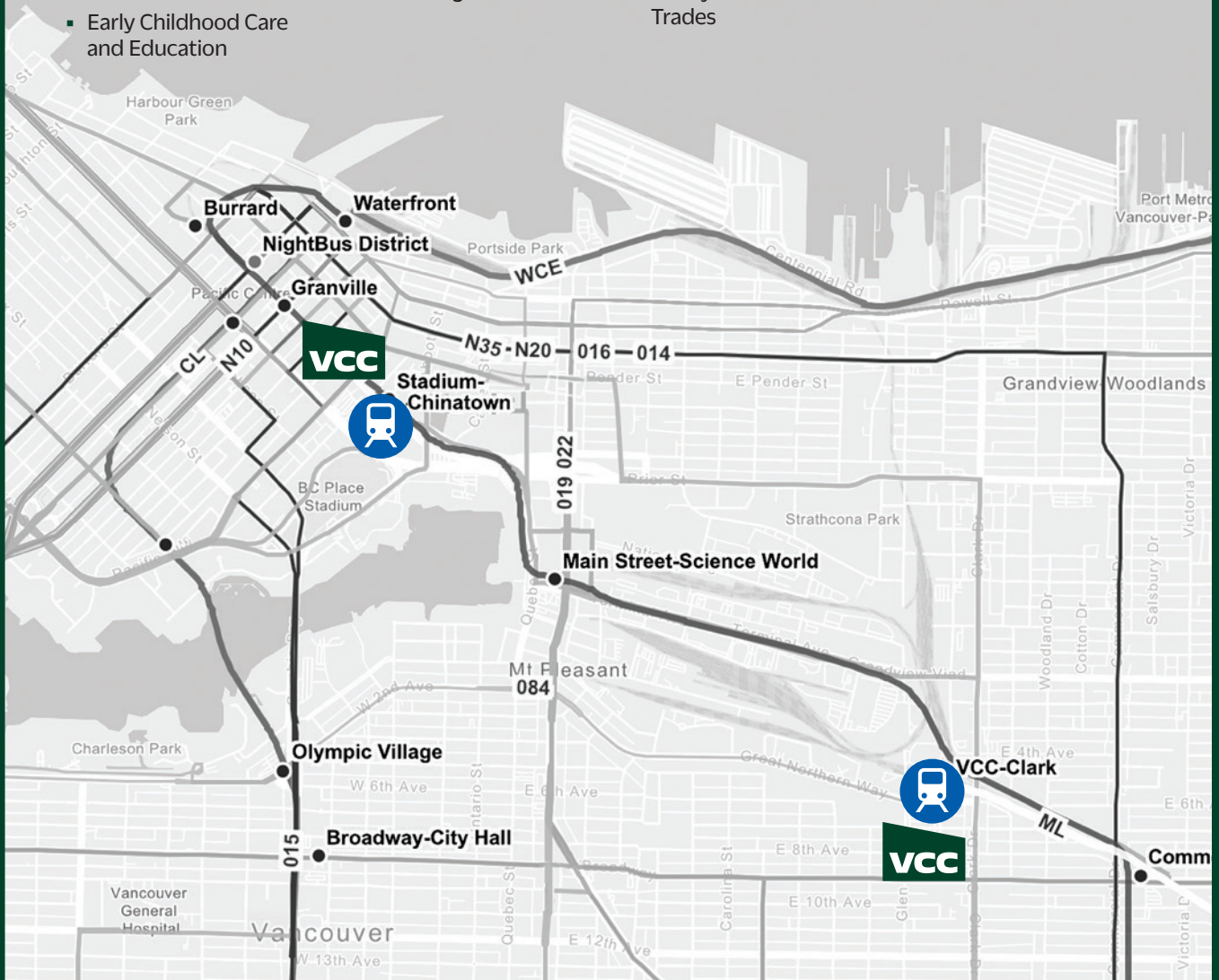
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- Adult Special Education
- Baking and Pastry Arts
- Business
- CAD and BIM (Drafting)
- Counselling Skills
- Culinary Arts
- Dental
- Early Childhood Care and Education
- Esthetics
- Fashion
- Graphic Design
- Hairstyling
- Hospitality Management
- Information Technology
- Jewellery Art and Design

## Broadway campus

1155 East Broadway

- Academic Upgrading
- Automotive Repair and Refinishing
- Automotive Service
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- English as a Second Language
- Health Care
- Heavy Mechanical Trades
- Instructor Training
- Music
- Nursing
- Repair Technology
- Sign Language
- University Transfer
- Visually Impaired





# Studying at VCC

VCC is proud to operate two campuses, serving 15,000 students per year in the heart of Vancouver.

VCC offers award-winning career programs, as well as first- and second-year university programs, all taught by highly qualified faculty and instructors. Students learn practical and hands-on skills in an interactive learning environment. This type of experiential learning will prepare students for their dream job in a new career.

Both campuses are easily accessible by transit and are located one or two blocks from a SkyTrain station.

## Canada – second largest country in the world

This wealthy and beautiful land is also one of the safest countries in the world.

From coast to coast, Canada has world-class cities, breathtaking landscapes, spectacular mountains, rivers and more! British Columbia is set between the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific Ocean. It is the most western province in Canada. With its economic stability and beautiful nature, B.C. attracts visitors, international students, and immigrants from all over the world.



## Vancouver – third largest city in Canada

When students choose to study in Vancouver, they can expect to have priceless experiences. This exciting city sits beside the beautiful Pacific Ocean and is just minutes away from stunning mountains. Vancouver has clean water, excellent health care, friendly people, a safe environment, and mild temperatures.

Vancouver was home to the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. The city offers exciting sports and outdoor activities, arts and culture, entertainment, nightlife, outstanding restaurants, and world-class shopping. Vancouver has something for everyone!



## Community impact

At VCC, we believe that learning is a life-changing experience that impacts everyone around us.

### Feeding friends

VCC's Culinary Arts students and instructors partner with Central City Foundation to host the free annual Fair in the Square barbecue celebrating our inner-city community.

### Giving in style

VCC's Fashion students regularly design and sew business attire which is donated to charities like Dress for Success and YWCA Career Zone.

### Showing pride

VCC installed three new rainbow murals at the Broadway and Downtown campuses to reflect welcoming spaces for people of all backgrounds, including members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.

### Making smiles

Students in VCC's Dental programs offer free checkups to hundreds of young children at our Tooth Trolley event.

### Welcoming the world

VCC's English as an Additional Language students provide tutoring to refugees and newcomer families through community partners like the Mount Pleasant Neighbourhood House.

### Keeping the beat

VCC's Music students, instructors, and alumni regularly host free, top-notch concerts with donations supporting the Vancouver Food Bank.





# Job-ready skills

At VCC, students learn the necessary practical skills, industry tools, and trends to be successful by the end of their program. With small class sizes, supportive environments, and attentive instructors, students will experience life-long learning lessons beyond graduation.

## Work placements

Students are connected to some of the most reputable industry employers and businesses while completing their practicum, capstone project, or internship. VCC graduates have one of the highest success rates for finding jobs in B.C.

### Canadian work experience

International students studying at VCC may be eligible to work in Canada during their studies and after graduation.

### Practicum and internship opportunities

Many of VCC's programs provide students with the opportunities to gain practical experiences during their studies. Graduates with related experiences are more competitive in the labour market.

### Working off-campus

International students may be eligible to work off-campus when studying at VCC. For details, visit the website of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada at [ircc.canada.ca](http://ircc.canada.ca).

### Post-graduation work permit (PGWP)

International students may be eligible for a PGWP after completing a full-time and PGWP-eligible program at VCC. Visit [vcc.ca/ie-pgwp](http://vcc.ca/ie-pgwp) for more information.



## University transfer

Students take first- and second-year university courses in small, flexible classes with attentive instructors. Credits transfer to post-secondary institutions across Canada.

## Quality and dedicated instructors

Learn from the best. Our instructors are highly qualified experts with real-world experience in their fields of expertise, and many have won national awards. Small classes will ensure you get personal attention from your instructors and have the opportunity to interact with classmates.

## Industry recognition

Our strong partnerships with business and industry ensure your training and skills are relevant and in demand.



## VCC Programs

VCC offers a wide variety of full-time programs for students to gain skills and knowledge for employment. Credentials range from certificates, diplomas, associate degrees, bachelor's degrees, and post-degree diplomas.

For the most up-to-date information and details, please visit [vcc.ca/international](https://vcc.ca/international).

### Baking and Culinary

Train under highly acclaimed chefs and pastry artists in Western Canada's largest culinary school.

### Business and Management

Gain expert skills in finance, communications, and more while learning proven leadership practices.

### Design

Bring art to life while learning the tools for success in B.C.'s creative industries.

### Hairstyling and Esthetics

Train with experienced instructors in VCC's state-of-the-art salon and spa facility at our Downtown campus.

### Health Sciences

Make an impact as a front-line caregiver or support worker in numerous in-demand health care careers.

### Hospitality

Learn professional management practices for hotel, restaurant, and resort settings while gaining experience in VCC's popular on-campus service outlets.

### Instructor Training

Learn top methods for teaching adults in schools, government institutions, and private companies across Canada and the world.



## Music and Dance

Get a comprehensive, top-tier music education from accomplished professionals

## Technology

Learn to build the networks and develop the software that keep our digital world running.

## Transportation Trades

Train on real vehicles and equipment in VCC's on-campus shops using the most up-to-date tools and technology.

## University Transfer

Earn first- and second-year university credits in small, flexible programs and transfer to schools across Canada.

## ESL

Learn the English skills necessary to integrate into Canadian life.



# Student services

Supporting students with expert guidance while in school and beyond

## Starting out

### Assessment centre

VCC administers assessment tests for students who need to determine language, education, or skill levels for entry into VCC courses and programs. Inquire by calling **604.871.7093**, emailing [assessments@vcc.ca](mailto:assessments@vcc.ca), or visiting [vcc.ca/assessments](http://vcc.ca/assessments).

### Child care

The McGregor Child Care Centre is a licensed, non-profit childcare centre located at the Broadway campus. Priority enrolment is given to VCC students and employees. Learn more by calling **778.783.5147**, emailing [mcgregorccs@outlook.com](mailto:mcgregorccs@outlook.com), or visiting [vcc.ca/childcare](http://vcc.ca/childcare).

### Disability services

VCC offers individualized support and assistive equipment to students who have a known or potential disability. Please make arrangements in advance of classes by calling **604.871.7500**, emailing [disabilityservices@vcc.ca](mailto:disabilityservices@vcc.ca), or visiting [vcc.ca/disabilities](http://vcc.ca/disabilities).

### Financial aid

VCC helps students access a variety of scholarships, bursaries, and student loans. Learn more about the types of financial assistance available, find application deadlines, and access forms by calling **604.871.7046** or visiting [vcc.ca/financialaid](http://vcc.ca/financialaid).

### International advising services

VCC's International Student Advisors help students plan their studies and career path. They provide detailed information on programs, admission requirements, and applications. Sessions are available in person, by phone, or virtually. Book by calling **604.443.8600**, or visiting [vcc.ca/ie-advising](http://vcc.ca/ie-advising).

### Interpreting services

VCC provides high-quality, personalized interpreting for Deaf, DeafBlind, and hard of hearing students. Make arrangements by calling **604.871.7089**, emailing [interpreting@vcc.ca](mailto:interpreting@vcc.ca), texting/FaceTime **604.328.8742**, or visiting [vcc.ca/interpreting](http://vcc.ca/interpreting).

### myVCC

VCC's internal website for students is a portal to individualized services like grades, schedules, and course materials, as well as news and important college information. Access myVCC by logging in to [my.vcc.ca](http://my.vcc.ca) using your VCC Student ID number.

### U-Pass and Compass Card

U-Pass BC is a universal transit pass program for post-secondary students offering full access to bus, SeaBus, and SkyTrain services in Metro Vancouver. Learn more by visiting [vcc.ca/upass](http://vcc.ca/upass).

### VCC bookstores

Buy textbooks, course materials, and equipment online or on campus via VCC's Broadway or Downtown campus bookstores. Browse and order at [vcc.ca/bookstore](http://vcc.ca/bookstore).

### VCC Student ID card

The VCC Student ID card can be used at the VCC Library, as a student identification to access the U-Pass, and for discounts at various local businesses. Visit the Registrar's office to create a VCC Student ID.

# Student services (cont.)

Supporting students with expert guidance while in school and beyond

## Student life

### Counselling

Free, professional, and confidential counselling is available to help VCC students set goals, manage workloads, and deal with stress, anxiety, and personal matters. Make an appointment by calling **604.871.7000, option 2** or visiting [vcc.ca/counselling](http://vcc.ca/counselling).

### Dispute resolution

VCC's Arbiter of Student Issues (ASI) provides impartial and neutral support to VCC students in matters of equity, fairness, and VCC's policy-related complaint process. Connect with the ASI by calling **604.871.7040** or emailing [tmarks@vcc.ca](mailto:tmarks@vcc.ca).

### Immigration advising

Get your immigration questions answered. Topics include study permit, co-op work permit, off-campus work eligibility, and post-graduate work permit. Book an Immigration advising appointment online with your VCC ID at [vcc.ca/ie-advising](http://vcc.ca/ie-advising).

### International Peer Mentor Community (IPMC)

IPMC connects new students with experienced students to create a supportive network that eases their transition into Canadian life and campus culture. Whether you're a new student seeking support or a current student eager to mentor, the IPMC provides a unique opportunity to enhance your VCC experience and create lasting connections. Learn more about IPMC at [vcc.ca/ie-students](http://vcc.ca/ie-students).

### Safewalk

VCC Security will accompany students to cars or transit stations upon request. Inquire by visiting an on-campus security office or calling **778.783.5022** for Broadway campus security or **604.443.8361** for Downtown campus security.

### Students' Union of VCC (SUVCC)

A member of the British Columbia Federation of Students, the SUVCC advocates for students' rights, provides services, and hosts events to support VCC students in achieving their goals. Connect by emailing [info@suvcc.ca](mailto:info@suvcc.ca) or visiting [suvcc.ca](http://suvcc.ca).

### VCC Learning Centres

Free tutoring, academic workshops, and a variety of educational resources are available to students via the VCC Learning Centre. Make an appointment by visiting [vcc.ca/tutoring](http://vcc.ca/tutoring).

### VCC Library

Our Broadway and Downtown campus libraries offer a wide variety of resources for educational use, and experienced librarians are available to help with research. Connect by visiting [vcc.ca/library](http://vcc.ca/library).

### Wi-Fi

Free, fast, and reliable Wi-Fi is available at both VCC campuses. Students can access VCC's network by logging in with a myVCC account. Guests receive two hours of free access.

## Planning ahead

### Alumni relations

Graduating from VCC has perks beyond a credential and an awesome job. Stay in touch through a VCC Alumni membership and get discounts on campus and at local businesses. Learn more by visiting [vcc.ca/alumni](http://vcc.ca/alumni).

### Career guidance

Get help with job research, resume and cover letter writing, and networking, and access valuable resources to start a strong career. Visit [vcc.ca/career-guidance](http://vcc.ca/career-guidance) for more information.



## Eat, shop, and more

Enjoy the perks of VCC life at our famous on-campus restaurants and service outlets.

### Downtown

#### Asian Culinary Counter

Savour authentic Chinese and other Asian dishes prepared by students in VCC's Asian Culinary Arts program.

#### Cafeteria

Fuel up with a wide variety of affordable dishes expertly prepared by VCC Culinary Arts students and chef instructors.

#### Dental Clinic

Receive quality, low-cost dental hygiene delivered by caring students with instructors' guidance.

### The Chef's Table

Experience VCC's gourmet dinner series designed by Chef Hamid Salimian and run by international culinary arts students.

Learn more at [vcc.ca/chefstable](https://vcc.ca/chefstable).

#### JJ's Restaurant

Enjoy gourmet cuisine prepared by upper-level VCC Culinary Arts students in our on-campus fine-dining establishment.

#### Seiffert Market + Bakeshop

Indulge in freshly baked goods by VCC Baking and Pastry Arts and Culinary Arts students and enjoy handcrafted beverages at our newly renovated Downtown campus café.

#### The Bistro

Let VCC hospitality management students serve you a variety of tasty appetizers and hearty meals in a trendy atmosphere.

#### VCC Salon and Spa

Relax and enjoy professional treatments by VCC hairstyling and esthetics students in our beautiful facility.

[vcc.ca/eat](https://vcc.ca/eat)



## Broadway

### Auditorium

Step away from midterms and assignments to enjoy the excitement of live music performed by VCC music students. Upcoming concerts are listed online at [vcc.ca/events](http://vcc.ca/events).

### Auto Shop

Get discounted prices on car repairs and maintenance by students and instructors in VCC's Transportation Trades.

### Blenz

Treat yourself to local, expertly crafted coffee and a friendly study space in our Health Sciences building.

### Quizine Kitchen

Get top-quality entrees and upscale diner-style food in our popular cafeteria run by VCC international Culinary Arts students and chef instructors.



## Eat clean

VCC's on-campus service outlets prepare food using whole ingredients and use compostable containers and utensils.



# Testimonials

What do VCC students have to say?



"I love the cultural diversity at VCC. I met people and made friends from all over the world and I learned so much from them! The instructors here are very encouraging."

**Juliana Jara**  
Jewellery Arts graduate



"I had no commercial kitchen experience prior to coming to VCC. With the guidance of the instructor chefs, I've gained so much from their mentorship, even winning a gold medal in an international competition."

**Justin Lu**  
Asian Culinary Arts graduate



"What I enjoyed the most about my time here is that everyone starts at the same base level, no matter your background or experience."

**Ratanawan (Lily) Choowatanakiat**  
Baking and Pastry Arts graduate



"I'm so thankful for the real-world exposure I got from my program at VCC. The support, feedback, and mentorship was invaluable."

**Jaya Grewal**  
Fashion Design graduate



"VCC really changed my life. I almost gave up on my dreams. But the instructors truly believed in me and saw my potential and inspiration to my community."

**Vicente Teng**  
Graphic Design graduate



"The people, culture, and atmosphere here all really set us up for success. I received very practical career and job hunting advice, which led me to my practicum."

**Jason Kam**  
Legal Administrative graduate





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### Downtown campus

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