

# Canada - Yukon

## STRUCTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

### **Description:**

The Department of Education has responsibility for postsecondary education in Yukon. It does not have its own university, though the Department contributes financially to students from the Yukon pursuing university studies elsewhere in Canada.

Yukon College is the only public institution providing postsecondary education and offers vocational, technical, academic upgrading and other programs usually leading to a Certificate or Diploma. Some first and second-year university transfer courses are offered. Yukon College is not a degree-granting institution although it has full autonomy on admissions and all other academic matters. A permanent board of governors was appointed in 1990. Two degree programs, accredited by other universities, are offered at Yukon College: the Yukon Native Teacher Education Program through University of Saskatchewan and a Bachelor of Social Work, accredited by the University of Regina are each offered on an on-going basis. In past, one time offerings have included a Master of Public Administration and Master of Education, both accredited by the University of Alaska.

The Department's Advanced Education Branch licenses private trade schools (career colleges) located in Yukon that deliver vocational, business, or professional programs.

Apprenticeship training is administered by the Department's Advanced Education Branch.

### **Stages of studies:**

#### *University level first stage:*

The main component of first-stage, higher education studies in the Yukon comprises certain Arts and Science courses offered by Yukon College which are acceptable as university-level transfer studies, i.e. at the first or second year undergraduate level. In addition, the Yukon Native Teacher Education Program, offered in conjunction with the University of Regina, leads to a four-year Bachelor of Education Degree, and offers a Bachelor of Social Work accredited by the University of Regina. The college also offers a Master of Public Administration program accredited by the University of Alaska.

#### *Distance higher education:*

Yukon College provides distance education using traditional correspondence with tutor teleconference support for a few courses.

## ADMISSION TO HIGHER EDUCATION

### **Admission to non university higher education studies:**

*Alternatives to credentials:* Secondary School Diploma may not be required, depending on course base requirements. For Yukon College, requirements vary widely for specific programs. Mature entry is provided for those 19+; applicants 17+, out of work 1 year who meet all other requirements but fall marginally below academic entry may be admitted on a probationary basis.

For apprenticeship training, entrance examinations (in English) are available with the Advanced Education Branch to verify academic prerequisites.

*Numerus clausus:* Yukon College tries to ensure an equitable mix of men and women in all programs, especially those with limited admissions. Entrance to certain forms of part-time study impose no criteria for admission, e.g. some distance education courses.

*Other requirements:* Certain levels of Mathematics and/or Science are required for entry to some Yukon College Programs. Remedial courses are sometimes made available, as needed.

### **Admission to university-level studies:**

*Admission requirements:* Secondary School Diploma may not be required, as this is course based.

**Foreign students admission:**

*Definition of foreign student:* Foreign (international) students must have some status under the Immigration Act, but are generally 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 coming to study in Canada, students will need:

- i. a “Study Permit” if the program of study that they are admitted to is longer than six months in duration, regardless of the length of stay in Canada;
- ii. a letter of acceptance from the school of choice;
- iii. proof that the student has enough money to pay for school fees and living expenses;
- iv. proof of intention to return home at the completion of studies;
- v. the student must pass a medical exam if required; and
- vi. the student must 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

**Quality assurance system:**

Yukon College has formal transfer credit arrangements with universities in British Columbia to cover primarily the College’s university transfer courses. In considering individual applications, the College will grant credit under specified conditions for coursework completed elsewhere.

**Special provisions for recognition:**

*Recognition for non-university level studies:* In general none. Any restrictions on admission to Yukon College are determined by the College, given available teaching and other resources, but in some instances are a result of government policy. No priority is given to Yukon residents. Access is governed by federal or provincial (BC) statutes and is restricted to Canadian citizens or immigrants. In addition to professional studies, applicants must also meet examination and/or practical training requirements set by the relevant professional body or federal licensing board.

*For exercising a profession:* In general none. For each profession, both Canadians and non-Canadians who studied abroad have to meet specified educational and experience requirements, and usually pass registration examinations. Non-Canadians may sometimes also need to pass a language test.

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