



Information Regarding Return to Campus Fall 2021

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The Nicola Valley Institute of Technology (NVIT) is busy preparing for the 2021-2022 academic year. We look forward to a gradual and safe return to our campuses in Merritt, Burnaby, and First Nation communities throughout the province. NVIT's plan to achieve this is based upon the recommendations of BC's Public Health Officer. NVIT's focus is on a quality learning experience for our learners and the safety and well-being of the students, employees and communities we serve. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted us in many ways, causing anxiety and stress. We acknowledge the pressures of leading a "normal" life and return to school and work during this unprecedented time.

NVIT acknowledges that some are feeling hesitant to return to campus for a variety of reasons. The 2020-2021 academic year at NVIT provided the institution with an opportunity to embrace advancements in technology and adapt resources and services to continue to support the NVIT community virtually. In taking what we have learned over the past year, NVIT's commitment to offering in-class learning and the flexibility for synchronous hybrid/remote video teaching will be available when needed to support a diverse learning environment. In preparation, NVIT is working closely with Faculty, Student Services, and IT to ensure that we are prepared to support all learning platforms as we return to campus. Regardless of where students choose to learn, they have access to classes and learner supports that encourage a rich, relevant and quality academic experience.

As part of the return to campus, NVIT plans to offer in-person instruction for the Fall 2021 semester, both on and off-campus. Terminology that will continue to be used will include:

- **In-person:** Students will attend scheduled on-campus and off-campus learning activities related to their program. These activities include live lectures, studios, labs, fieldwork, practicum and where students are physically in the classroom.
- **Hybrid/Remote Video:** With a schedule (synchronous), students will be expected to attend classes aided by remote technology such as MS Teams or Zoom. Instructors will provide lectures and other learning activities in real-time (if a student has concerns about attending face-to-face, they may be able to join class remotely).
- **Hybrid/Blended:** Students will learn through scheduled remote learning, online asynchronously and in-person instruction.

Some of NVIT programs require in-person learning that cannot be offered through a virtual format. These programs include Health Care Assistant Certificate (HTCA), Access to Practical Nursing Diploma (APNS), Environmental Resources Technology Certificate and Diploma (ENRT), the Trades Programs and Renewable Energies Technology (RNET). As part of NVIT's approach to teaching and learning, students may require additional supplies like laptops or desktop computers with sufficient online connectivity capacity to fully support their course learning and keep them connected to their instructors. Learners who do not have these requirements are encouraged to advise Enrolment Services to receive priority access to on-campus learning and supports.

NVIT continues its commitment towards an exemplary learning and teaching community. We have faced many challenges over the past year and a half, and NVIT is confident we have the necessary plans to prepare for the 2021-2022 academic year. Our responsibility has always been to improve the quality of life of Indigenous people, and our extension of virtual access to post-secondary education further advances this concept.

We encourage each of you to go to our website at <https://www.nvit.ca/covid-19.htm> to access more information on the return to campus plan and COVID-19 protocols be in place for when you return. Please review the attached document that identifies the various supports that are available for all learners. We look forward to seeing you, either in-person or online, in September!

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Student Support Services

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We have listed the Student Support Services and important information links below to help guide your return to campus for Fall 2021. Enrolment Services is planning an orientation day for the Burnaby and Merritt campuses on September 7, 2021. Please watch for updates for this event on our website and social media platforms. Learners are encouraged to sign in to their mynvit.ca or Moodle account to determine your class schedule and what kind of equipment and supports may be required. Please see the links below for more information:

1. Please refer to your mynvit.ca student schedule at <https://www.nvit.ca/mynvitlogininstructions.htm>
2. Please sign in to your Moodle site at <https://moodle.nvit.ca/>
3. Or you can contact the Registrar's Office at info@nvit.bc.ca or 1-877-682-3300.

In preparation for the 2021-2022 academic year, here are the online booking systems and websites that can provide more information:

- To pay your tuition online, please visit "Pay My Tuition"
<https://www.paymytuition.com/paynow/nvit>
- To meet with an Academic or Financial Planner, please visit our online booking system:
<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/NicolaValleyInstituteofTechnology@nvit.bc.ca/bookings/>
- To meet with the Student Success Centre Staff member for tutoring or accommodation support, please visit the online booking system:
<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/NicolaValleyInstituteofTechnology@nvit.bc.ca/bookings/>
- The NVIT Bookstore is available online for Fall 2021. To order and pay for your textbooks online, please visit:
<https://bookmanager.com/7602928/>
- IT supports are also available in-person or virtually. To support your online learning experience, please visit NVIT's website for tutorials and contact information:
<https://www.nvit.ca/onlinelearning.htm>.
- As well, all of the above information and additional FAQs can be viewed on our website:
<https://www.nvit.ca/covid19faqs.htm>
- For more information and help, please contact the Registrar's Office at info@nvit.bc.ca or 1-877-682-3300.