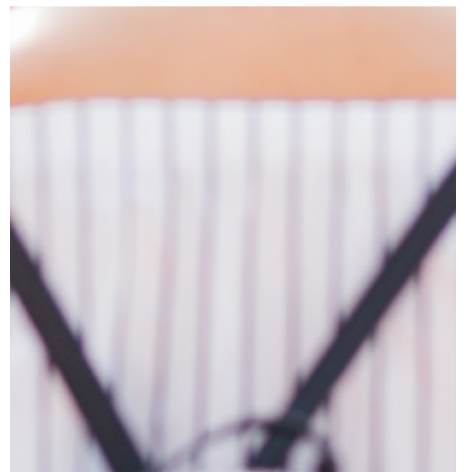
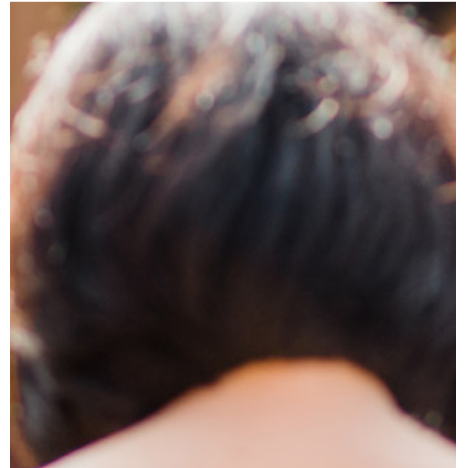
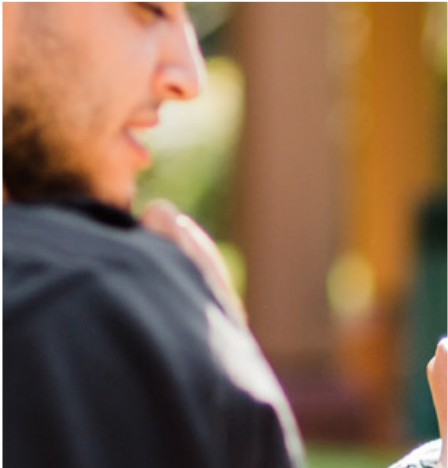


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# 2020 Student Guide



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about being a student at  
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# YOUR GUIDE TO NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE



Welcome. We're glad you've chosen to study with us. At NIC, you'll have the best possible instruction and learning environment as well as the opportunity to join a supportive community focused on your success. This Student Guide was created to assist you in navigating your journey as a North Island College student.

## **OUR MISSION**

North Island College is committed to meeting the education and training needs of adults within its service region by: providing high quality, affordable higher education and skills training, collaborating with our partners to create pathways to learning, and empowering individuals to achieve their full potential.

## **OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE**

North Island College holds a vision of being a premier community and destination college, in a spectacular west-coast environment, that inspires and prepares students for success in a rapidly changing world.

## **OUR FOCUS IS YOUR SUCCESS**

Student Services provides a wide range of services and resources to help you reach your goals. Throughout your time at North Island College, you'll find we're here to help not just with admission, registration, and advising, but with everything from random information and directions to first aid and security.

## **STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY**

It is the student's responsibility to be aware of College policies regarding your conduct, attendance, performance, registration and any other related policies.

## **CONFIDENTIALITY OF YOUR RECORD**

Only you can add/drop courses, pay fees, or inquire about your student record. That means your parents, spouse, or friend cannot conduct business for you without official consent.

## **RELEASE OF INFORMATION/PROXY**

You can give another person access to your account by submitting a Proxy/Release of Information form which is available online or at your local campus.

# SCHEDULES & DEADLINES – KEY DATES



Do you know when you need to pay your tuition or when your reading break is? Not all NIC programs follow the same schedule. Keep track of your program's registration, fee payment and withdrawal deadlines, fall and winter breaks, exam schedule, and more.

## **PROGRAMS WITH VARYING START DATES AND DISTANCE COURSES**

North Island College offers a wide range of programs with varying schedules and deadlines. Please ensure that you are following the timelines associated with your program. For more information or guidance, please contact Student Services.

### **Office Administration (ABT)**

(key dates are draft and under review)

**Office Assistant I certificate, Administrative Assistant certificate, Computing Accounting Assistant certificate, Office Management certificate:**

- Students registering from May to September for the Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer terms must pay full fees by 4:00 pm by the due date of each term (see below).
- Students registering during the terms must pay full fees at the time of registration.
- Last day to drop for refund is within 10% of the course. Last day to withdraw without academic penalty is within 25% of the course.
- Term start dates:  
2020FA – Monday, August 24th  
2021WI – Monday, January 4th

## **Early Childhood Care & Education**

**Early Childhood Care & Education Certificate:**

- Full fees are due approximately 3 weeks prior to start of the program. Dates are provided in your admission letter.
- Last day to drop for refund is 10 days from the start date of the program.
- Fall reading break is Thursday, November 12 to Friday, November 13, 2020.
- Winter break is December 25, 2020 to January 1, 2021 inclusive. Winter classes start January 6, 2021.
- Spring reading break March 16 – 20, 2020
- All stat holidays apply.

**Early Childhood Care & Education Diploma:**

- Full fees are due approximately 3 weeks prior to start of the program. Dates are provided in your admission letter.
- Last day to drop for refund is 10 days from the start date of the program.
- Fall reading break is Thursday, November 12 to Friday, November 13, 2020.
- Winter break is December 25, 2020 to January 1, 2021 inclusive.
- Winter term starts January 6, 2021.
- All stat holidays apply.

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## SCHEDULES & DEADLINES – KEY DATES

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### Health & Human Services

#### Health Care Assistant Certificate:

- Full fees are due approximately 3 weeks prior to start of the program. Dates are provided in your admission letter.
- Last day to drop for refund is 10 days from the start date of the program.
- Fall Reading Break is Thursday, November 12 to Friday, November 13, 2020.
- Winter break is December 25, 2020 to January 1, 2021 inclusive.
- Winter classes start January 4, 2021.
- All stat holidays apply. No reading breaks.

#### Practical Nursing Diploma

- Full fees for the first term are due 3 weeks prior to start of the program. Dates are provided in your admission letter.
- Last day to drop for refund is 10 days from the start date of the term.
- Winter break December 25, 2020 – January 1, 2021 inclusive.
- Winter classes start January 4, 2021.

### Animal Care Aide Certificate & Hospital Unit Clerk Certificate

- Full fees are due 3 weeks prior to start of the program. Dates are provided in your admission letter.
- Last day to drop for refund is 14 days prior to the start date of the program.
- Last day to withdraw without academic penalty is within 60% of the program.
- Winter classes start January 4, 2021.
- All stat holidays apply. No reading breaks.

#### Activity Assistant Certificate:

- Full fees are due 3 weeks prior to start of the program. Dates are provided in your admission letter.
- Last day to drop for refund is 14 days prior to the start date of the program.
- Last day to withdraw without academic penalty is within 60% of the program.
- All stat holidays apply. No reading breaks.

### Tourism & Hospitality

#### Hospitality Distance Learning:

- Full fees are due at the time of registration.

### Trades & Technology

Aircraft Structures Technician (AME-S), Aquaculture Technician Certificate, Aquaculture Technician Diploma, Automotive Service Technician Foundation Harmonized, Carpentry Foundation Harmonized, Culinary Business Operations Diploma, Culinary Business Operations Advanced Diploma, Electrician Foundation Harmonized, Heavy Mechanical Foundation, Joinery/Cabinetmaking Foundation, Metal Fabrication Foundation, Plumbing & Piping Foundation Harmonized, Prep Cook Certificate, Professional Cook 1, 2, 3, Welding Foundation Harmonized:

- Typically full fees are due 3 weeks prior to start of the program. Dates are provided in your admission letter.
- Last day to drop for refund is 10 days from the start date of program.
- Winter break is December 25, 2020 to January 1, 2021 inclusive.
- Winter classes start January 4, 2021.
- All stat holidays apply. No reading breaks.

### Apprenticeship Technical Training

Carpenter Apprenticeship Harmonized, Electrician Apprenticeship, Heavy Mechanical Apprenticeship, Plumber Apprenticeship Harmonized, Welding Apprenticeship Harmonized:

- Full fees are due 60 days prior to the start day of your course.
- Last day to drop for refund is 28 days prior to start of course.
- Schedule of training dates can be found at [www.tradetrainingbc.ca](http://www.tradetrainingbc.ca)

### University Studies

Electronics Technician Core, Industrial Automation Technician

- Typically full fees are due 3 weeks prior to start of the program. Dates are provided in your admission letter.
- Last day to drop for refund is 10 days from the start date of program.
- Last day to withdraw without academic penalty is within 60% of the program.
- Winter break is December 25, 2020 to January 1, 2021 inclusive.
- Winter classes start January 4, 2021.
- All stat holidays apply. No reading breaks.

## SCHEDULES & DEADLINES – KEY DATES

### University Studies Distance

North Island College offers three types of distance courses for which different deadlines apply. Distance courses may be offered fully online or paper-based or a combination of the two.

#### Flexible distance courses:

(Identified with an 'F' as the 3rd letter in the section code eg: CVF1)

- Last day to register is the Friday of the 6th week for both the fall and winter terms.
- Last day for tuition refunds or to change status (credit/ audit) is 30 calendar days after the student start date.
- Last day to withdraw without academic penalty is 60% from student start date.
- Last day to submit all course requirements is the second Friday of February (fall term) and the second Friday of June (winter term).
- Exams are scheduled on an individual student basis.

#### Lock-step distance courses:

(Identified with an "L" as the 3rd letter in the section code eg: CVL1)

- Term-based schedule and deadlines apply.

#### Continuous entry/exit distance courses:

(Identified with a 'W' as the 3rd letter in the section code eg: CVW1)

- Last day for tuition refunds is 10 days from student start date.
- Last day to withdraw without academic penalty is 60% from student start date.

#### Distance

(Identified with a 'D' as the 3rd letter in the section code eg: CVD1)

- A distance course that does not follow term based timelines. Add/drop and withdrawal dates may vary depending on program area.

### Withdrawal Without Academic Penalty

Programs that are longer than 13 weeks in length with varying start and end dates will have within 60% of the program to withdraw without academic penalty.

### PROGRAMS AND COURSES

#### WITH TERM-BASED START DATES

The following North Island College programs and courses are guided by the term-based schedule and deadlines listed in the calendar of dates in this section of the guide:

#### Upgrading & Special Programs

Adult Basic Education courses, Academic English Language Program.

#### Business

Business Administration certificate, diploma, degrees and post degree diploma.

#### Fine Arts & Design

Fine Arts diploma, Interactive Media programs (Web Design diploma, Web & Mobile Application diploma, Communication Design diploma, Advanced Communication Design diploma), Mobile Application Development diploma, Metal Jewellery Design certificate.

#### Tourism & Hospitality

Tourism & Hospitality Management certificate and diploma, Global Tourism & Hospitality Management advanced certificate and advanced diploma.

#### Health & Community Care

Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, Human Services programs (Education Assistant/Community Support certificates, Human Services diploma, Social Service diploma).

#### University Studies & transfer

Associate of Arts and Science degrees, Criminology diploma, University Studies courses.



# SCHEDULES & DEADLINES – KEY DATES | TERM BASED DATES

## WINTER TERM 2020

### JANUARY 2020

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

- Jan 2-3 International Student Orientation Campbell River and Comox Valley campuses
- Jan 6 First Day of winter term and First Day of classes. All fees must be paid in full and all prerequisites met by 4 pm.
- Jan 13 Last day for waitlisted students to claim seats; remaining waitlists will be cleared at 4 pm.
- Jan 15 Last day to register, apply for refund, change from credit to audit.

### FEBRUARY 2020

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

- Feb 14 Last day to register for flexible distance courses.
- Feb 14 Last day to register for ABE at the Port Alberni and Micalakwila campuses.
- Feb 17 Family Day, college closed.
- Feb 18-21 Reading Break for ABE, BSAM, Interactive Media, Fine Arts, Human Services, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, University Studies, AELP
- Feb 18 Winter Exam schedule posted.
- Feb 28 Last day to withdraw without academic penalty.

### MARCH 2020

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	1
8	9	10	11	12	13	8
15	16	17	18	19	20	15
22	23	24	25	26	27	22
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

- Mar 16-20 Reading Break - Early Childhood Care & Education certificate and diploma

### APRIL 2020

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

- Apr 6 Timetable Posted for Fall and Winter Terms
- Apr 6-9 Last week of classes.
- Apr 10 Good Friday, college closed
- Apr 13 Easter Monday, college closed
- Apr 14-27 Winter final exams
- Apr 27-28 International Student Orientation

## SPRING TERM 2020

### MAY 2020

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

- May 4 First day of classes: 7-week Spring term and 14-week Spring intersession. All fees must be paid in full and all prerequisites met by 4 pm.
- May 6 Last day for waitlisted students in 7-week Spring term courses to claim seats. Remaining waitlists cleared at 4 pm.
- May 8 Last Day to register, apply for refund, change from credit to audit in 7-week Spring term courses.
- May 11 Last day for waitlisted students to claim seats for 14-week Spring intersession. Remaining waitlists will be cleared at 4 pm.
- May 11 Continuing student registration begins for Fall and Winter terms.
- May 13 Last day to register, apply for refund or change from credit to audit: 14-week Spring intersession.
- May 18 Victoria Day, college closed
- May 19 Spring exam schedule posted
- May 25 New student registration begins for Fall and Winter terms.
- May 29 Last Day to withdraw without academic penalty: 7-wk Spring term

### JUNE 2020

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

- Jun 15 Exam Schedule posted: 14-week Spring intersession
- Jun 15-19 Last week of classes: 7-week Spring term.
- Jun 22-27 Final exams: 7-week Spring term.
- Jun 26 Last date to withdraw without academic penalty: 14-week Spring intersession

## SUMMER TERM 2020

### JULY 2020

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

- Jul 1 Canada Day, college closed
- Jul 2-3 Reading Break: 14-week Spring intersession
- Jul 6 Summer term begins. Classes begin. All fees must be paid in full and all prerequisites met by 4 pm.
- Jul 8 Last day for waitlisted students to claim seats; remaining waitlists will be cleared at 4 pm. 7-week Summer term
- Jul 10 Last day to register, apply for refund, change from credit to audit. 7-week Summer term
- Jul 20 Exam Schedule posted: 7-week Summer term
- Jul 31 Last day to withdraw without academic penalty: 7-week Summer term

### AUGUST 2020

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

- Aug 3-7 Last week of classes: 14-week Spring intersession
- Aug 3 BC Day, college closed
- Aug 10-22 Final exams: 14-week Spring intersession
- Aug 17-21 Last week of classes: 7-week Summer term
- Aug 18 Last day to pay all fees for Fall Limited Entry Programs.
- Aug 24-29 Final exams: 7-week Summer term
- Aug 31 - Sep 4 International Student orientation Campbell River and Comox Valley campuses

# SCHEDULES & DEADLINES – KEY DATES | TERM BASED DATES

## FALL TERM 2020

### SEPTEMBER 2020

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

- Sep 7 Labour Day, college closed.
- Sep 8 Orientation Day - no regular scheduled classes. First day of Fall term. All fees must be paid in full and all prerequisites met by 4 pm.
- Sep 9 Fall classes begin.
- Sep 14 Last day for waitlisted students to claim seats; remaining waitlists will be cleared at 4 pm.
- Sep 17 Last day to register, apply for refund, change from credit to audit.
- Sep 30 Last day to opt-out of NISU Health and Dental Benefits.

### OCTOBER 2020

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

- Oct 12 Thanksgiving Day, college closed.
- Oct 15 Fall exam schedule posted.
- Oct 16 Last day to register for flexible distance courses.
- Oct 30 Last day to withdraw without academic penalty.

### NOVEMBER 2020

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

- Nov 11 Remembrance Day – college closed.
- Nov 12-13 Fall Reading Break

### DECEMBER 2020

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

- Dec 1 Opt out period for NISU Health and Dental Benefits begins for winter term
- Dec 7-11 Last week of classes
- Dec 12-23 Fall final exams
- Dec 25 Winter break, college -Jan 1 closed

## WINTER TERM 2021

### JANUARY 2021

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27	28	29	30	31	1	2
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

- Jan 4 International student orientation - Comox Valley campus
- Jan 4 First Day of Winter term. All fees must be paid in full and all prerequisites met by 4 pm
- Jan 5 International student orientation - Campbell River campus
- Jan 6 Winter classes begin
- Jan 11 Last day for waitlisted students to claim seats; remaining waitlists will be cleared at 4 pm
- Jan 13 Last day to register, apply for refund, change from credit to audit.
- Jan 31 Last day to opt-out of NISU Health and Dental Benefits.

### FEBRUARY 2021

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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	1	2	3	4	5	6

- Feb 12 Last day to register for flexible distance courses.
- Feb 12 Last day to register in ABE continuous entry/exit
- Feb 15 Family Day, College closed.
- Feb 16-19 Winter reading break - no classes
- Feb 18 Winter exam schedule posted
- Feb 26 Last day to withdraw without academic penalty.

### MARCH 2021

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
28	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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### APRIL 2021

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1

- Apr 2 Good Friday, College Closed.
- Apr 5 Easter Monday, College Closed.
- Apr 6-9 Last week of classes: winter term.
- Apr 6 Timetable posted for the fall/winter terms.
- Apr 10-23 Winter final exams.
- Apr 29-30 International student orientation - Comox Valley campus



# SCHEDULES & DEADLINES – KEY DATES | TERM BASED DATES

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# CONTACT US

## All Communities

Information/Registration (toll-free in BC).....	1-800-715-0914
North Island College Online.....	<a href="http://www.nic.bc.ca">www.nic.bc.ca</a>
NIC Employee	
Directory .....	<a href="http://www.nic.bc.ca/about-us/contact-us/directory">www.nic.bc.ca/about-us/contact-us/directory</a>
Inquiries .....	<a href="mailto:questions@nic.bc.ca">questions@nic.bc.ca</a>
Office of Global Engagement .....	<a href="mailto:study@nic.bc.ca">study@nic.bc.ca</a>
.....	250-334-5033
Peer Tutoring .....	<a href="mailto:tutoring@nic.bc.ca">tutoring@nic.bc.ca</a>

## Campbell River

### Campbell River Campus

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Fax.....	250-923-9703
Educational Advisors (Education & Financial Aid) ..	250-923-9700
Counsellors .....	250-923-9700
Aboriginal Education Advisor .....	250-923-9700
Employment Service Advisor .....	250-923-9739
Campus Store.....	250-923-9705
Library & Learning Commons.....	250-923-9785
Facilities.....	250-923-9700
Forest Circle Childcare.....	250-923-4440

## Comox Valley

### Comox Valley Campus

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Educational Advisors (Education & Financial Aid) ..	250-334-5000
Counsellors .....	250-334-5000
Aboriginal Education Advisor .....	250-334-5000
Employment Service Advisor .....	250-334-5076
Campus Store.....	250-334-5013
Library & Learning Commons.....	250-334-5037
Facilities.....	250-334-5000
Comox Valley Aquatic Centre.....	250-334-2527
Beaufort Children's Centre .....	250-897-1223

## Port Alberni

### Port Alberni Campus

3699 Roger Street, Port Alberni BC V9Y 8E3	
Student Services/Registration.....	250-724-8711
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Educational Advisors (Education & Financial Aid)...	250-724-8711
Counsellors .....	250-724-8711
Aboriginal Education Advisor .....	250-724-8711
Campus Store.....	250-724-8720
Library & Learning Commons.....	250-724-8733
Facilities.....	250-724-8711

### Tebo Vocational Centre

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Fax .....	250-723-4573

## Port Hardy

### Mixalakwa Regional Campus

PO Box 901, 140 - 8950 Granville Street, Port Hardy BC V0N 2P0	
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Fax .....	250-949-2617
Educational Advisors (Education & Financial Aid)...	250-949-7912
Facilities.....	250-949-7912

## Ucluelet

### Ucluelet Centre

PO Box 198, 10 – 1636 Peninsula Road, Ucluelet BC V0R 3A0	
Information/Registration.....	250-726-2697
Fax.....	250-726-2698

Looking for a specific North Island College employee or department?

[www.nic.bc.ca/about-us/contact-us/directory](http://www.nic.bc.ca/about-us/contact-us/directory)

Enquiries toll-free in BC: 1-800-715-0914

# myNIC



North Island College uses a number of technologies to serve the educational needs of our students. For most of our courses and programs, you will need to have access to a computer connected to the internet and be able to operate a variety of software applications. If you do not have access to the necessary technology, you may access computers at campus locations such as the Library & Learning Commons and Computer Labs. If you are a distance student or are unable to attend one of our facilities, you will be expected to provide your own computer and internet connection.

## COMPUTERS FOR STUDENT USE

North Island College students are provided with access to computers which can be found in the Library & Learning Commons and Computer Labs. Students should inquire at their local campus for availability and scheduling details.

Wireless internet is widely available for student use at all North Island College campuses. To log-in, users will be required to use their NIC username and password to access wireless at NIC. Users should only have to log-on once and then connect automatically afterwards. If you experience issues, please contact Student Technical Support.

## myNIC

myNIC is your account at North Island College. You can manage your classes, print your schedule, pay for your courses, check your grades online and more. Through myNIC you have access to self-service student email, personal digital storage, BlackBoard Learn, team sites, and Learning Communities for staying connected. A calendar is also included to help you organize your time and announcements for staying up to date on important information.

## Log In

Access myNIC Login online at [mynic.nic.bc.ca](http://mynic.nic.bc.ca) or click myNIC link located in the upper right hand corner on the North Island College website [www.nic.bc.ca](http://www.nic.bc.ca)

Type in your user ID and password. Your user ID and password were sent to you at the time of your application.

## Forgot your user ID

Your user ID is your student number preceded by a small letter 'n'. eg: n0123456

## Forgot or Reset your Password

From the log-in page, click on 'Forgot your password'. A new temporary password will be emailed to your personal email address. Be sure to click on 'I want to change my password after logging on' to create your own personal password.



## Using myNIC

### myNIC is made up of the following web parts:

**Student email:** Located in the upper right hand corner of your myNIC homepage is your student email account. Communication from NIC will be sent to your student email account. myNIC FAQ are available to help you to activate your email account after your initial log in if you have not already done so. FAQ also includes instructions to forward your NIC email to your personal email address should you wish to do so.

Please check your email frequently for important information from North Island College staff and faculty.

**Self Service:** Here you can register for courses, make payments, view grades, order transcripts, evaluate your program and more. Click on the drop down arrows to expand and view the multiple self-serve options.

**My Week/My To Do:** The My Week and My To Do web parts summarize information from your student mailbox and personal calendar entries as well as the meeting times for courses you are enrolled in.

### Announcements/News/Events

- Announcements - NIC will post announcements here. Check often for important information.
- News - Links to all the NIC news. Keep up with us and what is happening around campus.
- Events - Links to the NIC calendar of events.

**myNIC FAQ's:** Find answers to some of the most frequently asked questions. If you're having difficulty using myNIC, browse through this information, and you may find the answer you need.

**My Bookmarks:** Provides links to the following resources:

- Election Rules and Regulations
- Exam Schedule
- Key Dates
- Library & Learning Commons
- NIC Advising Syllabus
- NIC Employee Directory
- NIC Forms
- Student Employment Services
- Student Guide
- Student Policies
- Student Technical Services

You can also save your own links in this list under My Links.

**OneDrive:** Access your personal files online wherever you have online access.

**My Team Sites:** Here are program areas, interest groups and other community groups that may have "Learning Communities". These Learning Communities are areas where group members can collaborate online for discussions, document sharing, etc.

## BLACKBOARD LEARN



is an online educational tool designed to enhance student-instructor and student-student communication by providing a centralized area to access classes and class information. It enables instructors to put up course materials, tests, web links, discussion forums, blogs, wikis and announcements on the Internet for easy access by students. Blackboard Learn is accessible via your web browser or available as an app for your Android or Apple mobile device.

If your instructor uses BlackBoard Learn, you will see it and the courses you are enrolled in on your myNIC site.

### Having problems logging in?

- Ensure your Java is updated.  
You can do this by going to [www.java.com/en](http://www.java.com/en)
- Adobe Reader will need to be updated as well.  
You can do this by going to [get.adobe.com/reader](http://get.adobe.com/reader)

## STUDENT TECHNICAL SERVICES

If you are still experiencing technical problems logging on, you can contact tech services three easy ways:

1. At the Student Technical Services website:  
[libguides.nic.bc.ca/studenttech](http://libguides.nic.bc.ca/studenttech) (preferred)
2. In-Person at the Student Technical Services desk located in the Comox Valley Library & Learning Commons (during available hours)
3. By calling 250-334-5010

## STUDENT PLANNING

Student Planning can be accessed from Self Service. Student planning allows you to plan all course requirements for your program before registration opens. Plan for the year or plan for your full diploma or degree. By checking your course prerequisites, you can plan all your courses into the correct terms. Once registration opens just choose your section and with one click of a button you're registered in all your courses for that academic year. You can add, drop or make changes as required.

Student Planning also allows you to view your academic progress. Click on 'Go to My Progress' to see how far along you are, what courses are missing.

Educational Advisors are here to help you plan.  
[www.nic.bc.ca/student-services/advising](http://www.nic.bc.ca/student-services/advising)

## YOUR NIC APP

The NIC app allows you to access many of the services supported by myNIC from your mobile device. Log in with your myNIC user name and password. Use the app to register for courses, view tuition balances and make payments. Access Blackboard Learn, your timetable and assignment deadlines and academic schedules and deadlines. You can also view your grades, read the latest NIC news and access campus maps and the NIC directory.

# REGISTRATION TO GRADUATION



This section will guide you through from registration to graduation and everything in between.

## REGISTRATION

Once you have paid your **non-refundable tuition** deposit (not required for Apprenticeships or Adult Basic Education), you can register in your classes.

If you are in one of the following programs, you must first see an educational advisor before registering in classes:

- Office Administration (ABT) programs
- Adult Basic Education

## Registration Period

Registration begins in May for the academic year that begins in September and ends on the last day of the add-drop period for each term. View Key Dates on myNIC for your program's registration period.

### 1. Understand course codes and delivery methods

**Course codes** are composed of three parts: the subject, the level and the section.

For example:

#### BIO 160L CVS1N

- **BIO** – the subject is Biology
- **160** – a one-hundred level/first-year course
- **L** – indicates the course is a lab
- **CV** – location (in this case, the Comox Valley)
- **S** – the delivery method (in this case, a scheduled class)
- **1** – the number of the section offered (in this case, the first)
- **N** – if there is a fifth digit, it is a reserved section (in this case, reserved for nursing students). Examples of other codes: B=Business, C=Communication, F=Fine Arts, I=Web Development, T=Tourism, U=Human Services

#### Locations

- **CV** – Comox Valley
- **CR** – Campbell River
- **PA** – Port Alberni
- **PH** – M̓ix̓alakwila (Port Hardy)
- **UC** – Ucluelet

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**Delivery methods** describe how a class is presented and are indicated in the section part of the course code.

- **Scheduled (S)** – Instructors teach course content face-to-face through lectures, laboratories, seminars and other methods at regularly set days and times.
- **Interactive Television (T)** – Also referred to as ITV, these courses are scheduled courses that are linked by television with students at one or more campus. The instructor is located at one of these campuses.
- **Continuous Entry/Exit (C)** – Students regularly attend classes but proceed through course material at their own pace, subject to completion deadlines. Students may enroll throughout the semester until the last day of registration for the course or program area.
- **Distance (D)** – A distance course that does not follow term based timelines. Add/drop and withdrawal dates may vary depending on program area.
- **Lock-Step Distance (L)** – A distance course that follows all the same timelines for assignments and exams and completion as a scheduled course.
- **Flexible Distance (F)** – A distance course where students work through course material at their own pace within a specific timeframe.
- **Web-Based (W)** – An online distance course where work and assignments are completed entirely online.
- **Blended (B)** – Blended learning occurs when a course is organized so that a portion of the class will occur face to face in either a physical or virtual classroom and the remainder is delivered using online tools.

## 2. Choose your courses

### Check your program curriculum

Refer to your program's webpage ([www.nic.bc.ca/programs-courses](http://www.nic.bc.ca/programs-courses)) to see what courses you need to take. Click on each course code to read its course description and to see if it has a prerequisite. Make a list of courses you need to register in.

**Prerequisites:** A prerequisite course is a course that must be taken before a student can take more advanced courses in the discipline. You must provide Registration and Student Services with proof of prerequisites (official transcripts, completion of placement testing, application for transfer credit, or a signed prerequisite waiver) by the first day of term.

**Co-requisites:** A co-requisite course is a course that must be taken at the same time as another course.

**Electives:** Some programs require electives, which are usually university transfer courses that students select outside of their major area of study. If you need help choosing electives, make an appointment with an Educational Advisor.

## 3. Timetable your courses

After making a list of courses you want to register in, access Student Planning.

- If you are building your timetable prior to the timetable being open, you can start by adding all the courses to the terms that you want to take them in. The term in which to plan them will be determined by the course prerequisites.
- Once the timetable is open you can now select the sections for the course(s).
- If there are reserved sections for your program ensure you choose those.
- Educational Advisors are here to help you timetable. [www.nic.bc.ca/student-services/advising](http://www.nic.bc.ca/student-services/advising)

## 4. Register in your courses

Once you have timetabled all your courses and registration dates have open, click the **Register All** button to register in all your courses.

**Waitlists:** If a course is full, you will be added to the waitlist. Once a space has opened, enrolment will happen automatically and you will be notified via your North Island College email. It is your responsibility to drop the course if you no longer wish to be enrolled in it.

**NOTE:** If you are registered in a course, you may NOT waitlist for a different section of that course.

If you are still on the waitlist by first week of class, you may attend the class in case a seat becomes available during the add/drop period. This does not apply to labs or Fine Arts courses.

## 5. Be a responsible student – protect your Grade Point Average (GPA)

### Attend your classes

You are responsible for dropping any courses that you are not going to attend. If you do not drop a course, a DNC (Did Not Complete with a grade point of "0") will permanently be recorded on your transcript. Refer to the Registration Policy on [www.nic.bc.ca](http://www.nic.bc.ca) for details.

### First Day of Class-No-Show

If you are unable to attend the first day of class, you must notify your instructor to avoid being dropped or receiving a DNC on your record.

### Add/drop courses by the add/drop deadline

You are permitted to change your schedule without financial penalty until the end of the add/drop period. For the add/drop deadline dates, consult the Key Dates section of this guide or our website. For continuous exit/entry & flexible distance courses, the add/drop period is 10 days from your registration date.

Dropping courses can be done by accessing your timetable on Student Planning through myNIC, in person at a Registration/Student Services Office.

**Student loan recipients:** you must maintain a 60% course load to retain your loan eligibility.

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## Auditing courses

To audit a course, you must request this in person within the add/drop period. You must pay full fees, but you do not need to meet prerequisites.

## Withdrawing from a course

After the add/drop deadline, you can still “withdraw” from a course without academic penalty if you do so by the academic withdrawal deadline. Consult the Key Dates section in this guide or on our website for specific deadline dates.

**NOTE:** there are no refunds after the add/drop period.

To withdraw, complete and submit a Withdrawal Form to Student Services before the deadline, or log-in to your myNIC account.

**Student loan recipients:** withdrawing may jeopardize the interest-free status of loans and future loan eligibility. Speak with a Financial Advisor before withdrawing.

## RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

Generally, at least 50% of program requirements must be completed at North Island College with up to 50% met through transfer credit from other institutions.

## TRANSFER CREDITS

If you have taken courses at other universities or colleges and wish to transfer those course credits to NIC:

1. Complete an Application for Transfer Credit form. Found at [www.nic.bc.ca/student-services/student-records/nic-forms](http://www.nic.bc.ca/student-services/student-records/nic-forms).
2. Submit an official transcript along with the detailed course descriptions for those courses that you would like to transfer in. **The transcript must come directly from the institution.**

You can start today by browsing online:

- [www.educationplanner.bc.ca](http://www.educationplanner.bc.ca)  
Search programs, fields of study, locations, costs, admission requirements, program lengths, and much more at 28 of BC’s post-secondary institutions.
- [www.bctransferguide.ca](http://www.bctransferguide.ca)  
Search all your options from North Island College to anywhere else in the province. Find out how transfer credit works, which courses are equivalent, and more.

## Recognition for Prior Learning (PLA)

[www.nic.bc.ca/student-services/assessment](http://www.nic.bc.ca/student-services/assessment)

NIC recognizes that adult learners acquire knowledge and skills through life and work experiences and study unassociated with formal education. More information regarding Prior Learning Assessment can be found online or by speaking with an educational advisor.

## TUITION AND FEES

For most programs, payments are due on or before the first day of classes. Some programs have earlier payment dates, so double-check your letter from Admissions to be sure.

## Making a Payment

You can pay your fees in the following ways:

- **myNIC** – Credit Card payments can be made by accessing your myNIC account: **Self Service > Students > Financial Information > View Account and Make Payments**
- **Online Banking** – You can set up “North Island College” as a payee at your financial institution. Your account number is your seven-digit student ID number. Note that it can take up to three business days for these payments to be processed.
- **Student Loans, Grants or Sponsorships**

If you have been approved for full-time government student loan/grant funding, you will be responsible to pay your fees upon receiving your funds.

If you have been approved for part-time government student loan/grant funding, your tuition will be paid directly to the College. If funds that you are receiving are less than the required tuition amount, you are required to pay the outstanding amount by the fee deadline date.

If you have been approved for sponsorship by an external agency, it is your responsibility to ensure that the College has received the sponsorship approval. If the sponsorship you are receiving is less than the required tuition amount, you will need to pay the outstanding amount by the fee deadline date.

Consult a Financial Aid Advisor if you have questions.

- **In Person** – You may come in person to any campus Student Services office to pay by credit card, debit, cheque or cash.

**NOTE: North Island College will limit cash payments to \$1200 per day.**

**NOTE:** We do not take payments over the phone.

A student may be denied admission, registration, grades, official transcripts or credentials until outstanding debts to the college have been paid.

## Understanding Your Fees

**Deposits:** Once you have been invited to NIC, your program may require a deposit to complete your acceptance. Some programs may also require a continuing-student deposit be paid every year you attend. **Deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable** but are applied towards your tuition once you have registered. Pay your tuition deposit either online with a credit card through myNIC or in person.

**Registration Fees:** Your registration includes tuition, lab fees and learner’s resources as well as your North Island Student Union (NISU) dues. Fees may also include the cost of necessary equipment for some programs. Students may incur additional costs, such as field trips and supplies.

**Book Costs:** For information on book costs, contact the campus bookstore. Estimates for the current academic year are available on the NIC website.

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### Refunds

You may request a refund for any courses that have been fully paid and dropped prior to the last day of the add/drop period. Refunds may be requested in person at a Registration and Student Services office or through myNIC: **Self Service > Students > Financial Information > Refund Request**

### Electronic Transfer of Funds

Refunds may be deposited directly to your bank account if you provide us with your banking information. Select E-Check Bank Information in the Refund Request menu.

### Health and Dental Plan

As part of continued efforts to increase services for students, the North Island Students' Union has, after a successful referendum in the spring of 2015, implemented a system of health and dental benefits. The health and dental plan will be applied to students taking a full time course load in a given term, defined as three or more credit based courses per term or students who are enrolled in a vocational or certificate program that is six months or longer in duration with varying start dates and are considered full-time. More information on benefits and plan opt-out options can be found at [nisu.ca/health-and-dental-plan/](http://nisu.ca/health-and-dental-plan/)

### TAX RECEIPTS (T2202)

Official tax receipts are available for download through myNIC at the end of February. **Self Service > Students > Financial Information > My T2202**

**NOTE:** the T2202 will pop up as a pdf. Ensure that your browser is set to allow pop ups.

### STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS

As a student, you are eligible to receive a Student Photo ID Card. Photos are taken in the Student Services office at your local campus. Remember to bring your student number and another form of photo ID. Distance students are eligible for photo ID—call your closest campus or centre for more details.

You'll need to show your NIC student card when:

- Borrowing books from the library
- Registering or withdrawing from courses in person
- Voting in elections of student representatives
- Receiving student discounts at participating businesses

A replacement card costs \$10.

### TEXTBOOKS

To find your required class textbooks you may use the Book Search function online at:

[www.nic.bc.ca/life-at-nic/bookstores/book-search](http://www.nic.bc.ca/life-at-nic/bookstores/book-search)

Type in your subject, term, campus, course number, and section to find your required texts and the latest available pricing. Every possible effort is made to ensure text listings reflect current prices; however, prices are subject to change. If a "no book selection available at this time" comment appears, please check back later. For distance learners, books may be ordered toll-free from the campus stores at **1-800-715-0914 ext 4027**.

### CAMPUS STORES

[www.nic.bc.ca/life-at-nic/bookstores](http://www.nic.bc.ca/life-at-nic/bookstores)

The North Island College campus stores are located in Campbell River, the Comox Valley, and Port Alberni. The Campbell River and Comox Valley campus stores, for a fee, offer fax services to students.

In addition to textbooks and other learning resources, the campus stores sell a selection of trade books, stationery, school supplies, art supplies, greeting cards, gifts, bus passes, and convenience goods.

Gift certificates and NIC insignia products are also available.

Returns cannot be authorized for opened course packages/eTexts, or titles marked or in damaged condition. Refunds and returns are extended through peak periods, in accordance with campus store policy.

**PrintBucks** are also available for student printing needs and can be purchased at all campus stores.

Locker rentals are available at the Comox Valley, Port Alberni, and Campbell River campuses through the campus stores.

Check our website for contact information, Campus Stores Refunds and Returns Policy, and current text/price lists. Campus store hours are subject to change.

### ORIENTATION

Students are encouraged to attend orientation at their local campus at the start of the Fall term. This event marks the beginning of the academic year and is an opportunity to get to know your classmates and instructors while participating in Orientation activities. Each campus holds a variety of activities and/or workshops with the goal of supporting student success and creating a sense of community. Specific information regarding Orientation will be posted on myNIC Announcements and on our website at the end of August/beginning of September. It is also mailed out to all registered students.

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

The International Student Orientation is a week-long event including seminars designed to connect newly-arriving international students with their campus and community. Students begin to build friendships with each other, connect with instructors, and learn about college and community services. New students will appreciate the opportunity to begin to understand the differences in academic cultures from home to Canada, find out about work and volunteer opportunities and have some fun exploring the community. Information about the International Student Orientation is shared with arriving students via email in the month before term start.

### STUDENT RECORDS

You can view your record online at myNIC through Student Planning: [myNIC.nic.bc.ca](http://myNIC.nic.bc.ca)

- Keep track of your academic profile
- View your grades, grade point average
- View your current class schedule
- Request an Official Transcript



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## Grade Point Average (GPA)

- For each course appearing on the transcript, the assigned grade point equivalent to the letter grade is multiplied by the credit value to obtain a weighted grade point value.
- These weighted grade points are summed.
- The credit value of each course is summed.
- The sum of the weighted grade points is divided by the sum of the credit values to obtain the grade point average.

Access the following site to view the complete grading system information:

[www.nic.bc.ca/student-services/student-records/grading-system](http://www.nic.bc.ca/student-services/student-records/grading-system)

## My Progress

Access Student Planning to view your progress. This tool allows you to evaluate the progress in your current program or try out 'what-if-scenarios' if you are thinking of switching programs. Track what you have completed and what you still need to do.

## TRANSCRIPTS

Transcripts contain the complete record of students' grades and credits. Request your official transcript online via myNIC at **Self Service>Students>Academic Profile for Students>Transcript Request** or come into any Student Service office to complete a Transcript Request form. Official transcript cost is \$10 plus GST.

View your grades online by accessing your myNIC account.

## EXAMS

If you are taking courses that are term-based, your exam will usually be administered (or written) within the exam period. Dates for posting the final exam schedule for each term are listed in the Key Dates in this guide. For all other programs your instructor will advise you on your exam schedule.

### Final Exam Schedule

You can view the exam schedule online through My Bookmarks on myNIC.

You will never be required to write more than two exams in a one-day period.

You are responsible for showing up to all exams on time with your student ID and with the appropriate writing tools (pen or pencil plus backups). You may be permitted in to write an exam up to 30 minutes after the start time, but you must complete the exam within the designated time frame.

If you do not show up for the final exam, you could receive a mark of zero which may result in an automatic fail for the course. For documented absences (illness, injury, bereavement) talk to your instructor about rescheduling options.

## Distance Course Exams

Distance exams may be written at any NIC campus or centre, but it is also possible to write your exam at another educational institute.

### Arranging an On-Campus Distance Exam

Three weeks ahead of time, notify your instructor that you will soon be ready to write your exam. Tell them when (your desired test time) and where (which NIC campus or centre). They will send your exam to that location.

Two weeks ahead of time, contact Student Services to make the booking at your chosen location. It is important at this time to make sure your exam has arrived from the instructor. If something serious or unexpected comes up, talk to your instructor immediately about your rescheduling options.

Picture ID and your student number are mandatory for distance exams, so please bring your student card or other photo ID and a suitable writing instrument (pen or pencil) plus a backup. When you notify your instructor to arrange your exam, ask them three things:

- What is the format of the exam (multiple choice, essay, open book, etc)?
- What materials are permitted (calculator, dictionary, etc)?
- How much time is allotted for the exam?

### Arranging an Off-Campus Exam

To write a distance exam at another educational institution, you will need to complete the Off-Campus Exam Application and submit it to Assessment Services for approval of your invigilator. Once your invigilator is approved, permission will be granted for the exam to be released. Requests should be submitted no later than three weeks before you want to write your exam. If you cannot attend a North Island College campus/centre or another educational institution to write your exam, your exam may be written under the supervision of an approved invigilator. Please contact the Student Services' Assessment Office to learn more about invigilation services.

### Scheduled Course Exams

Students wishing to write an NIC mid-term or final exam outside regularly scheduled exam times should contact Student Services to confirm space and time availability.

**NOTE:** NIC students must contact their course instructor to request that the exam be forwarded to the appropriate Assessment Service office taking administrative timelines into consideration.

### Learning Strategies

Learn effective study skills including exam preparation, academic reading and note taking, and time management. NIC counsellors are here to give you one-on-one help. Contact Student Services to book an appointment.

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## ACADEMIC AWARDS

North Island College recognizes students with high achievements. The following awards are available. These awards are noted on the transcript.

### Medal Awards

Every academic year, two prestigious medal awards are given to exceptional NIC students. The Governor General's Collegiate Bronze Academic Medal goes to the student with the highest academic standing upon graduation from a diploma-level program. No application is required.

A medal in the name of the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia is awarded annually to a North Island College student enrolled in any two-year diploma or four-year degree program. The student chosen to receive this award will have demonstrated outstanding contributions in support of Inclusion, Democracy and/or Reconciliation on campus, or in his or her community. Students must apply for this medal. Applications are available from Student Services or online through myNIC.

### President's Award, Policy #3-08

[www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-3-08-presidents-award-for-academic-excellence.pdf](http://www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-3-08-presidents-award-for-academic-excellence.pdf)

Each award period, the President will recognize students who have achieved the highest standing within the defined award categories. The recipients of the awards will include students in a certificate-level program, a diploma-level program, Adult Basic Education, the Academic English Language program, the University Transfer program, and in a bachelor degree program. These students will be awarded the President's Award.

### Dean's Honour Roll, Policy #3-21

[www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-3-21-deans-honour-roll-awards.pdf](http://www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-3-21-deans-honour-roll-awards.pdf)

Each academic year, the Deans recognize those students who have demonstrated excellence in their program of study. These students are named on the Dean's Honour Roll.

### President's Community Engagement Award, Policy #3-36

[www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-3-36-community-engagement-award.pdf](http://www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-3-36-community-engagement-award.pdf)

Each award period, the president may recognize an outstanding student or students who have furthered the relationship between the College and our larger communities and/or demonstrated exemplary contributions to the College community. There is the possibility for an awardee/awardees from each NIC campus though the award is not necessarily presented in each graduation year.

## GRADUATION

Here's how you can prepare for graduation in three easy steps:

### 1. Register

Students must register to participate in a graduation ceremony.

- Download the Student Registration and Regalia Order form from our website or pick up a copy from Student Services. Complete the form and drop it off at the Student Services/Registration Office at your local campus.
- A \$20 fee is due by April 30. Payment may be made in person with a debit card, cheque, credit card, cash, or by mail with a cheque only.

For more information, contact the Assistant Registrar at your local campus.

### 2. Attend the Ceremony

The graduation ceremony is the highlight of the college year, and we look forward to honouring your success and achievements. The details below will help to clarify any questions you may have regarding the day's events.

All guests are welcome to celebrate your important day with you. Guest seating is not reserved, there is no limit to the number of guests you can bring, and no invitations are required at the door. Remember to join us after the ceremony for a reception.

Graduates will be ushered into the ceremony to reserved seats. Please arrive at least one hour before the ceremony to coordinate gowns and photos. Specific information about your graduation ceremony will be emailed to you mid-May. Information will also be posted on the NIC website.

Regalia must be returned after the ceremony. Students will be responsible for any charges incurred due to damage or late return.

### 3. Get your Credential

Fill out the Application for Credential form to receive your credential. All NIC certificate and diploma graduates will receive their credential by mail. Degrees are presented at the graduation ceremony.

Keep your address current online via myNIC or mail or fax the Change of Address form to the Student Services office at your local campus.

## ONLINE FORMS

You can download all our online PDF forms from:

[www.nic.bc.ca/student-services/student-records/nic-forms](http://www.nic.bc.ca/student-services/student-records/nic-forms)

# STUDENT SERVICES



Whether you're interested in Co-operative Education, looking for Financial Aid or ways of getting connected, NIC offers a wide range of resources and services such as academic advising, on-site child care, peer-support and much more.

## ADVISORS

[www.nic.bc.ca/student-services/advising](http://www.nic.bc.ca/student-services/advising)

Educational advisors are available by appointment and may offer limited walk-in service. Advisors will help you create an educational plan based on your specific needs and career goals. Advisors have information about educational requirements for many different college programs, courses, certificates, diplomas and degrees.

### Appointment Booking

Students may book appointments with advisors using the on-line appointment booking system. This service allows you to book educational advising appointments in a way that works for you: in person, by phone or by Skype. For convenience, the booking service is available 24 hours a day.

[www.nic.bc.ca/student-services/advising](http://www.nic.bc.ca/student-services/advising)

## COUNSELLING

While attending North Island College all students may seek free, professional and confidential counselling support. When challenges interfere with studies, talking with a counsellor may help to clarify the situation, explore new options, and identify strategies that can support success in school and life. Appointments for in-person counselling can be made using the online booking system at

[www.nic.bc.ca/student-services/counselling/](http://www.nic.bc.ca/student-services/counselling/)

## Services

Our Counsellors offer assistance and coaching in :

- Career Planning
- Interpretation and guidance of NIC policies and procedures
- Conflict Resolution
- Learning Strategies/Study Skills
- Personal Challenges

When appropriate, referrals will be recommended to community agencies and services.

## Limits of Confidentiality

You have the right to privacy. While it is unusual to break confidentiality, it is our duty to advise you of the following: We will only release information about you to others with your written permission with three exceptions, specifically when there are reasonable grounds to believe that:

- A person under the age of 19 needs protection from abuse.
- Individuals are likely to cause injury to themselves or others.
- We are ordered by a court of law to provide confidential records.

## Spiritual and Religious Diversity

North Island College recognizes diversity in spiritual and religious philosophies and practices. The Reflection Room provides a space for quiet prayer and meditation. The Reflection Room is located in Village A at the Comox Valley campus.

## Indigenous Student Services

Indigenous educational advisors are available to assist students in developing educational plans, liaise with instructors, or contact Indigenous sponsorship organizations. Indigenous students are welcome to see any of the college's educational advisors and counsellor. If you wish to meet with an Indigenous educational advisor, having registered status is not a requirement for eligibility. For more information, contact NIC's Indigenous educational advisor at your local campus or email [indigenousandvising@nic.bc.ca](mailto:indigenousandvising@nic.bc.ca).

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### Elders in Residence

Elders in Residence are an important part of NIC's college community. They support Indigenous students enrolled in courses and programs at the college, and liaise with First Nations communities. They're also available to staff and students interested in Indigenous culture or in need of guidance. All students are welcome to consult the Elders in Residence for support and guidance.

#### Campbell River

- June Johnson  
250-923-9700 ext 7887, [june.johnson@nic.bc.ca](mailto:june.johnson@nic.bc.ca)
- Daryle Mills  
250-923-9700 ext 7885, [daryle.mills@nic.bc.ca](mailto:daryle.mills@nic.bc.ca)

#### Comox Valley

- Fernanda Paré  
250-334-5000 ext 4020, [fernanda.pare@nic.bc.ca](mailto:fernanda.pare@nic.bc.ca)
- Evelyn Voyageur  
250-334-5000 ext. 4054, [evelyn.voyageur@nic.bc.ca](mailto:evelyn.voyageur@nic.bc.ca)

#### Mixalakwa

- Maggie Sedgemore  
250-949-7912, [maggie.sedgemore@nic.bc.ca](mailto:maggie.sedgemore@nic.bc.ca)

#### Port Alberni

- Jane Jones  
250-724-8724, [jane.jones@nic.bc.ca](mailto:jane.jones@nic.bc.ca)

### Indigenous Student Lounges

NIC has Indigenous Student Lounges at the Campbell River, Comox Valley and Port Alberni campuses. These spaces provide Indigenous students on campus with a place to meet, host study groups and take part in cultural workshops.

For 2020/2021, NIC's Indigenous Advisors will be holding Virtual Indigenous Student Lounges. Email [indigenousadvising@nic.bc.ca](mailto:indigenousadvising@nic.bc.ca) for the online meeting link.

### Support Services for Students with Disabilities

#### Access Services

Faculty are available by appointment at the Campbell River, Comox Valley, Mount Waddington and Port Alberni campuses to provide confidential support services to students with disabilities. If these services are required, contact the Department of Accessible Learning at the local campus. As funding may depend on outside agencies, we strongly recommend that you contact us at least eight months in advance of attending classes.


#### Diagnostic Assessments

The Department of Accessible Learning provides confidential diagnostic educational assessments to clarify the possible learning challenges that may be impacting a student's academic success. Testing will also include suggested compensatory learning strategies and a review of the student's interests and abilities related to employment. Referrals for this type of service come through a faculty member, counsellor, advisor, or by self-referral. The service is dependent on the availability of resources.

### Invigilation Services

North Island College Assessment Services provide exam invigilation for North Island College courses, other educational institutions and outside agencies that have testing needs. Examinations are scheduled and prior booking is required.

### STUDENT EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

[www.nic.bc.ca/student-employment](http://www.nic.bc.ca/student-employment) |  @NICSES

Book an appointment: [www.nic.bc.ca/careercentral](http://www.nic.bc.ca/careercentral)

Student Employment Services provides information, assistance and job search support to all NIC students and alumni throughout the year. Services include developing strategies for effective job search, connecting with businesses and organizations seeking employees, improving resumes, cover letter writing and interview skills. Students can view career-related events, access online resources and job board which are only available to NIC students as well as book appointments online with an Employment Services Advisor via CareerCentral.

For more information please visit our website or email:

[studentemployment@nic.bc.ca](mailto:studentemployment@nic.bc.ca)

### CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION

[www.nic.bc.ca/coop](http://www.nic.bc.ca/coop)

Co-operative education is a three-way partnership between employers, students, and North Island College. Co-op employers and supervisors act as co-educators who aim to provide constructive feedback to help students grow professionally and increase their employability. It is currently offered in the academic departments of business and tourism and hospitality. Students must complete a 4-month paid work term on a full time basis when they are not at school. Most co-op placements take place between May-August.

For more information please visit our website or email:

[studentemployment@nic.bc.ca](mailto:studentemployment@nic.bc.ca)

### INTERNSHIPS

[www.nic.bc.ca/internship](http://www.nic.bc.ca/internship)

Some post-degree programs at NIC include mandatory internships. Internships are an integral component in the academic curriculum and give students the opportunity to apply theories learned in the classroom to real life business problems encountered in the workplace. Internships can be completed on a full time or part time basis and can be paid or unpaid. Students work closely with the Coordinator Work Integrated Education to find a suitable internship work term that is relevant and meaningful to their personal career goals.

### FINANCIAL AID

[www.nic.bc.ca/financial-support](http://www.nic.bc.ca/financial-support)

As an NIC student, you may be eligible to receive financial assistance from loans, grants, bursaries, or scholarships. NIC's financial aid advisors can help you with loan forms and financial aid applications. They can also work with you to explore all your funding options, from bank and government student loans to scholarships, study grants, and bursaries. Speak with a financial aid advisor for options and sources of funding that may be available to you.

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### Student Loans and Grants

If you have been approved for full-time government student loan/grant funding, you will be responsible to pay your fees upon receiving your funds.

If you have been approved for part-time government student loan/grant funding, your tuition will be paid directly to the College. If funds that you are receiving are less than the required tuition amount, you are required to pay the outstanding amount by the fee deadline date.

#### How to apply

Students must apply online at

[www.studentaidbc.ca](http://www.studentaidbc.ca)

Consult a Financial Aid Advisor if you have questions.

### Sponsorships

If you have been approved for sponsorship by an external agency, it is your responsibility to ensure that the College has received the sponsorship approval. If the sponsorship you are receiving is less than the required tuition amount, you will need to pay the outstanding amount by the fee deadline date.

For faster application processing, students should submit their applications at least six weeks prior to the start of classes in order to ensure timely processing.

#### Contact Us

You can contact us by phone at 1-800-715-0914 or you can email a financial aid advisor at your campus:

- Campbell River Campus  
Brooke McIntosh - [brooke.mcintosh@nic.bc.ca](mailto:brooke.mcintosh@nic.bc.ca)
- Comox Valley Campus  
Doris Funk - [doris.funk@nic.bc.ca](mailto:doris.funk@nic.bc.ca)
- Port Alberni Campus  
Jana Devito - [jana.devito@nic.bc.ca](mailto:jana.devito@nic.bc.ca)
- M̓ix̓alakwila Regional Campus  
Sandra Mountain - [sandra.mountain@nic.bc.ca](mailto:sandra.mountain@nic.bc.ca)

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[www.nic.bc.ca/financial-support](http://www.nic.bc.ca/financial-support)

### Scholarships and Bursaries

Through the generosity of donors who contribute to the North Island College Foundation scholarship and bursary program, the Foundation awards more than \$375,000 per year to students requiring financial assistance as well as recognizes students who have achieved academic excellence.

Each year, the NIC Foundation publishes a complete listing of North Island College Foundation scholarships and bursaries.

View all Scholarships and Bursaries online or visit Student Services at any NIC campus to pick up a booklet.

### LIBRARY & LEARNING COMMONS

[library.nic.bc.ca](http://library.nic.bc.ca)

The LLC provides traditional library services such as lending, interlibrary loans, library classes and Research help, as well as a

number of academic supports such as Peer Tutoring and help with Technology, Writing and Math. The LLC provides various spaces for both group collaboration and individual study purposes. Break out rooms are equipped with various learning technologies including Skype, interactive touch screens and multimedia projectors.

Library resources, including books, ebooks, DVDs, streaming videos and journal articles can be found using the Discovery Search tool on the library landing page. Information about borrowing, links to Research Guides and resources, campus library hours of operation and the staff directory can be found on the LLC website.

### Research

There are various ways to get help with library research: meet with a library staff member, email your question to [research@nic.bc.ca](mailto:research@nic.bc.ca), call your campus library or chat on AskAway, a provincial reference service provided by librarians at BC Colleges and Universities. (The AskAway chat box appears on many of the library webpages.)

For Research Guides and Research Tutorials, visit the LLC website.

### Math Support

Math Support is a free drop-in service where you and your study group can spend time working on all levels of math problems with the support of NIC math faculty. To get the most out of the Math Support session, bring your class notes, textbooks, and any prior attempts at solving the math problem. For more information, see the LLC website.

### Student Technical Services

Student Technical Services is your gateway to understanding and utilizing technology in your studies at NIC. We are here to help you login to myNIC, become acquainted with Blackboard Learn, and to help with technology across the College.

We encourage you to visit the LLC website where answers to common questions such as “how do I get Office 365 for free?” or “how can I print a document from my laptop to a NIC printer?” and “why am I having trouble logging in to myNIC?” are found. You can book an appointment, submit a question online, call us, or even start a live chat.

### Peer Tutoring

Through the Peer Tutoring program you can connect with fellow students to get the help you need if you are struggling in courses. Our trained peer tutors can help you with the content and concepts in your courses, but they can also help you with the study skills and strategies you need to achieve greater academic success. To see a list of the tutors and subject areas they tutor in, and to make an appointment with a tutor, visit the LLC website. If you cannot find a tutor in the course you are looking for, email [tutoring@nic.bc.ca](mailto:tutoring@nic.bc.ca) to request a tutor.

### Writing Support

Writing support at NIC can help you with any aspect of your writing in any written assignments you need to submit for an NIC course: developing a thesis statement, organizing your essay, clarifying your ideas, improving your sentence structure, building your argument, providing supporting evidence, and, yes, grammar. Writing support services include drop-in and scheduled face-to-face appointments, as well as electronic submissions for written feedback via WriteAway. To

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see the Writing Support schedule, make an appointment, or submit an essay visit the LLC website.

### Printing and Photocopying

In order to print on student printers, users require an NIC Pay4Print account and sufficient printing credits. Each printed page costs 10 cents. Two ways to pay for printing:

1. Create an account and purchase printing credits online using a credit or debit card, or if your bank is part of Interac Online, using online banking at <https://nic.pcounterwebpay.com>.
2. Purchase NIC PrintBucks at the campus stores, in increments of \$1 or \$5 (cash or debit only).

Purchases of printing credits and PrintBucks are non-refundable. You'll find coin-operated photocopy machines (15¢/page) and printers for student use at all NIC libraries.

### ONLINE RESOURCES

The North Island College website provides students with access to College information and planning tools as well as services and links to relevant educational websites. All students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the website and to use it to enhance their college experience.

#### Important Websites

- North Island College:  
[www.nic.bc.ca](http://www.nic.bc.ca)
- myNIC (Online Services for NIC Students):  
[mynic.nic.bc.ca](http://mynic.nic.bc.ca)
- North Island College "Apply Online":  
[www.educationplanner.bc.ca](http://www.educationplanner.bc.ca)
- Student Loan Program:  
[www.studentaidbc.ca](http://www.studentaidbc.ca)
- International student application:  
[international.nic.bc.ca](http://international.nic.bc.ca)
- BC Campus — Online courses throughout BC:  
[www.bccampus.ca](http://www.bccampus.ca)
- BC Online Transfer Guide:  
[www.bctransferguide.ca](http://www.bctransferguide.ca)
- Education Planner:  
[www.educationplannerbc.ca](http://www.educationplannerbc.ca)

You can find further online resources in the Contact Us section at the front of this guide.

### DID WE MAKE THE GRADE?

North Island College student services strives to deliver excellence in customer service. Your feedback is important in helping us deliver excellent customer service. If you want to comment on your experience with student services, you can do so at [www.nic.bc.ca/student-services](http://www.nic.bc.ca/student-services). This survey is active each academic year from September to December. During the winter, spring and summer terms, you may contact an Assistant Registrar to provide your feedback.

### OFFICE OF GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

The Office of Global Engagement (OGE) directs and supports internationalization initiatives designed to spark the intercultural imaginations of students, employees and community. In addition, OGE provides a suite of services to international students, in addition to those offered through Student Services.

#### Internationalization at Home

OGE's Global Engagement Liaison works together with the Student Leadership Team to develop and deliver activities and events throughout the year for all students to examine and experience cultural diversity in fun and engaging ways. Join us on our NIC Global Facebook page to get all the latest information on upcoming events.

[www.facebook.com/NorthIslandCollegeGlobal/](http://www.facebook.com/NorthIslandCollegeGlobal/)

#### Study Abroad

North Island College is committed to supporting students in their development of the global competencies and cultural intelligence needed to live and work in an increasingly connected world. Study abroad activities such as exchange, field schools, as well as international internships and Co-ops represent key opportunities for students to study a variety of programming while living with other cultures around the world. Visit our webpage for an overview of study abroad options, or visit OGE in Puntledge 108.

[www.nic.bc.ca/international/study-abroad/](http://www.nic.bc.ca/international/study-abroad/)

#### Services for International Students

OGE provides the following services specific to international students:

- International Student Orientation
- Cultural adjustment support
- Referrals to other student support services (counselling, Learning Commons, etc.)
- Medical insurance coverage (basic)
  - o Enrolment in GuardMe private insurance
  - o Assistance with enrolment with Medical Services Plan (for students studying at NIC longer than 6 months)
- Academic advising
- Advisors are available by appointment and may offer limited walk-in service
- Advising on immigration matters related to study permits and related documents
- Assistance with questions regarding charges to student accounts
- Assistance with requests for confirmation of enrolment letters

# STUDENT LIFE



Being a student is a fun and challenging experience. It is the opportunity to learn, to grow and to build long lasting relationships. As a North Island College student, there are many things you will need to know to navigate your journey.

## CAMPUS LIFE ASSISTANT

NIC's campus life assistants are all about "students connecting with students." Campus life assistants connect with students through a variety of activities and events throughout the year. Campus life assistants help with activities such as campus tours, community outreach, student contacts, mock interviews and may also help with NIC events such as Orientation Days, Information Nights, Career Fair and Open House.

If you're interested in becoming a Campus Life Assistant at NIC's Comox Valley or Campbell River campuses, check for a listing on our Student Employment Services Job Board at [www.nic.bc.ca/services/employment\\_resources/job\\_board/](http://www.nic.bc.ca/services/employment_resources/job_board/) or contact the Student Recruitment Officer at your respective campus, or email [questions@nic.bc.ca](mailto:questions@nic.bc.ca).

## STUDENTS' UNION

<http://nisu.ca>

If you're a student at North Island College, you're already a member of the Student Union.

The work and activities of the Union are coordinated by an Executive that includes appointed representatives from each of the North Island Students' Union's elected campus councils. The campus councils coordinate student activities at individual campuses or centres.

Elections for the campus councils take place between September 15 and October 31 each year. All members of the Union are eligible to run for office and vote in the elections. Membership starts when your first course fees are paid and ends after the last term of registered study. Visit [nisu.ca](http://nisu.ca) to learn more about upcoming events and campaigns, and how you can get involved on your campus and in your community.

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP

North Island College's Student Leadership Team supports and develops skills in emerging leaders in a fun, dynamic and engaging way. The student leaders explore many aspects of leadership, acknowledging that everything we do has impacts locally and globally. Our motto is "from backpack to briefcase." For more information contact the Manager of Student Life.

## OGPEER MENTORS

Peer mentors can help you meet people, find things to do in the Comox Valley, learn about being a student at NIC, and adjust to your new surroundings. Whether you're new to Canada or just new to NIC, our mentors can help make the transition easier for you. Peer mentoring is free. If you'd like assistance from a peer mentor contact the Office of Global Engagement at 250-334-5033 or drop by Puntledge Hall, Room 108.

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## STUDENT LIFE

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### EDUCATION COUNCIL

Education Council has three main functions:

- To ensure educational quality at NIC.
- To set policies and make decisions and recommendations to guide the educational process.
- To review and approve all curriculum.

### BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The Board of Governors is responsible for the overall governance of the College. Board members work for the benefit of the College as a whole.

For further information, visit any campus during September and request Candidate Information and Nomination forms.

### PARKING

Parking is free and available at all NIC campuses and centres across the region.

### FOOD

You'll find snacks and hot lunches at NIC cafeterias (check hours posted at each campus) in Port Alberni, Campbell River, and the Comox Valley. Vending machines are also located near campus stores and common areas at all campuses.

### TRANSPORTATION

For local bus schedules, fares, and where to buy bus passes, check [www.bctransit.com](http://www.bctransit.com). Bus passes are sold at campus stores and are available by monthly pass or semester pass.

Take advantage of carpooling. Watch for carpooling sign-up posters on campus bulletin boards, inquire among your classmates, and check the NISU website at [nisu.ca](http://nisu.ca) for carpooling options under 'Ride Share'.

### BIKE RACKS

Racks for bicycles are located throughout NIC campuses.

### GENDER NEUTRAL WASHROOMS

NIC provides gender neutral washrooms at the following locations: Comox Valley, Campbell River, Mount Waddington and Port Alberni. These washrooms are identified with signage indicating gender neutrality.

### CHILD CARE

The Beaufort Children's Centre is adjacent to the Comox Valley Campus (250-897-1233). The Forest Circle Childcare is located at the Campbell River Campus (250-923-4440).

Call 1-800-565-6510 for referral services in other communities. Make sure your child care provider has a copy of your timetable. NIC Student Services/Registration can deliver messages to your class in emergencies.

### SMOKING AREAS

At the Comox Valley campus, smoking is allowed only outside in designated areas. Look for the signs.

At the Campbell River campus, smoking is allowed only outside in the designated areas. Look for the signs.

At Port Alberni and Mount Waddington Regional campuses, smoking is permitted 10 metres away from a building entrance.

### CANNABIS USE

Recreational use of cannabis is not permitted on any campus at any time. Cannabis consumption on campus is only permitted when supported by medical documentation and approved by the Department of Accessible Learning.

Please see Policy 3-06, Appendix A for more information.

### HOUSING

Looking for a place to live? Check out the Off Campus Housing website located at [www.nic.och101.com](http://www.nic.och101.com) to search available housing listings.



# COLLEGE POLICIES & GUIDELINES



## GUIDELINES AND STUDENT CONDUCT

Students are encouraged to consult the complete listing of North Island College policies. The following is a selection of policies and regulations that pertain directly to student life at North Island College. These may be obtained on the website at [www.nic.bc.ca/student-services/student-policies](http://www.nic.bc.ca/student-services/student-policies).

**PLEASE NOTE:** Policies may be under review – for the most up-to-date version please check our website: [www.nic.bc.ca/student-services/student-policies](http://www.nic.bc.ca/student-services/student-policies)

### **1-01—Freedom of Information/Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)**

[www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-1-01-freedom-of-information-and-protection-of-privacy.pdf](http://www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-1-01-freedom-of-information-and-protection-of-privacy.pdf)

North Island College keeps information under the authority of the College and Institute Act. North Island College protects and uses student record information in compliance with the BC Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (1992). Information will be used for the purposes of admission, registration, grade notification, issuing income tax receipts, research, sending follow-up educational information, contacting alumni, special events, advising follow-up, and other fundamental activities related to being a member of the North Island College community and attending a public post-secondary institution in BC. For further information, contact the Office of the Registrar.

The BC government requires the collection of student demographic information during application and registration to accurately assign a unique identifier for everyone accessing publicly funded education in BC. The use of the Personal Education Number (PEN) for this process has been agreed to in principle by the Freedom of Information and Privacy Commissioner.

Information about a student may not be released to parents or family members without explicit and written consent from the student.

### **2-08—Human Rights**

[www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-2-08-human-rights.pdf](http://www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-2-08-human-rights.pdf)

The College is committed to providing a working and learning environment that promotes a climate of understanding and mutual respect where all are equal in dignity and human rights. Discrimination and harassment undermine this commitment and are serious offences that may be subject to a range of disciplinary measures, including, where appropriate, dismissal in the case of an employee and suspension in the case of a student. The objectives of this Policy are to prevent discrimination and harassment on the grounds protected by the BC Human Rights Code, to provide procedures for handling complaints, to establish the grounds for corrective measures and/or discipline, and to ensure that all members of the College community are aware of their responsibilities under this Policy and the BC Human Rights Code. The College will ensure that this policy and its procedures are interpreted, administered and applied in a fair, reasonable, unbiased and timely manner. It is recognized that academic freedom is an important value of North Island College. This policy will be interpreted in light of our commitment to this value. Students are encouraged to request assistance from a counsellor or campus director if they think that they are being harassed.

### **3-06—Community Code of Conduct**

[www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-3-06-community-code-of-academic-personal-and-prof-conduct.pdf](http://www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-3-06-community-code-of-academic-personal-and-prof-conduct.pdf)

North Island College is a vibrant community involved in teaching, learning, applied research, and other educational activities. The college is committed to fostering a culture of integrity, mutual respect, and responsible behaviours to provide a welcoming, safe, and inclusive environment for all. The purpose of this policy is to describe the principles, definitions, expectations, and responsibilities that support a welcoming, safe and inclusive environment as they pertain to personal and professional conduct, bullying and cyberbullying, violence against person and property, and academic integrity.

### **3-08—President's Award**

[www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-3-08-presidents-award-for-academic-excellence.pdf](http://www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-3-08-presidents-award-for-academic-excellence.pdf)

Each award period, the President will recognize students who have achieved the highest standing within the defined award categories. The recipients of the awards will include students in a certificate-level program, a diploma-level program, the Adult Basic Education program, the Academic English Language program, the University Transfer program, and in a bachelor degree program. These students will be awarded the President's Award.

### **3-17—Instructional Accommodation and Access Services for Students with Disabilities**

[www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-3-17-access-and-accommodation-for-students-with-disabilities.pdf](http://www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-3-17-access-and-accommodation-for-students-with-disabilities.pdf)

North Island College (NIC) celebrates diversity within its community and will promote an open, respectful, barrier-free and supportive learning environment for students with disabilities. Instructional accommodations and accessible learning services shall be provided in a manner supportive of and consistent with our educational mandate, academic principles and legal obligations. The intent is to provide students with an equal opportunity to succeed through the administration of reasonable accommodations.

### **3-21—Dean's Honour Roll**

[www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-3-21-deans-honour-roll-awards.pdf](http://www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-3-21-deans-honour-roll-awards.pdf)

Each academic year, the Deans recognize those students who have demonstrated excellence in their program of study. These students are named on the Dean's Honour Roll.

### **3-30—Student Appeals**

[www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-3-30-student-appeal.pdf](http://www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-3-30-student-appeal.pdf)

This policy guides the College in resolving appeals from:

- Student Complaint Resolution Policy #3-31
- Student Conduct Policy #3-06

North Island College will carry out a fair and timely appeal process in accordance with the principles of natural justice. However, North Island College's appeal process is not a judicial process.

### **3-31—Student Complaint Resolution**

[www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-3-31-student-complaint-resolution.pdf](http://www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-3-31-student-complaint-resolution.pdf)

This policy is to be followed in the event of a student initiated complaint regarding instruction or services at North Island College. A student may wish to seek advice from an NIC counsellor to ensure that this policy is appropriate to the concern being raised. The goal of the Student Complaint Resolution policy is timely and successful resolution of the complaint.

North Island College has a commitment to provide quality education and service to its students. However, in an organization as diverse as a college where personal growth occurs and assumptions are regularly challenged, problems may arise. We are committed to an open, collaborative approach to dealing with student concerns, and we will endeavor to resolve complaints at an informal level wherever possible. Should this not be successful, students have the option of initiating a formal complaint.

Lodging a complaint will have no adverse consequences on the status of the complainant in their course or program of studies.

### **3-33—Evaluation of Student Performance**

[www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-3-33-evaluation-of-student-performance.pdf](http://www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-3-33-evaluation-of-student-performance.pdf)

North Island College requires that all courses leading to an Academic Program Credential or a learning pathway include evaluations of student performance that are prepared and administered in a fair and reasonable manner, with quality and content appropriate to the learning outcomes of the course or program. Student performance is evaluated to ensure learning outcomes are met, as set out in the Authorized Course Description (ACD).

### **3-34—Sexual Violence and Misconduct**

[www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-3-34-sexual-violence-and-misconduct.pdf](http://www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-3-34-sexual-violence-and-misconduct.pdf)

North Island College is committed to providing all members of the college community with a safe and secure environment free from all forms of sexual violence and misconduct. The college will ensure that complainants are supported when addressing any allegations and violations of this policy.

### **3-35—Course Outline**

[www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-3-35-course-outline.pdf](http://www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-3-35-course-outline.pdf)

North Island College will provide students with a course outline (also called a syllabus) for all courses that have an authorized course description (ACD). The course outline provides information about course content, evaluation and course delivery. The course outline is considered a contract between the student and the college and must be consistent with the ACD.

### **3-36—President’s Community Engagement Award**

[www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-3-36-community-engagement-award.pdf](http://www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-3-36-community-engagement-award.pdf)

Each award period, the president may recognize an outstanding student or students who have furthered the relationship between the College and our larger communities and/or demonstrated exemplary contributions to the College community. There is the possibility for an awardee/awardees from each NIC campus though the award is not necessarily presented in each graduation year.

### **3-37—Academic Standing & Progression**

[www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-3-37-academic-standing-and-progression.pdf](http://www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-3-37-academic-standing-and-progression.pdf)

North Island College recognizes that students undertake significant efforts to meet their educational goals. North Island College strives to provide a supportive learning environment to facilitate students’ achievement of their academic goals. To do this, the college has a responsibility to support student progress and identify students at risk in order to encourage student use of the breadth of learning resources.

### **4-04—Tuition, Fees And Refunds**

[www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-4-04-fees-and-refunds.pdf](http://www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-4-04-fees-and-refunds.pdf)

Students must pay their tuition and related fees or make approved alternate arrangements by the published deadlines, to secure their application and/or enrollment at NIC. All fees, except tuition, are non-refundable; payment and refund deadlines may vary by course and/or program and are published. See Key Dates for more information.

### **4-09—Registration**

[www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-4-09-admissions-and-registration.pdf](http://www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-4-09-admissions-and-registration.pdf)

To be eligible to register in courses, students must be admitted to a program of study. Students are responsible for the accuracy of registration in courses that meet their personal, educational and career needs.

Students are responsible for registering in courses that do not create a conflict within their timetable. NIC will establish priority registration dates. Students may repeat a course a maximum of 2 times. Students must meet course prerequisites and pay full fees by the deadlines posted. Students registered in credit courses have priority over audit students. The Office of the Registrar may deregister students who do not meet prerequisites, or pay by the posted deadline dates.

### **4-14—Grading System**

[www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-4-14-grading-system.pdf](http://www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-4-14-grading-system.pdf)

The Grading Policy establishes how North Island College will clearly and precisely communicate a student’s level of achievement in courses and programs. The policy will define the North Island College grading system, ensure its consistency and integrity, and inform the North Island College community and other post-secondary institutions of the grading systems.

### **4-17—Admission**

[www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-4-17-admission.pdf](http://www.nic.bc.ca/pdf/policy-4-17-admission.pdf)

To be admitted to the College, an applicant must have graduated high school or equivalent, or be 18 years of age or older within the calendar year in which they will be studying or meet the underage admission requirements as outlined in the Underage Admission Procedures available in the Office of the Registrar. High School students may apply as a Dual Credit student and should refer to their high school counsellor for more details.

North Island College normally offers program seats to qualified applicants on a ‘first qualified, first invited’ basis, based on the date and time that the applicant meets all admission requirements. Exceptions may include programs with identified selective admissions criteria, or where there is identified priority admission for Aboriginal applicants or reserved seating agreements with community partners. These exceptions will be posted in the calendar on the NIC website.

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### HEALTH AND SAFETY

#### First Aid and Safety

Each college campus has one or more employees qualified as first aid attendants. Any and all accidents must be reported immediately to Komoux Hall Reception or Student Services so that appropriate action may be taken. Any hazardous or unsafe conditions, practices or behavior should be reported immediately. Copies of the College's Occupational Health and Safety Manual are available for consultation at each campus/centre.

Insurance coverage—student use of personal vehicle:  
In the event that a student chooses to use their own vehicle for a work-term, practicum placement or college-related activity, it is the responsibility of the owner of the vehicle to make sure that there is sufficient insurance coverage. North Island College is not responsible to ensure that a student's vehicle is properly insured. There is no additional coverage provided by North Island College.

If a student chooses to use their vehicle for a College related activity, they should seek advice from their insurance carrier regarding legal liability and defensive insurance.

#### Liability Waivers

Some North Island College courses and some extracurricular student recreation activities that are organized by the College require students to sign a waiver in order to participate in activities that could result in injury. Students must acknowledge the risk involved in the instructional activity and sign these waivers before they are permitted to participate.

#### Field Trips

Some programs or courses include field trips. Students are responsible for informing all of their instructors of the time and date(s) of any field trip that will require absence from classes. Instructors will inform students of possible negative consequences that will result should they decide not to participate in field trips that are included in course curriculum. Students may be required to sign a liability waiver. The College does not provide insurance coverage for students on field trips, and is not liable for student illness or accident during a field trip or other College-related travel. It is the students' responsibility to ensure they have valid BC medical insurance coverage. The College recommends that students traveling out of the country on College activities, purchase temporary extended hospital and medical coverage.

#### WorksafeBC Coverage

Provincial WorkSafeBC coverage is in place for:

- All students while they are participating in a required practicum at a recognized work site; and
- Student apprentices during classroom/lab/shop instruction only. WorkSafeBC coverage is not in place for any other students.

### Emergencies

Familiarize yourself with posted evacuation routes in each building. From any NIC office phone, dial 911 (fire/ambulance).

#### First Aid

If you need First Aid attention, head to Student Services/Registration. All campuses have a designated and certified First Aid attendant on staff daily. In an emergency situation you can dial 911 as well.

#### Human Rights

NIC has a zero tolerance policy on discrimination and harassment. Contact a Counsellor for advice and support.

#### Diversity

NIC strives to foster an open and inclusive organizational culture that supports and celebrates diversity and learning. Students of all ages, abilities, genders and sexualities, nationalities, and cultures, including members of over thirty-five First Nations communities in our region study here.

#### Policies and Procedures

Heads up! It is YOUR responsibility to understand and comply with NIC policies and procedures.

For full NIC policies, visit [www.nic.bc.ca/student-services/student-policies](http://www.nic.bc.ca/student-services/student-policies).

#### Safe Harbour

North Island College is pleased to be part of the Safe Harbour program. Safe Harbour: Respect for All is a vision in action. Embracing diversity is important to us, and we are proud to be part of a network of over 750 Safe Harbour locations across our province.

We wish to make our learning community a safe place for all students and employees, to celebrate our differences, to help create safer and more welcoming communities that support diversity and reject discrimination.

Respect for All—Pass It On! [www.safeharbour.ca](http://www.safeharbour.ca)

#### Scent Free Policy

It's surprising how many people are allergic to fragrances. That's why NIC has chosen to be a scent-free community. Please refrain from using after-shave, perfumes, and scented lotions.

### EMERGENCIES AND CLOSURES

#### Emergencies

If you notice suspicious activity or are worried for your personal safety, notify Komoux Hall Reception or Student Services. After office hours, security personnel in uniform patrol most campuses. Most importantly, trust your instincts. If something doesn't seem right, it probably isn't.

Familiarize yourself with posted evacuation routes in each building. From any NIC office phone, dial 911 (fire/ambulance). If you need First Aid attention, head to Student Services or ask someone to get help from Student Services for you. All campuses have a designated and certified First Aid attendant on staff daily.

NIC has Campus Evening Security available at all times when the college is open and up to 30 minutes after the last class of the day. Campus Evening Security provides a safe walk program that is available to walk you to your car or escort you to another building on the campus grounds if you need security services. The campus security telephone number varies by location and is displayed throughout all NIC buildings.

To get in touch with Evening Security:

Campbell River campus .....	250-202-5941
Comox Valley campus .....	250-334-7206
Port Alberni campus .....	250-735-0626

#### Closures

Weather varies significantly over the college region. Students are expected to make their own decisions with respect to commuting given the weather and travel conditions in the areas in which they reside.

Once a decision has been made to close one or more campuses, the college:

- Posts a specific closure message on the college's website
- Places a closure message on all applicable college phone systems
- Contacts all applicable primary media outlets in the region

Decisions regarding campus or college-wide closure are made as early as possible, prior to 6 am, if the weather event occurred throughout the night.

Decisions regarding evening classes and activities will be made prior to 2 pm.

Students who choose not to attend their classes should contact their instructors.



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Your source for NIC campus events, news, and tips to make student life easier.