

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



When can I register?

We have registration sessions at the beginning of each semester; September, January and June. However, if have registration for new students EVERY Thursday at 1:00pm or 7:00pm.

May I register for a course at any time during the school year?

Yes. We have registration sessions EVERY Thursday at 1:00pm or 7:00pm.

Do I have to take an assessment?

Yes. This will allow us to find out the current level that you are currently at so we can suggest classes that best suit your academic level.

What is the tuition fee for international students?

Please note that effective September 4th, 2017, our international student fee will increase to \$1,175 per course. International students who are already enrolled at New Westminster Secondary School will also pay the tuition fee of \$1,175 per course.

How can I complete high school if I have not completed any courses in grades 10, 11 or 12?

You will be asked to write an assessment and staff will go over your previous learning and work experience and will recommend a path towards graduation which may include taking upgrading courses before starting grade 11 and 12 courses. (Note: the GED is no longer available for students in BC).

I don't live in New Westminster; can I still take courses there?

Yes. Our center is available for any student who ordinarily resides in BC.

How can I get an updated transcript?

Please visit the main office location at the New Westminster Secondary School at 835-8th Street, New Westminster BC Room 188A.

How long does it usually take to complete self-paced courses?

Our courses follow BC Ministry of Education curriculum and learning outcomes. Courses are designed to be completed in about 120 hours of study for well-prepared students. For example, if you work on your course 10 hours a week, it would take you 12 weeks to complete it. Well prepared students have completed courses is as little as 100 hours or even quicker especially if they have taken the course before.

Is the school wheelchair accessible?

Yes the school is wheelchair accessible.

Do I have to write the Provincial Exams?

If you are completing the 80-credit Dogwood, you MUST write the following provincial exams: Communications 12 and English 12 (or the new English Literacy Assessment once it is available) and the Mathematics Skills Assessment (once it is available).

If you are completing the 20-credit Adult Dogwood, the Provincial Exams are optional. If you plan on attending a post-secondary institution, we recommend that you write the English 12 Provincial Exam or the new English Literacy Assessment (once it is available).

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If I have already graduated high school, how much are the tuition fees?

The Ministry of Education has announced that effective September 1st, 2017, graduated students can now take some grade 11 and 12 courses tuition FREE. We offer the following courses that are now Tuition FREE for graduated students.

Communications 11/12	Pre-Calculus 11/12
English 11/12	AW Math 11
Biology 11/12	Math Foundations 11/12
Physics 11/12	
Chemistry 11/12	

Adult Literacy Foundation courses (upgrading courses below Grade 11 level) are still tuition FREE for ALL students, including high school graduates. The Ministry of Education website lists these free courses. For courses NOT covered under the tuition free announcement, adult students who have completed graduation from a secondary school or high school in BC or in another jurisdiction have to pay a tuition fee of \$375 per course.

Courses NOT free for Graduated students

- o Entrepreneurship 12
- o Family Studies 12
- o French 11
- o First Nations Studies 12
- o History 12
- o Law 12
- o Planning 12
- o Science & Technology 11

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