

NVIT Immediate Entry Bursary

2021 Application



Purpose:

In response to BC's Bill 41 – 2019: Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act and the education focused Direct Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) and Direct Articles of the United Nations Declaration for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), NVIT invites eligible Indigenous Grade 12 graduates to join us on either the Merritt or Burnaby campuses for an educational experience immersed in Indigenous ways of knowing and supported by a bursary equivalent to tuition for one year of full-time studies (30 credits).

Eligibility:

Awarded to Grade 12 graduates who graduate and transition directly from high school (BC Adult Graduation Diploma is not applicable) to NVIT. Students must have applied and been accepted by August 16, 2021 and be enrolled in a minimum 60% course load of first year post-secondary courses, each semester, for the upcoming academic year.

Students must have graduated from:

- School District #58 (Indigenous or non-Indigenous);
- A BC First Nations School that is registered with the BC First Nations Schools Association; or
- Indigenous grade 12 graduates across BC.

Criteria:

In order to understand the financial contribution required for the program of choice, all prospective Immediate Entry Bursary learners must meet with an Academic and Financial Planner prior to registration.

Amount:

Each year, NVIT will donate \$2,729 towards tuition (books, supplies and/or student fees are the responsibility of the student). The bursary is non-transferable (cannot be transferred to anyone else), non-deferrable (program of study must start before March 31st), and unused amounts cannot be transferred to another year of study (i.e., a learner takes only 6 courses instead of a full-time course load of 10). The bursary amount is based on a learner enrolling in a 100% course load of first year study. This is typically ten 3-credit courses for a total of 30 credits. Some programs have more courses/credits while others are based on credit-hours. Please discuss program tuition/fees total with an Academic and Financial Planner.

Deadline:

Applications, transcripts and any other required program prerequisite documents are required no later than 4:30pm, August 16, 2021. If interim transcripts are submitted, final official transcripts are due by 4:30pm, August 16, 2021.

Immediate Entry Bursary
c/o Registration Office
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Please keep the front page for your own informational purposes.

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PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name:

Last First Middle Initial

Permanent Mailing Address

(_____) _____ - _____ / /
Telephone NVIT Student ID Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

_____-_____-_____
S.I.N. Email Address

***S.I.N. numbers are required to issue T4A forms for tax purposes.

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION:

Where did you attend your last two years of high school? City/Prov: _____

Name of Educational Institution: _____

What year did you graduate? _____ Did you submit your official secondary school transcripts? Yes No

If not, when can we expect to receive them? _____

*Please note, official transcripts must be sent to NVIT directly from the school or Ministry of Education website.

What campus or community delivery will you be attending? Merritt Burnaby

What program at NVIT are you registering into? _____

*To receive this award, you must register into a minimum 60% course load at NVIT.

STUDENT DECLARATION:

Checklist:

All applicants must submit the following:

- A completed and signed application;
- Official secondary school transcripts;
- Meet with an Academic and Financial Planner;
- A Release of Information Form; and
- A Sponsor Billing Authorization Form (If sponsored by another agency, band or organization)

I hereby declare, all the above information is true and correct. I authorize the Registrar's Office to verify any or all of the above statements.

Date: _____ Signature: _____
(mm/dd/yyyy)

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FAQ's:

1. I have taken a trades program at NVIT already as an ACE-IT student, am I still eligible to continue studying at NVIT under the Immediate Entry Bursary?

Yes and No: If you still qualify for ACE-IT funding (because you haven't turned 18), you must use this funding first, before accessing the IEB.

2. Can I use the bursary for programming at either campus?

Absolutely! Our Academic and Financial Planning team can help you decide which program and which campus is the best fit for you.

3. What happens if the program I'm interested in isn't going to be offered in the year after I graduate; can I defer my bursary?

Unfortunately, the bursary is only eligible for the academic year immediately following your graduation. We encourage you to meet with our team to find a program that fits your career and education goals.

4. What happens if I start classes, but decide I no longer want to attend?

NVIT publishes a Schedule of Events which includes add/drop, course withdrawal and program withdrawal deadlines. You should familiarize yourself with these dates before attending. We encourage students to meet with an Academic and Financial Planner before applying to and registering for a program. This is a great opportunity to ask any questions you have and to determine if coming to NVIT makes sense for you. Likewise, if you decide you do not want to continue on with your studies at NVIT, you should meet with an Academic and Financial Planner to discuss your options.

5. If I decide to withdraw, can I use the bursary next year?

The bursary can only be accessed in the current academic year immediately following grade 12 graduation.

ADMISSIONS & REGISTRATION

1. Do I have to be Indigenous to attend NVIT?

NVIT is a public post-secondary institution. This means anyone can attend! Please see eligibility for Immediate Entry Bursary on page 1.

2. Do I have to apply for the bursary?

YES, in order to ensure you are eligible for the bursary, you must meet with an Academic and Financial Planner as soon as possible.

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3. When is the deadline to access the bursary?

The deadline to complete the application, submit requirements and be accepted and register into your program is August 16, 2021.

4. What steps do I need to take in order to meet the deadline?

Meet with an Academic and Financial Planner to discuss:

- *Admissions: Your program fit: which program best suits your education and career goals*
- *Submit Official Interim Transcripts*
- *Registration: Your course plan and educational costs*
- *Other funding and service sources*
- *Disability/Tutoring services and supports if applicable*
- *Submitting Official Final Transcripts*
- *After IEB: what comes next*

5. I was sent a Conditional Offer of Admission. Does that mean I have been accepted to NVIT?

A Conditional Offer is acknowledgement of your application to a specific program and is part of the first step in meeting the eligibility of this bursary. In order to complete your application and fully qualify, you must submit Official Transcripts and any program admission requirements. Once these are submitted, you will receive a Final Offer of Admission Letter confirming your acceptance into the program. This letter will advise you that NVIT will notify you once registration is open.

6. How do I register?

You will receive an Eligible to Register Letter and your myNVIT account information once registration is available. You will be able to register yourself online using NVIT's online web registration. Enrolment Services offers an adjustable kiosk near the Front Desk. Our team is happy to walk you through the registration process.

7. What other costs am I responsible to pay for after the Immediate Entry Bursary is applied to my account?

Below are fees and costs not covered by the Immediate Entry Bursary:

- *Any tuition above the IEB bursary of \$2729*
- *Student Society Fees*
- *Science & Computer Lab Fees*
- *Online Technology Fee (for online courses)*
- *Health Lab Fees*
- *Shop Fees*
- *Experiential Learning Fees*
- *Graduation Fees*

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- Transcript Fees
- Health & Dental Fees
- Fitness Fees
- Textbooks
- Supplies
- Practicum Travel
- UPASS Fees

ENTRANCE AWARDS

1. How do I find out if I am eligible for an Entrance Award?

NVIT offers several Entrance Awards in varying amounts and applicable depending on your program of study. Some Entrance Awards require an application. After registration, you may be notified, you qualify for, and are invited to apply for an Entrance Award.

NVIT's Academic and Financial Planners can advise you of Entrance Awards you may qualify for, as well as other bursary and scholarship options that are available. They are also listed on NVIT's website.

FEES & PAYMENT (NVIT's Refund of Fees Policy – C.312)

<https://www.nvit.ca/about/policies/secivadmissionfees/c312refundoffees.htm>

1. When are fees due?

All fees and any remaining tuition are due before classes start each semester, or at the beginning of any trades program. For example, if you are registered in a full-time course load for Associate of Arts, you will pay fees for the fall semester by the start of classes in September and fees for the spring semester by the start of classes in January. If you are registered in a trades program, all fees and outstanding tuition are due by the first day of class.

2. What happens if I can't pay my fees before classes start?

In this case, you will need to submit a fee deferral request. This is essentially a contract between you and NVIT based on an agreeable payment schedule or payment deadline. Fee Deferral Requests must be in place before the fee deadline and can be arranged through an Academic and Financial Planner. Be prepared to complete a budget to support your request.

3. I am covered under my parents' Extended Health Plan, do I still have to pay the Health & Dental Fee?

The Health and Dental fee (\$275) is billed automatically at the start of your courses. If you have existing coverage, you must opt-out immediately after registration in order to avoid paying the Health and Dental Fee. Although you have 30 days after classes begin to opt-out, payment of the fee is due on the first day of class. If you have paid the fee, but opt-out before the 30-day deadline, your fee will be returned to you. Once the 30 days have passed, you are no longer eligible to opt-out. To opt-out or to

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find out about coverage, visit www.mystudentplan.ca. NVIT cannot opt-out of health and dental on a student's behalf.

4. Can I apply for Band funding even though my tuition is completely or partially covered?

In order to qualify for Band sponsorship, you will need to submit your application according to your Education Department's funding deadlines. Apart from additional tuition costs, fees, books and supplies, you may also qualify for living allowance funding.

5. Can I apply for a student loan even though my tuition is completely or partially covered?

Yes! Student Aid BC may assist with the costs of post-secondary education through loans, grants and scholarships for qualified students. New student loan applications open in June of every year and you are encouraged to apply well before your September start date as it may be a lengthy process. Please visit the Student Aid BC Website to determine your eligibility and review the important steps to register on the Dashboard and verify your identification: <https://studentaidbc.ca/apply/how-to-apply>. You are encouraged to discuss this process with an Academic and Financial Planner during the initial Admission and Registration stages.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

1. Is college the same as high school? What should I expect when I start classes?

NVIT is a learner-centred institution that provides an array of student support services throughout the year. However, these services may differ from the ones you received in high school. The main difference is a sense of responsibility and self-direction; it is your choice to attend post-secondary and find a balance between academic and personal commitments. There is new terminology presented in college, along with important dates and deadlines to note. Student support services can walk you through these terms and dates, but it is your responsibility to be mindful of your schedule.

Another difference is the cost of attending post-secondary. As outlined above, there are additional costs involved. Creating a budget can help you manage these costs and determine where money can be saved.

When you begin classes, you will be provided with a 'syllabus', essentially a guideline and contract between the student and instructor outlining all expectations and deadlines. This syllabus will also provide you with a textbook list as these are often not provided to you, but need to be purchased at your own cost through the campus Bookstore.

2. What services are available to support my success?

NVIT offers a holistic approach to supporting learners! Below are services available to you:

- Elders' Council: Sweats, Smudges, Food/Clothing Bank, Personal Counselling
- Tuesday Bread/Pastry Day
- Counselling Referrals

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- Various Campus Events
- Access to NVIT's Fitness Facility (key fobs purchased through the Bookstore)
- Student Success Centre
- Breakfast foods
- Coffee/Tea
- Career Prep
- Peer Tutoring
- English and Math Tutoring
- Professional Tutoring
- Disability Services
- Workshops

GRADUATION/POST-GRADUATION

1. What do I need to know about Graduation?

Convocation is held annually in May. If you are in a Certificate program scheduled to finish before July 31st, you are eligible to apply for graduation. In order to attend, you must Apply for Graduation by March 31st. The cost to attend graduation is \$75. If you will finish your program before July 31st, but do not want to attend graduation, you must still apply in order to collect your credential at the end of your program. There is no fee for this.

2. I would like to finish my Associate of Arts or return for a second year diploma program; how can I find out about funding options?

We recommend you meet with an Academic and Financial Planner before you complete your first year. They can help you prepare a budget for your return year and advise you on external funding options (Band funding, student loans, etc). You may also qualify for Internal Awards. These are issued each September and are often based on your academic standing, leadership, community involvement and/or financial need. Our planning team is familiar with all awards and can help you determine which to apply for.

3. I would like to continue my studies at another institute. Will any of the courses I've taken at NVIT transfer to another school?

Transfer Credit varies from institution to institution and by program to program. The BC Transfer Guide outlines transfer credit by course, as well as, block transfer and transfer agreements between NVIT and other institutions.

During a meeting with an Academic and Financial Planner, you can review transferability of your courses and plan for your transfer to another school. There are also transfer scholarships available you may qualify for.