

Post-Secondary Checklist

CHOOSE A POST-SECONDARY PROGRAM

There are many post-secondary institutions and programs to choose from in BC, Canada, and internationally. Spend time researching to find the program that best fits your educational and career goals. Make sure you meet the minimum admission requirements and be mindful of the application deadline.

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Most applications in BC are done through a central website known as EducationPlannerBC. Here, you are required to provide some basic information, select your program(s), and in most cases pay an application fee (application to NVIT is free). Consider applying as early as possible. Early applicants are often given priority access to entrance awards, residence, and course registration.

SUBMIT YOUR INTERIM GRADES AND OTHER SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

After applying, you will likely receive a confirmation/introductory e-mail requesting further information. Please read this carefully as requests for additional documentation vary between institutions. In almost every case, you will be required to submit an official transcript and self report grades for current classes. Transcripts must be ordered through the Ministry of Education website as your high school does not send transcripts on your behalf.

ACCEPT OR DEFER YOUR OFFER

Successful Applicants will receive a "conditional" offer of admission. To accept the offer, a deposit is usually required along with additional requirements that will be specified in the offer. A final official transcript is required after graduation. In some instances, students in Grade 12 are eligible to defer their offer for a year and attend at a later date.

APPLY FOR RESIDENCE

Many post-secondary institutions offer on-campus housing options. It is strongly recommended that first year students take advantage of these options by applying for student housing immediately after accepting their offer of admission. Student housing is usually less expensive and often includes a meal plan at the campus cafeteria.

REGISTER FOR CLASSES

Even though you've been offered admission, you still need to register for classes. Your post-secondary institution will send information on when and how to pick them. This process can be confusing so make sure to connect with an Academic Advisor before your registration date and attend any online orientation seminars ahead of time. Do not miss your registration date; classes fill quickly and late registrations are difficult.

SECURE FUNDING

There are many avenues to explore for help in covering the costs of post-secondary education. This should be an ongoing process and can include scholarship applications, grants/bursaries, work and saving, RESPs, First Nations Band Funding, and Student Loans.

* Please note that every post-secondary institution is unique and will have specific requirements. Read all communication carefully and reach out to the Transitions Team with any questions.



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