



ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMS



About British Columbia

In Canada, education is a provincial rather than federal responsibility, and there is no national Ministry of Education. In British Columbia (BC), strong levels of government commitment combine with rigorous inspection and a transparent accreditation process to ensure high levels of quality throughout the entire education system. BC is Canada's westernmost province, and its vibrant economy, young and diverse population, close trade links with the world's major economies, and the warmest climate in Canada make it the destination of choice for international students studying in Canada. BC also ranks extremely high on international studies of liveability and student performance. Each year, over 94 000 international students from around the world choose BC for their education.

English Language Programs

English as a Second Language (ESL) training is critical for many international students, and BC is the preferred destination for international students choosing Canada for ESL study. BC's climate, the security of studying at government recognized institutions, and the ability to transfer easily into university and college programs make BC the natural choice for language learners. In 2010, BC welcomed over 43 000 international students into our ESL programs.

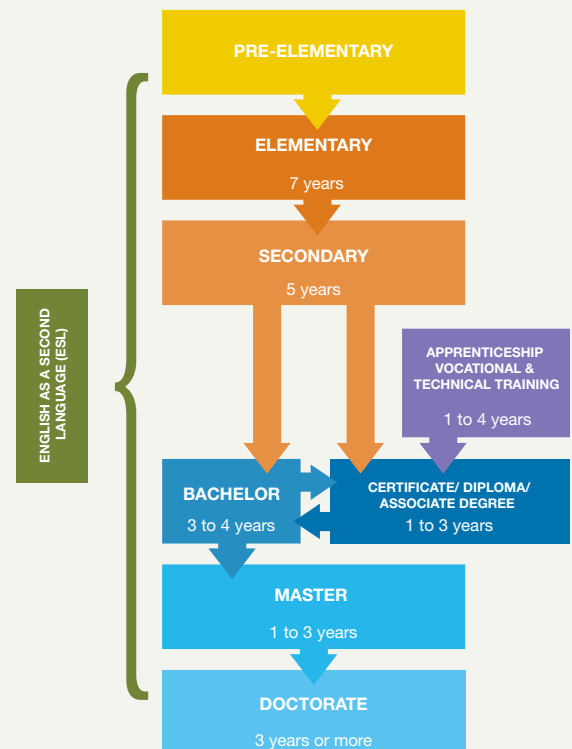
BC offers an exhaustive range of ESL programs throughout the province, from short one-week programs to extended academic and business English programs. In many cases, English training may be combined with academic study through a single institution or through two institutions by way of a pathway program. Students may choose to complete their English language study through one of BC's public post-secondary institutions (university or college), school districts or independent schools, or through one of the many recognized private language schools throughout the province.

Language schools in BC which meet Languages Canada Accreditation are able to apply for the provincial Education Quality Assurance (EQA) Designation. EQA is a provincial quality assurance designation that identifies all BC public and private post-secondary institutions that have met or exceeded provincial government recognized quality assurance standards and offer consumer protection.

BC's language schools are also able to offer customized training programs for international groups, governments, business professionals, and international travellers. Whether you are interested in academic English, TOEFL or IELTS training, business English, or studying English while on holiday, BC's high quality public and private language providers will be able to meet your needs.

BC Education System

The province of BC offers international students every chance to experience and benefit from a world-class education. High standards, exceptional student achievement, and the commitment to investing in quality education make BC a natural choice. Explore the variety of options you have for studying in BC.



Education Quality Assurance - BC's Brand for Quality Education

Established by the province of British Columbia (BC) and administered by BCCIE, Education Quality Assurance (EQA) is BC's assured provincial brand of quality for all sectors of private and public post-secondary education.



What is BC's EQA?

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BC Leads the Way

- Canada's first and only provincial brand of quality for post-secondary education
- International leader in quality assurance as the brand is accessible to all provincial post-secondary institutions, dependent on meeting eligibility requirements.
- BC is the only province with a consolidated list of public and private institutions branded with a provincial government seal (as an assurance to deliver and issue top quality post-secondary education)
- The EQA Registry is published on the EQA and BCCIE websites and is updated daily to reflect any changes in an institution's EQA status

For further information about BC's EQA Designation and to find an EQA-designated post-secondary school, please visit our website at www.bceqa.ca.

BC Council for International Education (BCCIE)

The BC Council for International Education (BCCIE) is committed to advancing the international education interests of the province of British Columbia.

BCCIE is a leader in the successful development, promotion and maturation of international education in British Columbia. Through consultation and liaison with the provincial government, the direction of the Board, and broad engagement with the diversity of sectors representing international education, we support our mission through four key strategic goals: leadership, market support, communication and service to the sector, and internationalization.

English Language Program Links

Languages Canada
www.languagescanada.ca

Other Useful Links

BC Council for International Education (BCCIE)
www.bccie.bc.ca

BC Education Quality Assurance (EQA)
www.bceqa.ca

Government of BC
www.gov.bc.ca

Tourism BC
www.hellobc.com

WelcomeBC
www.welcomebc.ca



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What were your first impressions of BC?

I have chosen BC because of the warm weather. During the winter it is not that cold compared with other cities in Canada, and during the summer it is hot enough to enjoy a swimming pool or the ocean. The weather changes often and you could ski in the morning and go sailing in the afternoon.

What do you do when you're not studying?

Vancouver is a charming, multicultural city. Everywhere you walk you can hear different languages spoken and you learn about many new cultures. Close to where I live, you can easily find Coal Harbour, Gastown, Yaletown, Stanley Park and Granville Island. And of course, I love watching Canucks hockey games, the most loved winter sport of Canada.

What will you miss most about BC?

I don't even want to think about what I will miss most when I leave because my plan is to immigrate to Canada. I really love this place, and I am starting my application process as soon as I get my two year diploma.

