

NVIT Immediate Entry Bursary

2026 Application



Purpose:

In response to BC's Bill 41 – 2019: Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act and the education focused Direct Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) and Direct Articles of the United Nations Declaration for the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), NVIT invites graduates from School District 58, School District 74, School District 78, Logan Lake Secondary, Similkameen Elementary Secondary and eligible BC Indigenous Grade 12 graduates to join us at either the Merritt or Burnaby campus for an educational experience immersed in Indigenous ways of knowing supported by a bursary equivalent to tuition for 30 credits of full-time studies.

Eligibility:

Awarded to Grade 12 graduates who transition directly from high school to NVIT. Students must [apply](#), be accepted and registered in a minimum 60% course load of post-secondary level courses for the next academic year by June 30, 2026.

Students must be a **2026 Grade 12 graduate** (Indigenous or non-Indigenous) from:

- School District #58 (Merritt Secondary, Princeton Secondary, SCIDES);
- School District #74 (Desert Sands Community School, Kumsheen Shch-Ema-meet, Lillooet Secondary, David Stoddart Secondary);
- School District #78 (Agassiz Elementary-Secondary, Boston Bar Elementary-Secondary, Hope Secondary);
- Logan Lake Secondary;
- Similkameen Elementary Secondary;
- A BC First Nations School that is registered with the BC First Nations Schools Association; or
- High School Graduate from across BC who self-identifies as Indigenous.

Criteria:

In order to understand the financial contribution required for the program of choice, all prospective Immediate Entry Bursary learners must schedule an [Immediate Entry Bursary \(IEB\) Advising appointment](#) prior to registration.

Amount:

NVIT will award up to **\$3,013** towards tuition for first year of study (books, supplies and/or student fees are the responsibility of the student). The bursary is non-transferable (cannot be transferred to anyone else), non-deferrable (program of study must start before March 31, 2027), and unused amounts cannot be transferred to another year of study. The bursary amount is based on a 100% course load for first year of study in the Associate of Arts degree program. This is typically ten 3-credit courses for a total of 30 credits. **Some programs have more courses/credits while others are based on credit-hours. Please schedule an Immediate Entry Bursary Advising appointment to discuss the costs/ fees that are not covered by the Immediate Entry Bursary.**

Deadline:

Applications, interim transcripts, and any other required program prerequisite documents are required no later than 4:30pm, **June 30, 2026**. Final official transcripts must be received by 4:30pm, August 15, 2026 to remain eligible for bursary.

Immediate Entry Bursary
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Please keep this front page for important information and deadlines.
Student Requirements and FAQs are available [here](#).

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PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name:

Last First Middle Initial

Permanent Mailing Address

(____) _____ - _____ / ____ / ____

Telephone NVIT Student ID Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

_____ - _____ - _____ _____

S.I.N. Email Address

***S.I.N. numbers are required to issue T4A forms for tax purposes.

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION:

Graduation Program: BC High School Diploma (Dogwood) _____ BC Adult Graduation Diploma* _____

Where did you attend your last two years of high school? City/Prov: _____

Name of High School: _____

Graduation Year: _____ Did you submit your official high school transcripts? Yes No

If not, when can we expect to receive them? _____

**Please note, official transcripts must be sent to NVIT directly from the school or Ministry of Education website.

What campus will you be attending? Merritt Burnaby

What NVIT program did you apply to? _____

*Students graduating with a BC Adult Graduation Diploma will be considered on a case-by-case basis and must have been continuously enrolled in the secondary system and no older than 19 at time of graduation from high school. Students graduating under the Adult Graduation program should meet with an Academic and Financial Planner to confirm their eligibility.

**To receive this award, you must register into a minimum 60% course load at NVIT.

STUDENT DECLARATION:

To qualify for the Immediate Entry Bursary, all applicants must complete the following by June 30, 2026:

- [Apply](#) to an NVIT program;
- Submit official secondary school [interim transcripts](#) and any other applicable program prerequisites;
- Schedule an [Immediate Entry Bursary \(IEB\) Advising appointment](#);
- Register into courses.

I hereby declare, all the above information is true and correct and I understand the requirements of this bursary (see FAQs and Requirements document). I authorize the Registrar's Office to verify any or all of the above statements.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

(mm/dd/yyyy)