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SELC COLLEGE WELCOME PACKAGE

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YOUR CAMPUS



SELC COLLEGE

1155 W Pender St, Vancouver, BC V6E 2P4

Phone: (604) 282-0988

Campus Hours:

8:00am – 5:30pm (Monday – Friday)



SELC LANGUAGE COLLEGE

321 Water Street, 2nd Floor, Vancouver BC
V6B 1B8

Phone: (604) 639-9075

Campus Hours:

8:00am – 5:30pm (Monday – Friday)



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YOUR ACCEPTANCE

Confirming Your Acceptance:

Please reach out to your academic advisor as soon as you know when you'll be arriving. Alternatively, you can contact us at info@selcedu.com.

Paying Your Fees:

You can pay your tuition and program fees to SELC college by Bank Transfer, E-Transfer, Credit Card or wire transfer. For more details please click [here](#).

Bank Transfer Instructions:

Overseas: To make your payment to SELC from overseas, please visit our Admissions page on our website, or click [here](#)

E-transfer: cc@selcedu.com (Career College) or esl@selcedu.com (Language Programs)

If you are required to add a question and answer, use Vancouver as the answer, please) Credit

Card: Please contact our Advisors

Wire Transfer: Upon Request

Note: Sender to pay all transfer fees. Wire transfers: please add an extra \$20 for each payment you send by wire to cover bank fees.

Accessing Your Student Portal:

The Student Portal is the central hub of information and primary means of communication for the SELC College students. You have access to course materials, virtual appointments, weekly workshops, on-campus events and much more. Additionally, you can use the Portal to communicate with their peers, professors, and departments, register for classes, view grades, submit assignments, and upload documents. The Portal also offers a variety of other services to support student success. Please click [here](#) to download the instructions for the student portal.

Orientation:

Orientation is scheduled on the Friday prior to your courses starting.

Study/Work Permit and Documentation:

It is essential to have a valid study permit before arriving in Canada.

Make sure to carefully review the requirements and gather all necessary documents, including your acceptance letter from SELC College, proof of financial support, and a valid passport. Familiarize yourself with the conditions and restrictions of your study permit to maintain compliance with Canadian immigration regulations. More info can be found [here](#).

Health Insurance:

Health insurance is crucial during your stay in Canada. As an international student, you will typically need to have health coverage. In British Columbia, the province where Vancouver is located, you will need to enroll in the Medical Services Plan (MSP) or have equivalent private health insurance coverage. Ensure you have adequate coverage to access healthcare services and address any medical needs that may arise.

How to Apply for MSP:

Please click the link [here](#) to apply.



YOUR PAYMENTS



SELC COLLEGE

FOR DEBIT/CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS:

Please call the West Pender campus at (604) 282-0988 to pay over the phone or pay at the campus reception desk. Please note that our campus is closed on statutory holidays and might be closed during weekends.

FOR E-TRANSFER PAYMENTS:

Name: **SELC CAREER COLLEGE**

Recipient email:

cc@selcedu.com

Please include STUDENT ID and FULL NAME on the message box

FOR CASH PAYMENTS:

Please pay at the campus reception desk during office hours and kindly bring the exact amount) if possible). Please note that our campus is closed during statutory holidays and might be closed during weekends.

FOR CHEQUE PAYMENTS:

Please pay to the order of: **SELC COLLEGE Ltd**

FOR ONLINE PAYMENTS:

Please check this link:



SELC LANGUAGE COLLEGE

FOR DEBIT/CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS:

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FOR E-TRANSFER PAYMENTS:

Name: SELC ENGLISH LANGUAGE CENTER

Recipient email:

esl@selcedu.com

Please include STUDENT ID and FULL NAME on the message box

FOR CASH PAYMENTS:

Please pay at the campus reception desk during office hours and kindly bring the exact amount) if possible). Please note that our campus is closed on weekends and statutory holidays.

FOR CHEQUE PAYMENTS:

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For students paying cash: Limit of \$1,000 per program per student.

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and lonely

I'm feeling
anxious

I'm in an
unhealthy
relationship

I'm
questioning
my sexuality

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feeling very
overwhelmed

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dark thoughts

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hard time
concentrating

I'm struggling
financially and
need advice



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UNIVERSITY**



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UNIVERSITY**



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CANADA WEST**



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UNIVERSITY



YOUR ENGLISH

WE OFFER A WIDE RANGE OF ENGLISH COURSES AND LEVELS, FLEXIBLE ENTRY DATES AND STUDY PATHWAYS TO SUIT YOUR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS.

SELC Electives

WITH STUDENTS FROM
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AROUND THE WORLD



IELTS PREPARATION

IELTS is a test designed to assess the language ability of people who aim to study, work, immigrate and integrate in an English-speaking environment. It is recognized by over 10,000 organizations worldwide, including schools, universities, employers, immigration authorities and professional bodies. The IELTS Preparation program is ideal for those who need to prepare for the IELTS test. Students improve their language proficiency and exam techniques through skills development and graded test practice, focusing on each module and key task types. This program will provide learners with the fundamental and advanced strategic skills that are required to achieve a higher band score on the test.

PROGRAM FEATURES:

- Detailed analysis of the test format and task types for Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking.
- Guided practice using IELTS question types for Listening and Reading.
- Exercises matching the requirements of the marking criteria for Speaking and Writing.
- Intensive study of key areas of vocabulary and grammar of IELTS related topics

Our courses are 8 weeks long, 2 hours a day for a total of 80 hours of instruction and study. We have three levels offered that can be stand-alone or incorporated into a regular program:

- 📌 IELTS Preparation: Fundamentals – to help students achieve a band score of 5.0
- 📌 IELTS Preparation: Proficiency - to help students achieve a band score of 6.0
- 📌 IELTS Preparation: Mastery - to help students achieve a band score of 7.0

**English
Language
Support
& Upgrading,
Fridays!**

In our EAP program, students have the opportunity to learn at the level best suited for their needs. Studying at SELC in our EAP program will give you the English language skills and confidence to succeed in academic environments.

The SELC EAP program provides students with the opportunity to acquire qualifications for entrance into SELC diploma programs at SELC College, and advance into our pathway partner institutions for studies at the bachelor's degree level. The EAP program teaches the language skills necessary for success in college and university by integrating reading, writing, listening and speaking with an academic focus. Students will increase their comprehension and skills in reading textbooks and articles, researching and writing essays, exams, assignments and quizzes, listening to lectures and taking effective notes, as well as delivering strong academic presentations.

Our courses are each 8 weeks long, 5 hours a day for a total of 200 hours of instruction and study. There are a total of 4 levels that students can take individually or consecutively:

- 📌 EAP Level 1 – admission requirement of a CEFR: A2-B1 or IELTS 4.5
- 📌 EAP Level 2 – admission requirement of a CEFR: B1+ or IELTS 5
- 📌 EAP Level 3 – admission requirement of a CEFR: B2 or IELTS 5.5
- 📌 EAP Level 4 – admission requirement of a CEFR: B2+/C1 or IELTS 6

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GRADUATES SINCE 1985**



YOUR BENEFITS

- Lifetime **FREE** Refresher Courses
- Lifetime **FREE** Job Placement Assistance
- Lifetime **SKILLS** Upgrading
- **CO-OP** Placement Assistance
- **PAYMENT** Options & Plans
- Skills Assurance to **EMPLOYERS**

***Our SELC COLLEGE teams are ready to ASSIST you every STEP OF THE WAY!
ADMISSIONS, CO-OP PLACEMENT, STUDENTS SERVICES, ACCOUNTING & FINANCE***

CO-OP DEPARTMENT:

co-op@selcedu.com

STUDENT SERVICES:

studentservice@selcedu.com

REGISTRAR:

register@selcedu.com

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

accountspay@selcedu.com



YOUR BANKING

Banking:

Open a bank account in Canada to facilitate financial transactions and manage your expenses. As an international student in Vancouver, you have several options for opening a bank account. Here are some common options and steps to follow:

Major Canadian Banks:

Canada has several major banks, including Royal Bank of Canada (RBC), Toronto-Dominion Bank (TD), Bank of Montreal (BMO), and Scotiabank. These banks have branches across Vancouver and offer a wide range of banking services. Credit Unions: Credit unions are member-owned financial cooperatives that offer banking services. Some popular credit unions in Vancouver include Vancity and Coast Capital Savings.

Online Banks:

Online banks such as Tangerine and Simplii Financial provide digital banking services without physical branch locations. They may offer competitive fees and convenient mobile banking options. To open a bank account follow these general steps:

Research Banks and Account Options:

Research different banks and account options to find the one that suits your needs. Consider factors such as fees, services, student account benefits, and branch accessibility.

Gather Required Documents:

Prepare the necessary documents, which typically include:

- Valid Passport, Study Permit or Acceptance Letter from your educational institution.
- Proof of address (e.g., utility bill or rental agreement)
- Social Insurance Number (SIN) or Temporary Tax Number (if available)
- Visit the Bank or Apply Online: Decide whether you want to visit a physical branch or apply online, depending on the bank's options and your preference.

Visiting a Branch:

If you choose to visit a branch, locate a convenient bank branch and go there in person. Inform the bank representative that you are an international student looking to open an account. They will guide you through the application process and provide necessary forms to fill out.

Applying Online:

If the bank offers online account opening, visit their website and follow their instructions for international student account opening. You may need to submit scanned copies of your documents.

Provide Documentation:

Present your required documents, either in person or through the online application process. The bank will verify your identity, immigration status, and other details.

Choose Account Type:

Select the type of account that suits your needs. Some banks offer accounts for students, which may have lower fees and additional benefits.

Review and Sign Account Agreement:

Carefully review the terms and conditions of the account, including any fees, transaction limits, and policies. If you agree to the terms, sign the account agreement.

Fund Your Account:

Deposit an initial amount into your new bank account. Some banks may have a minimum deposit requirement, so be prepared to meet that requirement. Receive Account Information: After completing the application process and funding your account, the bank will provide you with account details, such as your account number and any associated debit or credit cards. Remember to check with the specific bank you choose for their requirements and processes, as they may vary. Additionally, inquire about any student-specific benefits, such as fee waivers or discounts, that may be available to you as an international student.

Taxes:

Understand your tax obligations and file your taxes accordingly, even if you have no income. Click [here](#) to learn more about Revenue Canada.





YOUR IDENTIFICATION



Identification:

Carry your passport, study permit, and other identification documents with you at all times. Once you have settled in Vancouver you can apply for a BCID (British Columbia Identification Card).

How to Apply:

Gather Required Documents. Prepare the necessary documents for your BCID application.

Typically, you will Need to Provide:

- Proof of your legal name, such as a valid passport or birth certificate.
- Proof of your date of birth, such as a birth certificate or passport.
- Proof of your current residential address in British Columbia, such as a utility bill or rental agreement.
- Proof of your immigration status, such as your study permit or work permit.

Locate the Nearest ICBC Office:

Find the nearest Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC) office to your location. The ICBC is responsible for issuing BCIDs. You can visit their website or call their customer service line at 1-800-950-1498 for information on the nearest office.

Complete the Application Form:

Obtain the BCID application form from the ICBC office or their website. Fill out the form accurately and completely. If you need assistance, the staff at the ICBC office can help you. Visit the ICBC Office: Visit the ICBC office during their operating hours. Bring your completed application form and the required documents mentioned earlier.

Submit Your Application: Submit your completed application form and original documents to the ICBC office. The staff will review your application, verify your documents, and process your BCID application.

Pay the Fee: Pay the applicable fee for the BCID. The fee amount may vary, so check the ICBC website or inquire at the office for the current fee.

Provide Photograph and Signature:

Have your photograph taken and provide your signature at the ICBC office for the BCID.

Receive Your BCID:

If your application is approved, you will receive your BCID at the ICBC office. The card will contain your photo, legal name, date of birth, and address



YOUR TRANSIT

Public Transportation:

Familiarize yourself with Vancouver's public transportation system, including buses, SkyTrain, SeaBus, and the West Coast Express. Obtain a Compass Card for convenient travel and explore cycling options.

1. Visit a Compass Card Vending Machine: Look for a Compass Card vending machine at any SkyTrain, SeaBus, or West Coast Express station. They are also available at select London Drugs and Save-On-Foods locations.
2. Choose a Card Type: Decide on the type of Compass Card you need. Please note that as an International Student attending a Private Post Secondary Institution you will not be eligible for a concession/student rate.
3. Pay the Initial Fee: You will need to pay an initial fee of \$6 for a Compass Card. This fee covers the cost of the card and is non-refundable.
4. Load Fare onto the Card: Once you have the Compass Card, you need to load fare onto it. You can do this at the vending machine or online through the TransLink website.
5. Register the Card (Optional): It's not mandatory to register your Compass Card, but doing so provides benefits like balance protection if the card is lost or stolen. You can register your card online or by calling the Compass Customer Service.
6. Tap In and Tap Out: Whenever you use public transit, make sure to tap your Compass Card on the card reader at the beginning and end of your journey. This will deduct the appropriate fare from your card.
7. Reload the Card: When your card runs low on funds, you can reload it at vending machines, online, by phone, or at authorized retailers.

Remember to keep your Compass Card with you when using public transit in Vancouver. It allows you to travel seamlessly across different modes of transportation, including buses, SkyTrain, SeaBus, and the West Coast Express. Click [here](#) to learn more about Translink Compass Card.

Climate and Weather:

Vancouver has a temperate climate, but it experiences significant rainfall throughout the year. Be prepared with appropriate clothing and footwear for the changing weather conditions.



YOUR ACCOMMODATION

Housing:

Start searching for accommodation early, as the rental market in Vancouver can be competitive. Explore options such as on-campus housing, homestays, shared apartments, or renting a place on your own. As an international student looking for housing in Vancouver, there are several resources and avenues you can explore. Here are some suggestions:

Rental Agencies:

There are rental agencies and property management companies in Vancouver that specialize in student housing. They can help you find suitable accommodations based on your requirements and budget.

Online Listings:

Exercise caution when dealing with online rental listings. Scammers often use popular platforms to post fake ads with attractive properties at low prices to lure unsuspecting renters.

Online Rental Listings:

Popular websites like Craigslist, Kijiji, and PadMapper have extensive listings for rental properties in Vancouver. You can search for apartments, shared accommodations, or rooms for rent based on your preference.

Social Media Groups:

Look for Facebook groups or online communities specifically created for international students or housing in Vancouver. These groups often have postings from landlords or fellow students looking for roommates.

Local Classifieds:

Consider checking local newspapers or classified ads in Vancouver, such as the Vancouver Sun or Vancouver Province. These publications often have housing listings in the 'For Rent' or 'Real estate' sections.

Networking:

Reach out to current or former international students at SELC College. They can provide valuable insights, tips, and possibly even recommend available housing options or roommates. When searching for rental housing in Vancouver, it's important to be aware of rental scams to protect yourself from potential fraud. Here's a short summary of the key points to beware of:

Suspicious Requests:

Be wary of landlords or agents who ask for upfront payment or deposits without proper documentation or a signed lease agreement. It's advisable to view the property in person before making any payments.

Wire Transfers or Cash Payments:

Avoid making payments through wire transfers or cash as they are difficult to trace and provide no recourse if you become a victim of fraud. Use secure payment methods or pay through reputable platforms if available.

Unrealistic Prices or Offers:

If the rental price seems too good to be true or significantly lower than similar properties in the area, it could be a red flag for a scam. Research the average rental rates in the neighborhood to have a realistic expectation.

Absence of Property Viewing:

Scammers may provide excuses for not allowing you to view the property in person or show it to you via video call. Insist on visiting the property before committing to any rental agreement.

Pressure Tactics:

Beware of landlords or agents who use high-pressure tactics, urgency, or create a sense of competition to rush you into making quick decisions or payments. Take your time, thoroughly research, and ensure all necessary documentation is in place.

Research the Landlord:

Conduct a background check on the landlord or property management company to verify their legitimacy. Search for reviews, contact previous tenants if possible, and ensure they are the rightful owner or authorized representative of the property.

Trust Your Instincts:

If something feels off or suspicious during the rental process, trust your instincts and proceed with caution. It's better to be safe than sorry. Remember to prioritize your safety and take proactive measures to protect yourself when searching for rental housing in Vancouver. If you encounter a potential rental scam, report it to the local authorities and the platform where the listing was posted to help prevent others from falling victim to fraud. When searching for housing, ensure you consider factors like location, rental costs, transportation options, proximity to SELC College, safety, and any specific requirements you may have. It's advisable to start your search well in advance to increase your chances of finding suitable housing.



YOUR EMPLOYMENT

Work Opportunities:

Understand the regulations and limitations regarding working while studying in Canada. Research part-time job opportunities that may be available to international students and consider obtaining a work permit if eligible.



Social Security Number:

If you plan to work in Canada, apply for a Social Insurance Number (SIN) to ensure eligibility for employment.

Determine Eligibility:

Ensure you meet the eligibility criteria for obtaining a SIN as an international student.

Typically, you must have a valid study permit issued by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC).

Gather Required Documents: Prepare the necessary documents for your SIN application, including your valid passport, study permit, and a letter of acceptance or enrollment confirmation from your educational institution.

Locate the Nearest Service Canada Centre: Find the nearest Service Canada Centre to your location in Vancouver.

You can check the Service Canada website (www.canada.ca/service-canada) or call their toll-free number at 1-800-206-7218 for information on the nearest office.

Complete the SIN Application Form:

Obtain the SIN application form (Form SIN-1) either online from the Service Canada website or in person at a Service Canada Centre. Fill out the form accurately and completely. If you need assistance, the staff at the Service Canada Centre can help you.

Visit the Service Canada Centre:

Bring your completed application form, original identification documents (passport, study permit), and the letter of acceptance or enrollment confirmation from your educational institution. Visit the Service Canada Centre during their operating hours.

Submit Your Application:

Submit your completed application form and original documents to the Service Canada Centre. The staff will review your application, verify your documents, and process your SIN application.

Receive Your SIN:

If your application is approved, you will be issued a SIN. The staff will provide you with a confirmation letter or a SIN card, depending on the format used in your region. Keep this document safe and secure, as you will need it for various purposes, such as employment and filing taxes. It's important to note that SIN application processes may vary slightly based on specific circumstances or changes in government procedures. Therefore, it's recommended to visit the Service Canada website or contact them directly for the most up-to-date information and guidance regarding applying for a SIN as an international student in Vancouver.

Safety and Security:

Vancouver is generally a safe city, but it's essential to take precautions. Familiarize yourself with safety tips, be aware of your surroundings, and follow any guidance provided by your educational institution or local authorities.





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