

# Canada - Nuvanut

## STRUCTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

### Description:

The Department of Education is responsible for postsecondary education in Nunavut. Although Nunavut does not have a university, Nunavut Arctic College, the only post secondary institution in Nunavut, offers a variety of certificate, diploma, trades and university transfer programmes as well as two degree programmes in partnership with the University of Regina and Dalhousie University. Programme areas include Teacher Education, Nursing, Career development, Environmental Technology and Management Studies. A Master of Education degree is also available through a partnership with the University of Prince Edward Island, St. Francis Xavier University, Arctic College and the Department of Education. Programmes vary in length from eight weeks (trades programmes) to two years, but generally speaking, certificate programmes involve one year of full time studies, and diploma programmes two years. In addition, the College provides adult basic education, skills development courses, trades training and contract training on behalf of local employers. The College has an established process to allow students to apply for course credits for previous learning and work experience. Nunavut Arctic College has transfer arrangements with a number of institutions in the South, including McGill University, Dalhousie University, Athabasca University, University of Manitoba and numerous Alberta institutions through their membership on the Alberta Council on Admissions and Transfer.

### Stages of studies:

#### *University level first stage:*

Many of the courses in the college Diploma programmes are eligible for transfer credit with universities and professional associations throughout Canada. As well, the college offers selected university courses and programmes through agreements with approved degree-granting institutions.

#### *Distance higher education:*

The College offers a limited number of courses through technology-based distance education.

## ADMISSION TO HIGHER EDUCATION

### Admission to non university higher education studies:

*Alternatives to credentials:* No entry requirements are set for students enrolled in adult basic education (ABE) and pre-trades programmes (generally from Grade 10 to 12). Equivalent credentials for Diploma programmes include completion of college ABE programmes or GED.

*Other requirements:* Entrance requirements for Inuktitut, English and Math apply to some programmes. All students enrolled at Nunavut Arctic College will be required to study Inuktitut or Inuinnaqtun as part of their course of studies.

### Foreign students admission:

*Definition of foreign student:* Foreign (International) Students are students who are neither Canadian citizens nor permanent residents of Canada and are enrolled full-time in a recognized academic, professional or vocational training course at a university, college or other educational institution in Canada.

*Admission requirements:* Generally, as for domestic students, a high school diploma or equivalent will be required. A lack of proficiency in English or French will be taken into account by the Canadian Immigration Office in the evaluation of the application.

*Entry regulations:* Before you come to study in Canada, you will need: a "Study Permit" if the programme of study you will be admitted to is longer than six months in duration, regardless of the length of your stay in Canada; a letter of acceptance from the school of your choice; proof that you have enough money to pay school fees and living expenses; to establish that you will return home at the end of your studies; to pass a medical exam if required; and to qualify as a temporary resident in Canada, including holding a temporary

resident visa (required for citizens of many countries). A small number of students do not require a Study Permit by virtue of their status in Canada (e.g. diplomats and their children).

*Health requirements:* Most education institutions require international students to buy health insurance in addition to their tuition fees; those that do not will require proof of independent health insurance coverage. Medical examinations are not required by institutions but are required by Citizenship and Immigration Canada for students from many countries.

## RECOGNITION OF STUDIES

### **Special provisions for recognition:**

*Recognition for non-university level studies:* In general, there are no additional requirements for international students besides the entry requirements published in the college calendars. Priority for seats is given to territorial residents first, other Canadian residents second and international students third.

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