

Capilano University at a glance

Capilano University (CapU) is a teaching-focused university based in North Vancouver, with programming serving the Sunshine Coast and the Sea-to-Sky corridor. Our faculty bring real-world experience and perspective to their teaching. We offer a wide range of programs and services that enable students to succeed in their current studies, in their ongoing education, in their chosen careers, in their lifelong pursuit of knowledge and in their contribution as responsible citizens in a rapidly changing and diverse global community.



93%

*CapU bachelor's degree graduates who are satisfied with their education

91%

*CapU bachelor's degree graduates who rate the quality of instruction as very good or good

95%

*CapU bachelor's degree graduates who are in the labour force

*BC Student Outcomes Baccalaureate Graduates Survey 2022-2024

A space to find community

CapU offers smaller, interactive classes, a wide variety of student support services and a diverse student population. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved, from student clubs and peer mentor programs to volunteer opportunities and campus recreation.

19

Bachelor's degrees offered

120⁺

Programs offered

9,690

Students enrolled in for-credit programs

22

Average number of students in a class

59

Student clubs, associations and collectives

25⁺

Study abroad destinations

93

Countries represented in student population

292

Indigenous students

Academic programs

Capilano University offers over 120 programs across five faculties. The University is a leader in business, tourism management, early childhood education and fine arts education.

- Western Canada's only four-year degree in [Early Childhood Care and Education](#)
- First university in Canada to offer a four-year degree in [Music Therapy](#)

- [Bachelor of Motion Picture Arts](#) degree and a diploma in [Indigenous Digital Filmmaking](#)
- Degree and diploma programs in [Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Management](#)
- [Indigenous Digital Accelerator](#) program works with Indigenous entrepreneurs to scale up and grow their business



Capilano University is named after Chief Joe Capilano (1854–1910), an important leader of the Skw̓x̓wú7mesh (Squamish) Nation of the Coast Salish Peoples. We respectfully

acknowledge that our campuses are located on the unceded territories of the Səlilwətaʔ (Tseil-Waututh), shíshálh (Sechelt), Skw̓x̓wú7mesh (Squamish), and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) Nations.

Future-focused university



Students at Squamish campus



Artist's rendering of the new CapU housing project from HDR Architecture Associates Inc.



Sustainably built and surrounded by forest, the centre solidifies CapU as a major hub for early childhood care and education.

Squamish Campus

CapU acquired the 18-acre former Quest University site in Squamish, B.C., and opened [CapU Squamish](#) in September 2024, offering arts, adult basic education and early childhood education courses at launch. This new location enables CapU to serve students, collaborate with education partners and grow research and innovation opportunities in the Sea-to-Sky corridor.

Campus Master Plan

CapU's [Campus Master Plan](#) sets out the University's priorities for infrastructure, campus culture, academic programming and community partnerships through 2030.

North Vancouver Student Housing

Slated to open in 2026, this [362-bed housing complex](#) is designed to create a contemporary, sustainable housing option that provides safe, conveniently located, below-market-rate accommodations for students attending CapU who want to live on campus.

Envisioning 2030

The strategic plan, [Envisioning 2030](#), outlines CapU's purpose, values, goals and priorities. Inspired by imagination, CapU creates a distinct university experience where students can actualize their passion and potential. Focus areas include digital transformation, health and well-being, Indigenizing and decolonizing the campus, and increasing sustainable practices to reduce carbon footprint.

Fulmer Family Centre for Childhood Studies

Opened in 2025, the centre is a new, purpose-built facility that integrates teaching and experiential learning spaces, research and 74 additional childcare spaces on campus. Using a child-inspired approach, it is Western Canada's only degree-granting, purpose-designed, integrated centre of early childhood care, research and lab school education.

CapU North Vancouver Campus

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