

North Vancouver
2055 Purcell Way
North Vancouver, B.C.
Canada V7J 3H5
Tel: 604 986 1911

Lonsdale
250–125 Victory Ship Way
North Vancouver, B.C.
Canada V7L 0G5
Tel: 604 986 1911, ext. 5600

Squamish
3200 University Boulevard
Squamish, B.C.
Canada V8B 0N8
Tel: 604 983 4020

káɫax-ay Sunshine Coast
5627 Inlet Avenue
Sechelt, B.C.
Canada V0N 3A0
Tel: 604 885 9310
Toll-free from Vancouver:
604 986 1911, ext. 5900

Ts̓zil Learning Centre
125 Lillooet Lake Road
Mount Currie, B.C.
Canada V0N 2K0
Tel: 604 894 2300



Follow us on social
@CapilanoU

CapilanoU.ca



CapU is a public post-secondary institution with the education quality assurance (EQA) designation. Institutions with this designation meet or exceed quality assurance standards set by the province of B.C.

This publication was published in August 2025 and is subject to change.



Student Guide 2026 2027





A space to be you



At CapU, your university experience is different by design.

CapU is more than a place to study—it's a place to discover who you are and where you're headed. Surrounded by mountains, forests and beaches, our welcoming communities and hands-on programs create an environment where you're encouraged to ask questions, explore your interests and define your path.

With five locations and more than 100 programs, CapU has something for everyone. You will be mentored by accomplished faculty who see themselves as guides on your educational journey. You'll study in small, interactive classes designed for collaboration, helping you build connections.

When you have the freedom to ask, the support to explore, and a community that lifts you up—that's where you find your unique path. CapU is where you can be yourself, and that's when you shine.

93%

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

91%

of CapU bachelor's degree graduates said the knowledge and skills gained at CapU were useful in performing their job*

95%

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

*BC Student Outcomes Baccalaureate Graduates Survey 2022 - 2024



"The people really make this place. I've never met so many supportive and positive people in my life."

Jesen L.M.
University One for Indigenous Learners Certificate, 2024



North Vancouver Campus



A space to explore

Surrounded by rugged mountains and lush forests, CapU campuses are located in some of the most spectacular areas of British Columbia.

North Vancouver

Nestled among towering evergreens and fresh mountain air, CapU's campus in North Vancouver offers inspiring natural beauty just a short drive from downtown Vancouver—a vibrant city known for its arts, culture and active lifestyle.

Step off campus to explore lively neighbourhoods filled with craft breweries, independent shops, galleries and cafés. With modern facilities, diverse programs and a thriving community, North Vancouver is the perfect place to grow—surrounded by nature and city energy.

Squamish

Our newest campus in Squamish is where learning meets adventure. With world-class hiking, biking, climbing and skiing right at your doorstep—and just a short, scenic drive from the internationally renowned Whistler resort—you can hit the trails, explore the coastline, or carve through fresh powder—all before or after class.

Program offerings range from environmental studies and early childhood education to outdoor filmmaking, kinesiology and business, with more programs to come.

Sunshine Coast

Midway up the Sunshine Coast, in the charming seaside village of Sechelt, is CapU's *kálag-ay* Sunshine Coast campus.

This friendly campus in the centre of town offers hands-on programs in health care, business, early childhood education and academic upgrading, preparing you for in-demand careers in this unique coastal community and beyond.



"I really love CapU's nature- and enquiry-based experiential learning and how it connects you with the land, stories and Indigenous peoples who were here since time immemorial."

Harjan M.
Bachelor of Early Childhood
Care & Education student

Squamish Campus



Sunshine Coast Campus



Capilano University is named after Chief Joe Capilano (1854–1910), an important leader of the *Sḵwxwú7mesh* (Squamish) Nation of the Coast Salish Peoples. We respectfully acknowledge that our campuses are located on the unceded territories of the *səlilwətaʔ* (Tsleil-Waututh), *shíshálh* (Sechelt), *Sḵwxwú7mesh* (Squamish), and *xʷməθkʷəy̓əm* (Musqueam) Nations.

Did you know?

CapU offers programming in the Tʔzil Learning Centre in Mt. Currie, in partnership with the Lílwat Nation.

23 Provincial parks within 25 km of CapU campuses <i>Source: BC Parks</i>	4 Ski resorts near CapU campuses	231 Scenic trails in North Vancouver <i>Source: All Trails</i>
--	--	---

A space to belong

CapU is more than a university—it's a community. Here, you'll find a close-knit, welcoming atmosphere and countless ways to connect, belong and make your university experience unforgettable.

Welcome events

Your first day at CapU will be one to remember, starting with New Student Orientation, an event designed to connect you to classmates and set you up for success. From there, you'll join in welcome events, including food, music, games and opportunities to explore campus life.
capilanou.ca/orientation

Student clubs

Find your people, fuel your passions. Whether you love movies, skiing, Bollywood dancing, science, fashion or esports, there's a student club here made up of people who share your interests.
csu.bc.ca/clubs

Peer mentors

Step up as a peer leader or international student mentor—build leadership skills, organize events and workshops and support fellow students.
capilanou.ca/peer-mentorship



Varsity athletics

CapU has an exceptional athletics program with varsity teams in soccer, basketball and volleyball led by award-winning coaches. Try out for the team or cheer on the Blues in their quest for gold.
athletics.capilanou.ca

Recreation

Get your sweat on for free in campus recreation facilities. Work one-on-one with a personal trainer in the weight room, join a group fitness class, or blow off some steam with drop-in basketball, soccer, pickleball and more.
capilanou.ca/recreation



“Through sport, I have developed a strong work ethic, teamwork abilities and leadership skills. It shaped me into who I am today and gave me the ability to succeed.”

Alanah D.

Women's Soccer, Bachelor of Business Administration, 2023



“The smaller classes allow for a lot more connection between students and instructors. It creates a sense of community and family at CapU.”

Ruvarashe G.

Bachelor of Communication Studies student



9,690

Students enrolled in for-credit programs

59

Student clubs, associations and collectives

63

Provincial athletics championships

A space to grow

Start with a few courses to explore your interests or dive into a specific area of study and earn a bachelor's degree, associate degree, diploma or certificate.

You'll discover your path through engaging classes with faculty experts, work practicums, study abroad adventures and hands-on learning opportunities that will ensure you graduate with the knowledge and experience to launch your career with confidence.



"My favourite thing about my program was the collaboration. I had endless inspiration around me and could bounce off ideas with my classmates any time."

Christine (Tin) R.
Bachelor of Design in Visual Communication, 2025

Arts & Sciences

Applied Behaviour Analysis (Autism)	■ ★ ● N
Arts	▲ N S
Biology	▲ N
Creative Writing	▲ N
Engineering	● N
Engineering Transition	▼ N
English	▲ N
Environment & Society—Environmental Sciences	■ ▼ N
Environment & Society—Environmental Studies	■ ▼ N S
Interdisciplinary Studies	■ N S
Lil'wat Nation Language & Culture	● T
Psychology	▲ ■ ◆ N
Concentration: Applied Psychology	
Science	▲ ■ N
Concentrations: Biomedical Science, Computational Science or Environmental Science	
Sechelt Nation Language & Culture	● k
Sustainable Economics	● S
Writing & Literature	■ N
Concentrations: Critical & Creative Writing or Literature & Culture	

19	22	25+
Bachelor's degrees offered	Average number of students in a class	Study abroad destinations to choose from

CapU offers countless ways to explore what inspires you.

Business & Professional Studies

Bookkeeping	● N
Business Administration	■ ● ▼ N S k
Concentrations: Accounting, Business Information Management & Analytics, Financial Planning, Human Resource Management, International Business & Logistics or Marketing	
Business Administration Pathway	N
Communication Studies	■ N
Financial Planning	★ N
Financial Planning Professional	★ N
Legal Administrative Assistant	● N
Legal Studies	■ N
Paralegal	● ▼ N
Retail Operations	● N

Education, Health & Human Development

Adult Basic Education	N S k T
Community Capacity Building	N T
Discover Employability	● N
Early Childhood Care & Education	■ ● ▼ ● N S k
Early Childhood Care & Education Pathway	N
Education & Employment Access	● N
Education Assistant	● N
English for Academic Purposes	N
Health Care Assistant	● N k
Music Therapy	■ N
Rehabilitation Assistant	▼ N
University One for Indigenous Learners	● N

Expand your career choices with a minor in a secondary discipline.
capilanou.ca/minors

Fine & Applied Arts

2D Animation & Visual Development	▼ N
3D Animation for Film & Games	▼ N
Acting for Stage & Screen	● ▼ N
Advanced Arts & Entertainment Management	● N
Animation Fundamentals	N
Arts & Entertainment Management	▼ N
Costuming for Stage & Screen	▼ N
Design in Visual Communication	■ N
Concentrations: Branding, Illustration or Interactive Design	
Documentary	● N
Grip Work for Digital Imaging & Film	N
Indigenous Digital Filmmaking	● ▼ N
Interaction Design	▼ N
Jazz Studies—Education	■ ▼ N
Jazz Studies—Performance/Composition	■ ▼ N
Lighting for Digital Imaging & Film	N
Motion Picture Arts	■ ● ▼ N
Concentration: Producing	
Music	▼ N
Musical Theatre	▼ N
Outdoor Filmmaking	● S
Technical Theatre	▼ N
Visual Effects for Film, Streaming & Immersive Media	▼ N

LEGEND

Credentials

- ▲ Associate degree
- Bachelor's degree
- ◆ Bachelor's degree (honours)
- Certificate
- ▼ Diploma
- ★ Post-baccalaureate certificate
- Post-baccalaureate diploma

Locations

- N North Vancouver campus
- S Squamish campus
- k Sunshine Coast campus
- T Tszil Learning Centre

Global & Community Studies

Global Leadership in Sustainable Tourism	● N
Kinesiology	■ ▼ N S
Concentrations: Exercise Science or Health Promotion	
Local Government Administration	● ▼
Local Government Administration (Advanced)	●
Local Government Leadership Development	●
Outdoor Recreation Management	▼ N
Tourism Management	■ N
Concentrations: Adventure or Hotel & Resort	
Tourism Management Co-operative Education	▼ N
Tourism Marketing	N

A space to find support

Need a hand? We've got you

Academic questions, life stuff, future plans—we have resources for all of it, right when you need them.

Learning support services

Connect with the Learning Support team for help with writing projects, math problems, research challenges, study strategies and English language support.
capilanou.ca/learning-support

Career development services

Connect with our Career Development Centre to book one-on-one advising appointments, attend workshops and access career resources.
capilanou.ca/career-development-centre

Counselling & mental health

You're never alone at CapU. If you're struggling with your mental health, book a free, confidential appointment with one of our professional counsellors.
capilanou.ca/counselling

Your Early Support program

Facing a personal or academic challenge? The advisors in the YES program will connect you to the resources and services that can help.
capilanou.ca/youarelysupport

Accessibility services

Do you experience barriers in the learning environment as a result of a disabling condition? Talk to our Accessibility Services Advisor about accommodations that can be made to help you succeed.
capilanou.ca/accessibility

Indigenous services

The Kéxusm-áyaḱn Student Centre offers a welcoming space for Indigenous students to relax, study and access support.
capilanou.ca/indigenous

As a CapU student, you will feel supported every step of the way.



Left: North Vancouver housing exterior
Below: North Vancouver housing room



Student housing

Living in residence gives you the opportunity to build meaningful friendships. Supported by live-in residence advisors, CapU student housing offers engaging events and activities to create a sense of community and provides 24/7 security and support.
capilanou.ca/housing

Below left: Squamish housing flex space
Bottom left: Squamish housing room
Right: Squamish housing exterior



North Vancouver housing

Just a short distance from our campus in North Vancouver and close to beaches, trails and shopping, CapU offers single and double rooms, including meals, free access to laundry machines and Wi-Fi. A new housing complex will open at our main campus in January 2026!

\$5,700 Starting price per term for North Vancouver housing, including meals

Squamish housing

With stunning mountain views, our Squamish campus offers on-campus housing next to dining, recreation, academic and student services. Units include single rooms paired with adjoining washrooms and accessible rooms with private washrooms. Meals, free access to laundry machines and Wi-Fi are included.

\$6,567 Starting price per term for Squamish housing, including meals



"It's a smaller school, and I think that helps a lot. I can just kind of knock on doors and get a hand with whatever I need."

Alex C.
Science student



80%
of CapU employees provide direct support to students

93
Countries represented in student population

628
Number of student housing spaces available across all campuses

Admission requirements

General requirements

Admission requirements vary by program but, at a minimum, most CapU programs require successful completion of the following:

- B.C. secondary school (Grade 12) or equivalent
- A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (60%) calculated on English Studies 12 or English 12 or English First Peoples 12 and two academic Grade 12 courses.

Accepted Grade 12 courses

B.C. students: Select courses from the list to the right.

Other students: For course equivalencies for other Canadian provinces or countries, see capilanou.ca/accepted-courses

Upgrading opportunities

If you do not meet secondary school requirements or need to boost your high school grades before applying to a program, CapU's Adult Basic Education department can help. See capilanou.ca/upgrading

20th Century World History (formerly History 12)

Accounting 12

Anatomy and Physiology 12 (formerly Biology 12)

Applications of Mathematics 12 or Foundations of Mathematics 12

Asian Studies (formerly History 12)

BC First Nations Language 12

BC First Peoples 12 (formerly BC First Nations Studies 12)

Calculus 12

Chemistry 12

Communications 12

Comparative Cultures 12 (formerly Comparative Civilization 12)

Comparative World Religions 12 (formerly Comparative Civilizations 12)

Composition 12 (formerly Writing 12)

Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12 (formerly BC First Nations Studies 12)

Core French 12 or French 12 or Français langue seconde—immersion 12 or French Immersion Language Arts 12

Creative Writing 12 (formerly Writing 12)

E-Commerce 12 (formerly Marketing 12)

Economics 12

Economic Theory 12

Entrepreneurship 12

Environmental Science 12 (formerly Sustainable Resources 12: Agriculture; Fisheries; Forestry; Mining)

Financial Accounting 12

Genocide Studies 12 (formerly History 12)

Geology 12

Human Geography 12 (formerly Geography 12)

Information Technology 12 or one of the following: CINP 12 (formerly ICTS 12), CMPR 12 (formerly ICTP 12), DMD 12 (formerly ICTM 12), ICTC 12, ICTX 12

Law Studies 12 (formerly Law 12)

Literary Studies 12 (formerly English Literature 12)

New Media 12 (formerly English Literature 12)

Philosophy and Religion 12 or Philosophy 12

Physics 12 (formerly Application of Physics 12)

Physical Geography 12 (formerly Geography 12)

Political Studies 12

Principles of Mathematics 12 or Pre-calculus 12

Psychology 12

Social Justice 12

Spoken Language 12 (formerly English Literature 12)

Sustainable Resources 12

Urban Geography (formerly Geography 12)

Any Grade 12 language course other than English

All Advanced Placement courses

All International Baccalaureate courses

Program requirements

Some programs have extra requirements, including specific high school courses, portfolio, interview, audition, resumé, etc. See the program website for admission details at capilanou.ca/programs

Transfer students

Find out how to transfer credits from another post-secondary institution to CapU at capilanou.ca/transfer-credit

Secondary school equivalencies

Successful completion of:

- B.C. Adult Dogwood Graduation Diploma
- General Education Diploma (GED)

Note: International students can review international secondary school equivalencies at capilanou.ca/secondary-school-equivalencies

Conditional admission

Current Grade 12 students can be conditionally accepted based on final Grade 11 grades or interim Grade 12 grades. Final acceptance will be based on secondary school graduation and meeting program-specific requirements.

Concurrent admission

If you are a secondary school student with a superior academic record, you may apply for limited admission to take up to two Arts and/or Sciences courses while still attending secondary school.

International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement

If you have successfully completed the International Baccalaureate or Advanced Placement program and/or courses, see capilanou.ca/bc-students

English language requirements

If English is not your first language or you've received your education in a language other than English, you must achieve the minimum mark in one of these English language assessment tests:

TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)

- Minimum mark: 83 (online test—TOEFL iBT) or 560 (paper test)

Academic IELTS (International English Language Testing System)

- Minimum mark: 6.5 overall, no score below 6

CAEL (Canadian Academic English Language Assessment Test)

- Minimum mark: 70

PTE Academic (Pearson Test of English – Academic)

- Minimum mark: 56

DET (Duolingo English Test—Accepted on a temporary basis.

- Minimum mark: 125 or higher, no sub-score less than 115

Tests taken more than two years prior to the application for admission will not be considered.

Other ways to meet the English language requirement

- Six credits of post-secondary English that transfer to CapU; or

- English Studies 12 or English 12 or English First Peoples 12 with a final mark of C+ or higher and two years of high school in Canada, or

- Completion of all provincially articulated EAP Level IV courses from another BC post-secondary institution as listed in the EAL Transfer Guide, or

- Advanced Placement English Language/Composition or English Literature/Composition with a minimum mark of 4, or

- International Baccalaureate English Language A Higher Level with a minimum mark of 5, or

- Language Proficiency Index Level 4 with an essay mark of at least 26, or

- Capilano University EAP 100 and 101 with a minimum mark of B+ (77%) in each course, or

- Four or more consecutive years of full-time education in English in Canada, or in a country other than Canada where English is the principle language, or

- Four or more years at an eligible international high school that uses English as the language of instruction but operates in a country where the primary language is not English, or

- Graduation from a recognized degree program at an accredited university at which English is the primary language of instruction in a country where English is the principal language.

- Students who graduated from a recognized degree program or completed four years of full-time study in English in certain countries will have met CapU's English language proficiency requirements. See list at capilanou.ca/english-requirements

If you do not meet the English language requirements, CapU's English for Academic Purposes department can help. See capilanou.ca/eap

Financing your studies

With some of the most competitive tuition rates in B.C. and a reputation for outstanding graduates who get hired, CapU is a wise investment for your university education.

Don't let finances hold you back

CapU offers scholarships, bursaries and awards that you don't have to pay back. One simple online application through your myCapU account each term puts you in the running for 340+ financial awards!

Student loans & grants

Government loans and grants can help pay for your education. For B.C. and out-of-province student loans and grants information, visit caplanou.ca/loans-grants

Merit-based scholarships & awards

Scholarships recognize academic achievement, while awards are given based on a blend of top marks, extra-curricular activities and special achievements. See caplanou.ca/awards

Needs-based bursaries

Bursaries are available to domestic students who demonstrate financial need. As a new student, you may be eligible for the First-Term Bursary. See caplanou.ca/awards

External awards

Many organizations also offer awards. Access funding opportunities from organizations outside CapU at caplanou.ca/external-awards

Tuition fees

Use the fee estimator tool to find out the cost of programs. Estimates include tuition and student fees. caplanou.ca/tuition-fees-estimator



\$458^K

Value of entrance awards distributed in 2024/25

340⁺

Number of available CapU financial awards

\$2.06^M

In scholarships, bursaries and awards provided in 2024/25



Take the next steps

1 Choose a program

Discover CapU's 100+ programs by searching our program list at caplanou.ca/programs

2 Connect with us

Connect with an advisor at caplanou.ca/recruitment

Sign up for a campus tour at caplanou.ca/tours

Follow us @CapilanoU

3 Apply early*

Application deadlines vary by program. Apply early for your best chance at admission. To apply, visit caplanou.ca/apply

*Application fees are \$50 for domestic students and \$135 for international students.

4 Submit documents

Be sure to review the admission requirements and submit all required documents. See caplanou.ca/programs

5 Register for classes

Once admitted, you'll receive information about course registration, including the date and time to register. To secure your spot, pay the balance of your tuition fees before the payment deadline. caplanou.ca/new-students

Explore CapU Open House

Mark your calendar! Discover meaningful career paths and education options at one of our CapU open houses.

North Vancouver

- November 29, 2025
- February 26, 2026

Squamish

- November 8, 2025
- March 7, 2026

Learn more about Explore CapU events at caplanou.ca/explore

