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Learn to train Jedis at Disney World with NIC

Public invited to November 3 Information Session

Learn how to help Jedis in training and work at Walt Disney World Resort next summer at a free information session on Thursday, November 3 at the Comox Valley campus.



NIC tourism student Zack Yang earns college credit while working at the Jedi Training attraction at the Hollywood Studios Theme Park. He's seen here on a night off with colleagues from China and Thailand. Photo: Peilin Ma, student, City University of Macau.

NIC Tourism and Hospitality diploma student Zack Yang is spending NIC's Fall, 2016 semester at the Jedi Training attraction at the Hollywood Studios Theme Park and having a great time doing it.

"This is a truly awesome program," he said. "It is a great opportunity to learn and I am meeting people from all over the world. I've had a lot of fun and made so many new friends."

He returns to the Comox Valley this December.

NIC is one of six post-secondary institutions across Canada to offer paid exchange opportunities with Disney International's Academic Exchange program.

The six-month program is a partnership between NIC and University of California, Riverside. NIC business and tourism students leave in July, spend two weeks in California to begin their Certificate in Hospitality and Tourism Management or a Certificate in Management and then move on to supervised, paid training at Walt Disney World Resort, Florida.

The program gives students internationally recognized hospitality skills with a Disney twist.

NIC student Kristin McColl worked in costuming, helping cast members with everything from basic uniforms to elaborate apparel. Working in the Animal Kingdom, her jobs included brushing Baloo's fur coat and preparing Pocahontas' costume. She will carry the experience with her for the rest of her career.

"Having Disney on my resumé is incredible because the company is so well known around the globe," she said. "It was an amazing opportunity to impact guest experience with a tourism industry leader."

The exchange is one of many of NIC's applied learning opportunities that support student success through networking, hands-on learning and industry insight. Visit www.nic.bc.ca/coop for more co-op and internship opportunities at NIC.

The information session runs from 11:30 am to 1 pm at in NIC's Stan Hagen Theatre on November 3. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. For more information, visit www.nic.bc.ca.

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