



**Pacific Community
Resources Society**

**Post-Secondary Programs and Services for Persons with Disabilities in the
Lower Mainland (January 2018)**

British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT)

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Programs	N/A
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Capilano University

Address	Accessibility Services (North Vancouver Campus) Birch Building, Room 284 2055 Purcell Way North Vancouver, BC, Canada V7J 3H5
Programs	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Adult Basic Education - ABE courses are now tuition-free.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Website description: The ABE program enables you to upgrade your knowledge of English, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computers, and Study Skills. You may select from one to five subjects, depending upon your educational and occupational goals. You can pursue any of the following goals:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- complete missing prerequisites for other university courses- upgrade or refresh mastery of a subject- complete secondary school qualifications (Grade 12 graduation)- improve your GPA

- prepare for other university programs.

The ABE program has semester in: September to December, January to April, May to June, and July to August. The program offers instruction in pairs of 1.5-hour classes. Both self-paced and term-paced classes are offered. Enrolment in classes is based on a pre-registration assessment of academic ability.

Many students benefit by enrolling in ABE courses while registered in other university or career/vocational programs at CapilanoU.

Students can enroll in ABE classes part-time or full-time, online options are available. Students interested a bridging program that is a combination of ABE preparatory courses and a first-year university courses may wish to consider the College & University Preparation (CUP) program.

- Website: <https://www.capilano.ca/abe/>

2. Education and Employment Access (EEA) Certificate

- Website description: The idea of attending university or looking for work can be intimidating when you're living with a learning disability or a social/physical/mental health challenge. Capilano University's Education and Employment Access program supports students with these challenges to transition from high school to post-secondary education or meaningful employment.

This certificate program helps students learn skills to succeed in their future education and/or vocational goals. Students will finish with a personal portfolio, educational and employment-related certifications, strategies for success in first year courses, and current work experience in a sector related to their vocational interests.

- Website: <http://www.capilano.ca/access/Education-Employment/>
- Duration of program: 8 months, full-time, (September-April)
- Credential: Certificate
- Class size: 14
- Contact: Kathryn Moscrip, Tel: 604.984.1711 or kmoscrip@capilano.ca.

3. Discover Employability Program

- Website description: The Discover Employability program is a transitional program for students moving from high school to a post-secondary and/or workplace environment. Students explore a range of possible work areas and identify those that match their abilities and interest. Depending on their readiness, after completing this 8-month program they may go on to further skills training or be referred to a supported employment agency.

The program is designed for young adults with special

	<p>learning needs. They are coached on the expectations of entry-level employment. Students are given an opportunity to build self-awareness and self-advocacy skills and work towards being more independent.</p> <p>The DE program combines in-class instruction with practical work experience, emphasizing the skills required to be successful in employment situations. Students meet with faculty to discuss an individual work experience plan that best fits their needs. Personal goals will be set and monitored throughout the year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website: http://nsyouth.ca/services/discover-employability-program-capilano-university/ • Duration of program: 8 months, full-time. • Credential: Certificate • Practicum: 12 weeks of work experience • Contact: kmoscrip@capilanou.ca
Website	https://www.capilanou.ca/services/accessibility/
Contact	<p>Accessibility Services Advisor - Cheryl Kramer, B.A., M.S. Accessibility Services Advisor - Nathan Anderson, M.Ed. Learning Skills Specialist - Alison Parry, BA, M.Ed. Divisional/Departmental Assistant - Carrie Whitworth, BCR Accessibility Services Assistant - Payvand Pejvack</p>
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Douglas College

Address	<p>New Westminster Campus: 700 Royal Avenue New Westminster, BC V3M 5Z5</p> <p>Coquitlam Campus: 1250 Pinetree Way Coquitlam, BC V3B 7X3</p>
Programs	<p>A) Career Preparation (2 programs)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Career and Employment Preparation (CAEP): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website description: Designed to assist individuals with barriers to employment. Students identify a realistic, achievable career goal and make a plan to reach that goal. They learn and practice the skills needed to be successful in further vocational training. The program includes two practicum placements, where students demonstrate the employability skills they have practiced in the classroom.

- Website: <https://www.douglascollege.ca/programs-courses/faculties/child-family-community-studies/vocational-education-and-skills-training/career-and-employment-program>
- Campus: New Westminster
- Credential: Certificate
- Duration of program: 14 weeks, full-time
- Contact: Brittany Sully, Program Instructor (Tel: 604.527.5669 or bsully@douglascollege.ca).

2. Transitions Program

- Website description: The Transitions Program is a part-time, 16-week program for students with special needs and/or learning difficulties in Grade 12 or Grade 12+. The program is designed to assist students in making successful exits from secondary school into training or workplace settings. Through the course of the program, students are introduced to post-secondary education opportunities, examine future training possibilities, and address the steps/skills required to obtain more education and/or entry into the work force. Classroom work includes exploration of personal strengths and interests, development of employment goals, development of work habits and skills (e.g., social and communication skills, problem-solving skills, time management, punctuality/attendance) and job search techniques.
- Website: <https://www.douglascollege.ca/programs-courses/faculties/child-family-community-studies/vocational-education-and-skills-training/transitions-program>
- Duration of program: 16 weeks, part-time
- Campus: David Lam (Coquitlam)
- Credential: Completion Certificate
- Practicum: 2 practicum placements
- Contact: Irina Tzoneva, Program Instructor (Tel: 604.777.6110 or tzonevai@douglascollege.ca).

B) Skills Training (4 programs)

1. Basic Occupational Education (BOE)

- Website description: Designed for students who have a barrier to learning and/or employment. In the lab students are provided with individualized, "hands on" training to acquire relevant industry skills. In the classroom, students address issues related to employment.
- Website: <https://www.douglascollege.ca/programs-courses/faculties/child-family-community-studies/vocational-education-and-skills-training/basic->

[occupational-education-program](#)

- Campus: New Westminster
- Duration of program: 10 to 12-month program, Full-time or part-time.
- Credential: Certificate
- Practicum: 2-3 practicum placements
- 3 industry sectors:
 - A) Electronic and General Assembly
 - B) Food Services
 - C) Retail and Business Services
- Contact: Wendy Parry, Program Instructor (Tel: 604.527.5620 or parryw@douglascollege.ca); Davi Bachra, Program Instructor(Tel: 604.527.5126 or bachrad@douglascollege.ca).

2. Customer Service and Cashier Training (CSCT)

- Website description: Designed for individuals with barriers to employment. Training focuses on classroom, lab, and work experience components which prepare students to work in customer service areas and cashiering positions. It allows students the opportunity to expand on industry specific knowledge and skills. Classroom instruction includes training in customer service, cashiering, communication, and teamwork skills. Students also learn employability skills and job search techniques.
- Website: <https://www.douglascollege.ca/programs-courses/catalogue/programs/CNCSCCT>
- Campus: David Lam (Coquitlam)
- Duration of program: 14 weeks, full-time
- Credential: Certificate
- 3 program options sectors:
 - A) Customer Service Certificate
 - B) Point of Sale Cashier Certificate
 - C) WorldHost Certificate
- Contact: Spomenka Lomigoric, Program Instructor (Tel: 604.777.6164 or lomigorics@douglascollege.ca).

3. Warehouse Training (WHTP)

- Website description: Designed to assist individuals with barriers to employment. The program teaches the skills needed to obtain work in distribution centers and warehouses. Classroom and on-site training will cover the following topics, among others: shipping and receiving procedures; inventory maintenance; order picking; employability skills; communication skills; interviewing techniques
- Website: <https://www.douglascollege.ca/programs->

	<p>courses/catalogue/programs/CNLWTP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus: Coquitlam • Duration of program: 14 weeks, full-time • Credentials: Students will also have the opportunity to obtain the following recognized certificates: Forklift Operators Certification; Occupational First Aid, Level One; WHMIS; Transportation of Dangerous Goods; WorldHost. • Practicum: One practicum placement. • Contact: Chris Gibson, Program Instructor (Tel: 604.777.6063 or gibsonc@douglascollege.ca). <p>4. 604-527-JOBS (5627)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website description: facilitates the transition to employment for graduates of the Douglas College Vocational Education and Skills Training Programs. • Website: https://www.douglascollege.ca/programs-courses/faculties/child-family-community-studies/vocational-education-and-skills-training/604-527-jobs • Campus: New Westminister • Contact: Irene Chan, Employment Specialist (Tel: 604.527.5627 or chain@douglascollege.ca).
Website	http://www.douglascollege.ca/student-services/support/centre-for-students-with-disabilities
Contact	N/A
Telephone	604.527.5486 (Student Services New Westminister) 604.777.6185 (Student Services Coquitlam)
E-mail	stuserv@douglascollege.ca

Emily Carr University of Arts + Design

Address	Accessibility Services 520 E 1st Ave, Room D2380 Vancouver, BC V5T 0H2
Programs	Accessibility Services provides accommodations to the learning environment for students with speech, hearing, visual, physical, mental health and neurological disabilities as well as chronic health conditions, acquired brain injury and temporary disabilities.
Website	http://www.connect.ecuad.ca/student-services/accessibility
Contact	N/A
Telephone	604.844.3081
E-mail	accessibility@ecuad.ca

Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC)

Address	Disability Services 715 McBride Blvd., Room CL201 New Westminster, BC, Canada V3L 5T4
Programs	N/A
Website	http://www.jibc.ca/student-services/student-support/disability-services
Contact	N/A
Telephone	604.528.4331
E-mail	disability@jibc.ca

Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU)

Address	Services for Students with Disabilities (located in the Counseling Department on all Campuses) Surrey Campus: 12666 72nd Ave, Room Main C160 Surrey, BC V3W 2M8 Richmond Campus 8771 Lansdowne Road, Room 1640 Richmond, BC V6X 3V8 Cloverdale Campus 5500 180 Street, Room 1127 Cloverdale, BC V3S 4K5 Langley Campus 20901 Langley Bypass, Room 1050 Langley, BC V3A 8G9
Programs	Access Program for People with Disabilities (3 programs): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Website http://www.kpu.ca/aca/appd/• Contact: Bryn Poirier (Tel: 604.599.3095, Email: appd@kpu.ca) 1. Work Exploration Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Website description: The Work Exploration option provides information to students about the basic expectations of competitive entry-level work. Students will participate in classes and have the opportunity to explore a variety of work experiences.• Website: http://www.kpu.ca/aca/appd/work-exploration

- Length of program: 10 months, full-time
- Campus: Richmond, Langley, Surrey
- Credential: Certificate.

2. Job Preparation

- Website description: The Job Preparation option provides an opportunity for students to enhance their understanding of the expectations of competitive entry-level work. Students will participate in classes and have the opportunity to explore a variety of work experiences.
- Website: <http://www.kpu.ca/aca/appd/job-preparation>
- Length of program: 10 months, full-time
- Campus: Richmond, Langley, Surrey
- Credential: Certificate

3. Vocational Skills Training (has in the past offered two programs designed to provide specific skills training and work experiences. **These programs are not being offered as they are currently being reviewed.**)

- Website description: programs designed to provide specific skills and work experiences
- Website: <http://www.kpu.ca/aca/appd/vocational-skills>

All Vocational Skills Training Options are currently not available - UNDER REVIEW:

Childcare Aide - currently under review.

Clerical Assistant - currently under review

- ACE-IT Mentoring
 - Website description: AIM provides mentoring for high school students with disabilities who take the Accelerated Credit Enrollment Industry Training (ACE-IT) at KPU. The partnership between KPU and the school districts gives high school students the opportunity to begin a trades program prior to getting their BC Certificate of Graduation.
 - Website: <http://www.kpu.ca/ssd/ace-it-mentoring>
- New Literacy Course for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities
 - Website description: Students with intellectual disabilities will learn and develop reading comprehension, social skills, financial math, and computer skills. An Individualized Learning Plan (ILP) will be developed based on the student's self-identified goals and the results of the student's entrance assessment. Students will work in small groups, one-on-one with the instructor or tutor, and independently on a curriculum designed to meet the goals of their ILP.
 - Website: <http://www.kpu.ca/aca/acp/literacy-communities>
 - Campus: Surrey
 - Contact: 604.599.2964 or acp@kpu.ca

Website	http://www.kpu.ca/ssd
Contact	N/A
Telephone	Surrey: 604.599.2044; Richmond: 604.599.2600; Langley: 604.599.3213; Tech: 604.598.6044
E-mail	ssd@kpu.ca

Langara College

Address	Disability Services 100 West 49th Avenue, B146 Vancouver, BC V5Y 2Z6
Programs	N/A
Website	http://www.langara.bc.ca/student-services/disability-services
Contact	N/A
Telephone	604.323.5509
E-mail	disabilityservices@langara.bc.ca

Simon Fraser University (SFU)

Address	Centre for Students with Disabilities 1250 Maggie Benston Centre Burnaby, BC V5A 1S6
Programs	N/A
Website	https://www.sfu.ca/students/disabilityaccess.html
Contact	Mitchell Stoddard (Director, Centre for Students with Disabilities)
Telephone	778.782.3112
E-mail	csdo@sfu.ca

University of British Columbia (UBC)

Address	Access and Diversity, Student Services 1203-1874 East Mall (Brock Hall) Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z1
Programs	N/A
Website	https://students.ubc.ca/campus-life/diversity-campus/disability
Contact	Ruth Warick (Senior Diversity Advisor, Disability)
Telephone	604.822.5844
E-mail	access.diversity@ubc.ca

University of the Fraser Valley (UFV)

Address	Disability Resource Centre 33844 King Road; Building B, room 202f Abbotsford, BC V2S 7M8
Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training for Attitudes, Skills, and Knowledge (TASK) Certificate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website description: The TASK pre-employment program is for adult students with disabilities who want to explore employment opportunities and prepare for a job. • Website: http://www.ufv.ca/uup/task/ • Length of program: 8 months, full-time • Campus: Chilliwack • Credential: Certificate • Practicum: Community-based work placement • Contact: Steve Vogel - TASK Program Instructor (604.702.2621 or steven.vogel@ufv.ca).
Website	https://ufv.ca/accessibility/
Contact	Dr. Seanna Takacs - Acting Coordinator
Telephone	604.854.4528
E-mail	seanna.takacs@ufv.ca

Vancouver Community College (VCC)

Address	Disability Services Downtown campus: level 1, room 103 250 West Pender Street Vancouver, BC V6B 1S9 Broadway Campus: level 4, room 4022 1155 East Broadway Vancouver, BC V5T 4V5
Programs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adult Special Education – Part-time Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website description: Upgrade your reading, writing, numeracy, and computer skills. These courses are designed for students with a disability who wish to establish and/or upgrade prevocational skills that would enhance entry into further education or employment. • Website: http://www.vcc.ca/programscourses/program-areas/students-with-disabilities/adult-special-education---part-time-courses/#programFAQ • Duration of program: varies, part-time • Campus: Downtown • Credential: VCC Transcript

- Start: September.

2. Career Awareness (Adult Special Education)

- Website description: This is a program for students with cognitive disabilities. VCC provides a supportive environment for students to explore employment options, increase their level of job readiness, gain practical experience in community work settings, and set work-related goals.
- Website: <http://www.vcc.ca/programscourses/program-areas/students-with-disabilities/career-awareness-adult-special-education/>
- Duration of program: 9 months, full-time
- Campus: Downtown
- Credential: Certificate
- Start: September
- Practicum: Community work experience.

3. Food Service Careers (Adult Special Education)

- Website description: This program is for students with a diagnosis of a cognitive disability or a history of learning difficulties. The curriculum is delivered at a slower pace with an emphasis on practical hands on instruction. Gain kitchen-prep training and work experience that is matched to your abilities. Students gain skills and knowledge to work in the food service industry, specifically in the area of kitchen preparation.
- Website: <http://www.vcc.ca/programscourses/program-areas/students-with-disabilities/food-service-careers-adult-special-education/>
- Length of program: 38 weeks, full-time
- Campus: Downtown
- Credential: Certificate
- Start: September
- Practicum: Community work experience.

4. Retail and Hospitality Careers (Adult Special Education)

- Website description: prepares students who have an identified cognitive disability for work in the retail and hospitality industries. The program offers basic skill training while establishing effective customer relations and employee behaviours that are necessary for success as an entry-level worker. After completing the core skills courses, students will be streamed into a specialization of skills for either the retail or hospitality industry.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website: http://www.vcc.ca/programscourses/program-areas/students-with-disabilities/retail-and-hospitality-careers-adult-special-education/ • Length of program: 9 months, full-time • Campus: Downtown • Credential: Certificate • Practicum: Community work experience.
	http://www.vcc.ca/services/services-for-students/disability-services/
Contact	N/A
Telephone	604.871.7000, option 2
E-mail	disabilityservices@vcc.ca

Additional Resources:

- BC's Online/Distance Course Directory <http://coursesbc.ca/>
- Education planner (compare post-secondary programs in BC <http://www.educationplanner.ca/>)
- Awards, scholarships and other government programs for Canadian college and university students with disabilities/special needs. <http://www.neads.ca/en/norc/funding/>
- Community Living BC's Personalized Supports Initiative (PSI) which provides services to adults who have both significant limitations to adaptive functioning and either a diagnosis of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) or Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) <http://www.communitylivingbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/Personalized-Supports-Initiative-Brochure.pdf>
- Disability Resource Network of BC for Post-Secondary Education www.drNBC.org
- STEPS Forward is a family-driven organization founded to ensure that people with developmental disabilities are included as students in the academic and social life of colleges and universities of British Columbia. <http://www.steps-forward.org/>



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