

Northern Lights College welcomes you to Northern British Columbia, Canada!

Northern Lights College is a friendly public college located in the scenic, safe countryside of Northern British Columbia. There are approximately 700 Canadian students on our campuses and up to 80 international students from a variety of countries. International students are very welcome and share all campus facilities and resources with Canadian students.

Students who study at Northern Lights College during the winter months enjoy seeing the Aurora! In the summer, students enjoy outdoor activities such as camping, fishing and hiking

Northern Lights College has an exceptional record for producing successful international students. We treat students as individuals with unique abilities, interests and needs. We work as a team to help students meet their language or academic goals and to ensure they are safe and comfortable while they study at Northern Lights College.

- For all students this means there is always someone to talk to.
- For some students it means providing extra help in meeting Canadians.
- For some students it means providing encouragement to use English more often.
- We focus on student success!

Voice of a student - *"The advantage of Northern Lights College is the close relationship between the people (instructors, schoolmates, and staff). It is like a family. The atmosphere of study and friendship is stronger than in a big school."*

Northern Lights College is an excellent institution where you can improve your English, begin your University Transfer studies, or complete a Trades Program.



***Fort St. John is 15 hours travel in a vehicle from Vancouver or 1.5 hours by air.**

ACCOMODATIONS

Northern Lights College has colleges operating in Chetwynd, Dawson Creek, Fort Nelson, Fort St. John and Tumbler Ridge. There are student residences available in Dawson Creek and Fort St. John. Students can choose to reserve a room in the student residence, to apply for a homestay home to live with, or to arrange their own off-campus housing. Preparation for housing should be done well in advance of travel to Canada.

Northern Lights College residence-

- Application Fee \$50
- Damage Deposit \$195 (refundable if room left in good condition)
- Rent/month \$420
- The residence is a four-bedroom apartment shared with other students of the same gender. You will have a private bedroom with a key lock. In your bedroom will be a bed, desk, chair and lamp. You will have a shared kitchen and bathroom. There are two full bathrooms in each apartment as well as a living room.
- You will be expected to provide your own bedding, food, kitchen utensils and cleaning supplies.

Homestay-

- Homestay Finding Fee \$168
- Damage Deposit \$500 (refundable if room left in good condition)
- Rent/month \$600
- In a homestay you will be living with a family. You will have a private bedroom with a bed, desk, chair and lamp. You will be provided with three meals a day. You will be expected to make your own breakfast and lunch, dinner will be with the family. You will not be expected to provide the items mentioned in residence.

To ensure that you will have housing available on your arrival please complete the chosen application form and submit it as soon as possible.

To reserve a room in the residence you would need to submit the completed residence application form as well as \$245CAD. To reserve a room in homestay you would need to submit the completed homestay application form as well as \$668CAD.

Once you have finalized your arrangements for housing, please make sure to notify the International Education department of your arrival date and time so that we can be sure that you are met at the airport.

Please arrange to arrive at least two days prior to the beginning of the term.

First Morning of the Term:

- When going to meet with the International Education staff to get your schedule and arrange for textbooks and school supplies please bring:
 - Passport
 - Study Permit or Visitor's Visa
 - Copy of Medical Insurance (if you already have it)
 - A passport photo of yourself for your student file.
- On the first day we will make copies of your documents and have you fill out some entrance forms. We will also go through an orientation with you.

Medical Insurance

If you do not have international medical insurance then you must buy medical insurance in Canada through our office.

The first three months of your insurance will be through Strategic Financial Services Ltd, a company that works with AXA Assurance Inc. After that time your coverage will switch over to BC Medical for the remainder of your stay in British Columbia. Paperwork for both insurance plans will be dealt with on your first day in the college.

All students studying at Northern Lights College must have medical insurance coverage.

What You Should Bring:

Clothing

Depending on the time of year, Northern BC can either be quite warm (+30 degrees Celsius) or quite cold (-35 degrees Celsius). In the winter time warm clothing is necessary. Winter jacket, boots, gloves, hat, and a scarf are all a part of the winter wardrobe.

Money

- Have enough cash or access to funds to pay for your expenses for the first few weeks: including accommodation rent, food, text books, and a bus pass.
- Northern Lights College is not able to provide financial assistance to international students. Please ensure that you have enough money to cover your time in Canada.
- If you have a Study Permit you will be able to set up a bank account at one of the major banks in town, allowing you to transfer funds into the account as needed.

Personal Items

- If you have a laptop or mini-computer, please bring it. We have wireless service on campus and in the student residence. Most of our homestays also have access to wireless internet.
- Bring your medical prescriptions if you use them as well as your eyeglass prescription.