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Province invests \$146,880 to support Capilano University Rehabilitation Assistant students through priority health bursaries

North Vancouver, B.C. January 26, 2026—[Capilano University](#) (CapU) has received a one-time grant of \$146,880 from the B.C. Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills, funded through the Ministry of Health, to support students in CapU's [Rehabilitation Assistant diploma program](#).

The funding provides \$2,000 in tuition reimbursement for 68 eligible students, helping strengthen recruitment into priority health education programs as part of the BC Health Human Resources Strategy.

CapU's Rehabilitation Assistant program prepares graduates to support physiotherapists and occupational therapists in a range of care settings, contributing to the delivery of rehabilitation services across the province.

"This support is an investment in CapU students and in the health workforce that our communities rely on," said Dr. Laureen Styles, EdD, CapU's interim president and vice-chancellor. "By helping reduce financial barriers, these bursaries make it more possible for students to pursue in-demand health careers, and to bring their skills to people and C. workplaces throughout the province where they are needed the most."

"We're proud to support students pursuing post-secondary education programs that train the health-care workforce our province needs," said Jessie Sunner, Minister of Post Secondary Education and Future Skills. "Investing in these programs is an important step toward building a more responsive and sustainable health-care system for people all across British Columbia."

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About Capilano University

Capilano University offers students a remarkable space to thrive with industry-leading instructors, small classes and more than 100 programs across five distinctive faculties. Serving British Columbia's Sea-to-Sky region with locations in North Vancouver, Squamish and the Sunshine Coast, CapU is a unique space where students are encouraged to make their mark, in and out of the classroom. Capilano University is named after Chief Joe Capilano (1854–1910), an important leader of the Sk̓w̓w̓w̓7mesh (Squamish) Nation of the Coast Salish Peoples. We respectfully acknowledge that our campuses are located on the unceded territories of the səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh), shíshálh (Sechelt), Sk̓w̓w̓w̓7mesh (Squamish), and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) Nations.

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