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# STUDENT HANDBOOK

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A Comprehensive Guide for  
Students Studying in British Columbia

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*“Cross-cultural learning  
and studying abroad  
can be transformative.”  
– Amal Clooney*



# Welcome to PLC

Welcome to your journey as a student in beautiful British Columbia (BC), Canada! This handbook is your comprehensive guide to understanding what to expect, preparing for your studies, and thriving in your new environment. Whether you're joining us from another part of Canada or from across the globe, this handbook will help you navigate your academic and personal life in BC.

## Language Proficiency Requirements

To succeed in your studies, you must meet certain English language proficiency standards. Accepted tests include:  
(Include new PTIRU requirements table)

For specific programs, higher proficiency scores may be required. Always verify requirements with the admissions office.



# Services & Supports Available

## Academic Services



Academic Support:  
One-on-one or group sessions.



Workshops:  
Focused on academic skills, such as research methods and time management.



Library Access:  
Online and on-campus library resources.

## Career Services



Resume and cover letter writing assistance.



Interview preparation workshops.



Networking events and career fairs.



## Wellness and Mental Health



Counseling:  
Free and confidential sessions with professional counselors.



Workshops:  
Stress management, mindfulness, and wellness activities.



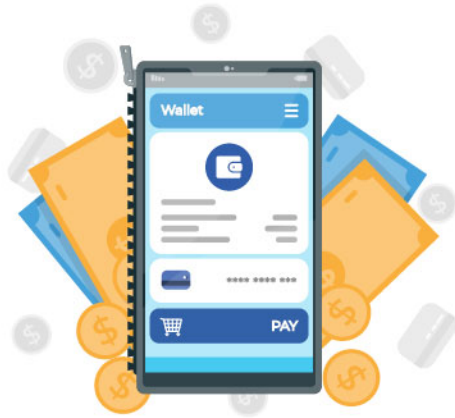
Financial Counseling:  
Free financial workshops on best practices to save and manage money effectively.

## Student Advisors

Dedicated advisors are available to help with academic planning, personal challenges, and navigating college policies.



# Study and Living Costs



## Tuition Fees

Program costs vary depending on the field of study and length of the program but typically range from CAD 15,000 to CAD 30,000 per year.

## Estimated Monthly Living Expenses



- Accommodation: CAD 1,000–1,800 (shared or private).
- Groceries: CAD 300–500.
- Utilities: CAD 100–150.
- Transportation: CAD 100–150.
- Miscellaneous: CAD 200–500 (clothing, entertainment, etc.).



## Other Costs



- Health insurance: Mandatory for all students (CAD 75–150/month).

# Accommodation & Transportation



## Accommodation Options

- **Off-campus housing:** Shared apartments, studio rentals, or homestays.
- **Temporary stays:** Hotels or hostels while searching for permanent housing.
- **Online platforms for housing:** Craigslist, Kijiji, or local Facebook groups. Be cautious of scams and verify accommodations before making payments.
- **BC Tenancy:** Students renting accommodation in BC are required to sign a BC Tenancy Agreement. This agreement outlines the responsibilities and rights of both tenants and landlords under BC Tenancy Laws. For more information, visit the Residential Tenancy Branch.



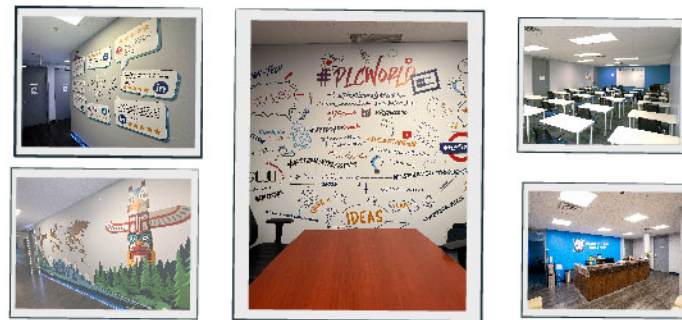
## Transportation

- **Public Transit:** TransLink operates buses, SkyTrain, and SeaBus across Metro Vancouver.
- **U-Pass:** PLC students are not eligible for U-Pass.
- **Cycling:** Many bike-friendly paths and rental options.
- **Driving:** International licenses may be valid temporarily; check ICBC requirements for conversion to a BC license.





# Instruction, Staffing, & Campus Information



**BURNABY:**  
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CANADA.

## Facilities

- Modern classrooms and lecture halls.
- High-speed internet.
- Coffee Bar
- Student lounges and collaboration spaces.

## Instructors

Our instructors are experienced professionals with varied industry expertise. They bring real-world knowledge into the classroom to prepare you for your career. Instructors are easily available in person at the campus or via email.

# Potential Learning Outcomes



## Skill Development

- Hands-on learning experiences to build practical skills.
- Opportunities to develop leadership, teamwork, and problem-solving abilities.



## Academic Pathways

- Credit transfers to partner institutions for advanced studies.
- Eligibility to add micro-credentials to existing study to meet labour market needs.



## Employment Opportunities

- Internship and co-op placements within your field.
- Access to job boards, onsite job fairs and career counseling.
- Programs aligned with labor market demands.

*Note: Students graduating from private colleges are not eligible for the Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP).*



## Helpful Links

- Study Permits
- Work Permits
- Health Insurance (MSP)
- TransLink (Public Transit)
- Student Aid BC
- PLC Policies



# Student Tips for Success



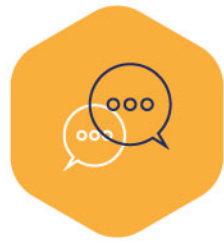
## Start Early

Ensure you acquire adequate knowledge on your school and academics.



## Stay Organized

Use planners or apps to manage your time and deadlines.



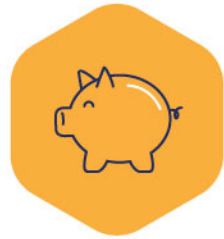
## Engage

Participate in class discussions and extracurricular activities.



## Ask for Help

Reach out to advisors or counselors when needed.



## Budget Wisely

Track expenses and avoid unnecessary spending.



## Explore BC

Take time to enjoy the natural beauty and cultural diversity of the region.



## FINAL NOTE

Studying in BC is an exciting and rewarding opportunity. Embrace the challenges, seek support when needed, and make the most of your time here. Your success story begins now!

For additional resources or questions, visit our website or contact the student services office.

*“Nobody can discover the world for somebody else. Only when we discover it for ourselves does it become common ground and a common bond and we cease to be alone.”*  
– Wendell Berry