

Viewbook • Northern Lights College

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Northern Lights College acknowledges that our campuses are situated on the ancestral and traditional land of many nations, including the Dunne-Za, Cree, Tsáá? Ché Ne Dane,

Saulteau, Tse'Khene, Kaska Dena, Tahltan, and Tlingit. We also recognize Métis Nation members who share a deep history with this land.

Why Northern Lights College?

At Northern Lights College, the North is more than our location; it is the heart of who we are. Shaped by wide horizons, resilient communities, and the strength of the people who call this region home. Here, you become part of a supportive and approachable community where instructors know your name, understand your goals, and guide you

toward real opportunities. Our programs are practical, affordable, and designed to open the doors that education can unlock, giving your learning purpose and direction.

This is where your potential comes to life.

Start your journey here

Whether you're looking to further your education, upgrade your skills, or kickstart your career, *we'll help you get there*



AFFORDABLE EDUCATION
NLC offers affordable tuition closer to home, helping lower the cost of your learning journey.



FLEXIBLE PROGRAMS
NLC has programs available that you can take in-person, online, or both to suit your needs.



DEDICATED INSTRUCTORS

Gain an advantage by working with instructors who are highly knowledgeable in their field of expertise.



SMALL CLASS SIZES

At NLC, you're not just a number. With smaller class sizes, your instructors get to know you by name.



ADVANCE YOUR EDUCATION

Many of our programs can upgrade into other credentials at NLC or to university programs.



GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT

Our friendly staff is here to help you choose your career path and support your learning journey.



HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

Transform your learning with real hands-on work experience through practicums, projects, and apprenticeships.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Our programs ensure you're job ready and give you the confidence to step out into your career.

Find the right path for you

There are many options – let us help you find your way at NLC

Academic

Our programs include Health Sciences, Business, Education and more.

- **Certificate** – One year (two academic semesters) of study. Once completed you can continue by transferring into a diploma program.
- **Diploma/Associate Degree** – Two years (four academic semesters) of study.



Certificate

One-Year Program

Transfer after completion



Diploma/Associate Degree

Two-Year Program



Foundation

Level One (Year one)



Apprenticeship

Level One (Year one)

Trades

- **Foundation** level programs provide hands-on skills training and foundational knowledge to prepare you for entry into your chosen trade or industry.
- **Apprenticeship** level programs are designed for individuals who already have on-the-job experience, and provides the technical classroom training required to advance to the next level of certification.

Need a hand getting started?



Career and College Preparation (CCP)

Need to upgrade? CCP can get you on the right track to getting the course requirements you need.



Dual Credit

Allows students to earn both high school and college credits at the same time by taking college-level courses while enrolled in high school. Talk to your high school career counseling team for details and find out more at nlc.bc.ca/dual-credit-programs/



Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)

If you've learned through formal, or informal education such as work experience, it may count as credit.



Transfer to university



Start your career



Red Seal

Apprenticeship Levels 2-4 while working

Need help? Contact our Recruitment Team at info@nlc.bc.ca



Transfer

If you studied at another post-secondary school, you can request credit for those courses. NLC credits can also be used to transfer to other schools to continue your education.



Work Integrated Learning (WIL)

WIL combines classroom learning with real-world work experience. It allows students to apply their knowledge and skills in real time in a workplace environment while studying.



NLC has a program for you

Explore our program offerings and learn more at nlc.bc.ca/programs

Business

- Accounting Diploma
- Applied Business Technology Certificates:
 - Administrative Assistant
 - Financial Assistant
 - Office Assistant
- Business Management (Certificate or Diploma)
- Executive Assistant Diploma
- Management Advanced Certificate

Education

- Alaska Highway Consortium on Teacher Education (AHCOTE)
 - Professional Linking Program
- Early Childhood Education and Care Diplomas:
 - Inclusive Education
 - Infant/Toddler Education
- Education Assistant (Certificate or Diploma)
- Education — Associate of Arts Degree
- Pre-Education Certificate

Environmental

- Environmental Restoration Diploma
- Environmental Science — Associate of Science Degree
- Environmental Site Assessment Technician Certificate

Health and Human Sciences

- Access to Practical Nursing Diploma
- Health Care Assistant
- Health Studies — Associate of Arts Degree
- Indigenous Human Service Worker Certificate
- Interprofessional Mental Health and Addictions Advanced Certificate
- Northern Baccalaureate Nursing Program
- Practical Nursing Diploma
- Social Services Worker Diploma

Information Technology

- Computing and Information Science — Associate of Science Degree
- Interactive and Digital Technologies Diploma

University Arts and Sciences

- Associate of Arts Degree
- Associate of Science Degree
- Criminology (Certificate or Diploma)
- General Arts and Sciences Certificate
- Psychology — Associate of Arts Degree

Trades and Apprenticeships

Foundation and Apprenticeship levels

- Automotive Service Technician
- Carpenter
- Electrician
- Heavy Mechanical Trades
- Millwright
- Piping Trades
- Welder

More trades to explore

- Aircraft Maintenance Technician Diploma
- Cosmetology Diploma
- Esthetician Certificate
- Hairstylist Certificate
- Power Engineer (4th Class) Certificate
- Professional Cook

Upgrading and Access

- British Columbia Adult Graduation Diploma ("Dogwood")
- Career and College Preparation
- English as a Second Language

**Multiple intake options available. Find your program start dates online.*



Upgrading and Access

Need to upgrade to get on the right path? Whether you're preparing to enter one of our programs or just looking to further your education, these courses can help you get prepped. ***Plus, there are no tuition fees for domestic students!***

British Columbia Adult Graduation Diploma

Earn the equivalent of a high school diploma as an adult.

Career and College Preparation (CCP)

CCP offers adults the environment and resources to gain confidence and the credentials they need to further upgrade their education and career.

English as a Second Language

Provides Second Language students a pathway to academic success in post-secondary programming.

FLEXIBLE PROGRAMS



Get the qualifications you need before you start your journey. NLC offers several ways to upgrade including online, on campus, or a combination of the two.

Education

Our education programs are designed to help you develop the knowledge and skills needed to guide, support, and educate youth in BC. Our programs provide you stepping stones to further education in child development, early learning, and teaching profession.

Career Prospects

- Teacher
- Education Assistant
- Early Childhood Educator
- Preschool Teacher

The Early Childhood Education program leads to a regulated profession that is recognized across the province.

GET HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE



Our **Early Childhood Education** program is offered in several ways including online, on-campus and through Work Integrated Learning (WIL). WIL allows students to stay in their local communities at their current early care and learning centre, gaining both theoretical and practical experiences.

“I would always recommend taking the Early Childhood Education and Care diploma at NLC because of the knowledge and experiences I had that I think would be very beneficial to other students too.”

— **Kristy Ann Barbaran**

Alumna of the Early Childhood Education Work Integrated Learning (ECE-WIL) program





Business

The world of business provides exciting career opportunities in areas like finance, accounting, entrepreneurship, information technology, management, marketing, and logistics. These programs prep you with the skills for various positions in the modern business community, including self-employment.

Career Prospects

- Accountant
- Bookkeeper
- Office Assistant
- General Management
- Entrepreneur



“The feedback I get back from employers is ‘your students are job ready. They are mature, they know what to expect on the job, right? They’re mentally prepared for the workload.’ ... Because we do it in class.”

— **Patti Lamusse**
Applied Business Technology (ABT) instructor



Information Technology

We live in a digital world, and it needs people that understand how it all works together. If you’re keen on learning about cloud computing, software development, AI, and information science, these programs are for you.

Career Prospects

- Software Development
- Systems Administration
- Network Engineering



“Northern Lights College being in a small community has better opportunities with local jobs and easy settlement into your chosen career path.”

— **Salil Ghosh**
Information Technology instructor

All of these programs are university transferable ○



Environmental

These NLC programs will teach you how to support and contribute to sustainable resource management. This includes the critical work of responsible environmental stewardship and restoring the land.

Career Prospects

- Environmental Technician
- Land Reclamation Technician
- Water Resource Technician
- Drilling Waste Technician

You have the opportunity to upgrade your training into more advanced certification.

ADVANCE YOUR EDUCATION

- Complete your **first year** with:
 - Environmental Site Assessment Technician Certificate
- Advance into another program in your **second year**:
 - Environmental Restoration Diploma **or** Associate of Science **or** Associate of Science Degree (Environmental Science)

University Arts and Sciences

Our University Arts and Sciences (UNAS) programs provide you with affordable university-level learning opportunities across a wide range of disciplines. These courses enable you to pursue numerous credential and career options, and prepare for continued studies at the Bachelor's level.

ADVANCE YOUR EDUCATION

UNAS allows you to get a head start in a small, supportive environment where your college credit can count towards a university degree. *Start here and go far.*



Health and Human Services

Our Health and Human Services programs provide you with the knowledge and values to care for individuals and families at various life stages. Get real-world skills to make a difference on the frontlines and become a health professional.

Career Prospects

- Practical Nurse
- Social Work Assistant
- Health Care Assistant
- Youth and Cultural Worker
- Family Support Worker

You have the opportunity to upgrade your training into more advanced certification.

ADVANCE YOUR EDUCATION



- Complete your **first year** with: Health Care Assistant Certificate and advance in your **second year** to Access to Practical Nursing Diploma
- Complete your **first year** with: Indigenous Human Service Worker Certificate and advance in your **second year** to Social Services Worker Diploma

"...I feel so encouraged by my learning experience that I know continuing on with the bridging program to become a practical nurse is my next goal. I love learning!"

— April Trasy

Alumna of Health Care Assistant program



Trades and Apprenticeships

For more than 40 years, NLC has been offering trades and apprenticeship training that reflect the industry demands of Northern BC. Here, you'll find small classes and well-trained instructors with industry experience. Get a solid foundation to become employed, get paid, and build your career.

NLC is a SkilledTradesBC-approved training provider for many of our programs in the Red Seal trades.

Career Prospects

- Contractor
- Millwright
- Professional Cook
- Carpenter
- Aircraft Maintenance Engineer
- Welder
- Hairstylist
- Esthetician

“Trades training at NLC joins together industry subject matter experts, state-of-the-art facilities and a passion for growing the profession as much as the hands-on skill set of each student we train.”

— **Rodney Cork**
Dean of Trades and Apprenticeships



The Norther



Find your place in the North.

Small town charm meets wide-open possibilities. You'll find unique experiences, supportive communities, and the chance to grow your career after you graduate. In the North, there's space to learn, grow, and turn your education into a meaningful career.

Dawson Creek Campus

Our Dawson Creek campus is a short walk to the city centre and connecting walking trails. You're steps away from retail and grocery stores, and many restaurants. 'Mile Zero City', as it's famously known, is centrally located to some of northeast BC's Provincial parks and historic sites, including the curved wooden bridge just a short drive up the Alaska Highway.

Fort St. John Campus

Located on the north edge of the city beside Fish Creek Community Forest, the campus offers a quiet and comfortable setting, accessible by transit. The city, known as the 'Energetic City', is a major centre for the oil and gas industry in northeastern British Columbia and offers a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities, including local shops, museums, sports facilities, and more.

n Advantage



Student Housing

Housing options are available at our Dawson Creek and Fort St. John campuses. Living on campus is a great way to connect with other students. It's affordable and convenient. Both campuses have dedicated areas for studying and socializing. All suites are furnished and move-in ready.

Units are available in two and four bedroom options with full kitchens and appliances. Laundry facilities are located on every floor for student use. Apply for housing at nlc.bc.ca/prospective-students-housing

**Student housing cost calculated at 2025/2026 rates, subject to change.*

Our student housing is one of the most affordable in British Columbia.

NLC • \$560/month

Grande Prairie • \$630/month

Prince George • \$796/month

Vancouver • \$909/month

Edmonton • \$1,200/month

We offer services across northern BC

NLC also has smaller campuses located in **Chetwynd**, **Fort Nelson**, and **Tumbler Ridge**, and two access centres located in **Atlin** and **Dease Lake**. Program and course offerings are limited in these locations, but they provide resources to aid you in your learning such as a computer, internet access, and a comfortable place to study.

Get Involved at NLC

There's something for *everyone*

Student Activities and Events

At NLC, there's always something happening! You are welcome to enjoy events at all NLC locations, regardless of which campus is your home base.

Student Council

Each local campus student council hosts activities throughout the school year. Meetings are open to all students to share ideas for events, activities, or clubs. If you'd like to attend, email NLCSA@nlc.bc.ca

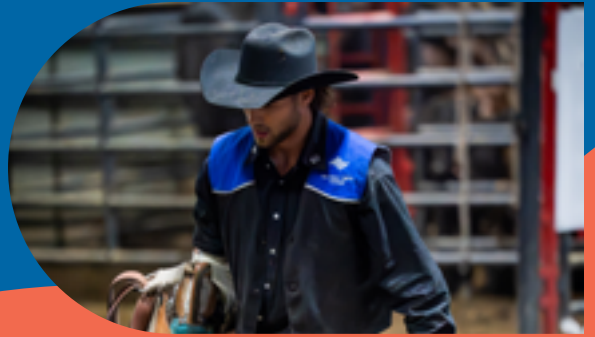
Elders in Residence

Learn more about local Indigenous cultures and the history of our region. The Elders in Residence events include Indigenous teachings and storytelling.

Athletics and Recreation

- **Rodeo** — Represent NLC on BC's only collegiate Rodeo Team. Our students can compete within the Canadian College Rodeo Association (CCRA). A truly unique feature of the NLC Rodeo Team is the opportunity to live on the NLC farm located just outside Dawson Creek.
- **Speed Skating** — Not only do we have a champion varsity rodeo team, NLC is home to the only post-secondary speed skating team in Canada. Train in Fort St. John, which is one of only three indoor long-track speed skating ovals in Canada.
- **Drop-in** — NLC has several drop-in sports which students can participate in for free, including badminton, basketball, futsal and volleyball.





Student Services

Get connected with the services you need to succeed.

Learning Support

Our Learning Support Specialists work one-on-one with current students to identify and overcome learning barriers, and share helpful advice. If you need assistance, support, or someone to listen, please contact the Learning Support Specialist at learningsupport@nlc.bc.ca

Learning Support offers:

- Student success planning
- Academic support
- Devant career services
- Tutoring access
- Wellness workshops
- Help overcoming barriers
- Service referrals

Access Services

Access Services exists to support students with disabilities through a wide range of accommodations and supports. We work with faculty and staff to create equitable access to NLC programs and courses. We support you by doing intake meetings, to create accommodation plans, and collaborating with faculty to ensure all reasonable accommodations are made, including for exams.


Contact our office at **250-784-7502** or email accessservices@nlc.bc.ca

Career Advising

Unsure where to start? A career advisor can help you plan for your career and guide you to the right programs and courses you'll need. We can help you discover your interests, abilities, and skills. Let's get you going on the right career path! Reach out to us at career.advice@nlc.bc.ca

Program Advising

Already an NLC student? Schedule a one-on-one meeting with a program advisor. They can help with course selection, program planning, transfer credits, prerequisite waivers, waitlists, and graduation requirements. They will help create an academic course plan that aligns with the projected class offerings and helps you meet your program completion goal. Get in contact at advising@nlc.bc.ca



"The beauty of it is everyone is different. As our student population diversifies, so do their needs, and I am seeing the college being proactive when it comes to exceptionalities... If we want this to be a place where everyone is truly welcome, we have to adapt, and I am seeing that."

— **Karma Anderson**,
Access Services Coordinator



For your everyday needs while you study at NLC



Bookstore

Our bookstores are open all year long and carry everything you need for the school year including textbooks, office supplies, swag, and program specific clothing.



Library

NLC has libraries located on our Dawson Creek and Fort St. John campuses. Our libraries offer computers, printers, scanners, print and electronic resources. Our library staff are happy to help you navigate the resources and offer research support.



Cafeteria

Cafeterias are open for breakfast and lunch on our Dawson Creek and Fort St. John campuses, and offer a variety of tasty and healthy foods. On the Dawson Creek campus, students can purchase lunch made by our Professional Cook program for a bargain price.

Indigenous Services

Our Indigenous Student Navigators play a vital role in supporting your journey as an Indigenous learner, ensuring your academic and cultural needs are respected and met. They promote the use of the Gathering Place for study groups, encourage cultural celebration through events, and advocate for students facing learning challenges.

To learn more visit: nlc.bc.ca/indigenous-students-why-nlc/

Funding opportunities

Paying for your education can be a challenge, *but we can help*



Grants, bursaries, scholarships, and awards

If you need help covering the cost of your post-secondary education, you can apply for grants, bursaries, scholarships, and awards. Learn more at nlc.bc.ca/student-loans-grants/

The Financial Aid team is ready to assist you. Reach out to finaid@nlc.bc.ca if you have any questions. Financial Aid Officers are available on each campus and can help navigate loan and grant applications, applying for scholarships, awards, or bursaries, or any other funding options you might be eligible for.

Former Youth in Care

You may qualify for full tuition coverage at Northern Lights College. The Provincial Tuition Waiver Program offers tuition-free education to eligible former youth in care. Our Financial Aid team is here to help you apply — confidentially — and without affecting any other funding you might have. For more information visit nlc.bc.ca/former-youth-in-care/

Student loans

Still need help funding your education? Apply now through StudentAid BC to connect you to Canada Student Loans, Canada Study Grants, and more. Loans are available for both full- and part-time students.

Your steps to becoming a student

Meet our Recruitment Team

Student recruiters and career advisors are available on the Dawson Creek and Fort St. John campuses. Reach out to recruitment at info@nlc.bc.ca and career advising at career.advice@nlc.bc.ca

Not at the Dawson Creek or Fort St. John campuses?

No problem! Our Recruitment Team travels and is always happy to book in-person appointments when possible.



Discover

Talk with our recruitment team to discover which program is right for you at info@nlc.bc.ca or career.advice@nlc.bc.ca



Apply

Complete an online application at nlc.bc.ca/apply-now/ or an in-person paper application that can be dropped off at any campus. Submit required documents such as your transcripts. Watch for an email from Admissions — they will reach out to you with next steps such as completing any assessments and making an academic plan. Questions about the admissions process? Email us at admissions@nlc.bc.ca

Are you looking to enroll in an apprenticeship program?

Reach out to Trades directly at trades@nlc.bc.ca



Accept

You will receive a 'Letter of Offer' from us. Accept it, you're the one we're looking for!



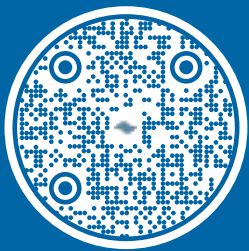
Register

Choose your courses and enrol. Trades students can skip this step, we've done it for you. Do you need help choosing courses? Reach out to our program advisors at advising@nlc.bc.ca



Attend

Come to your first day of classes and participate in the new students' orientation.



Scan the QR code to learn more about becoming a student
or got to nlc.bc.ca/become-a-student/

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