

First-Year University (Computing Science and Software Systems) Certificate

Explore options and demonstrate success at the first-year level of university studies. This certificate is fully transferable to SFU's Computing Science and Software Systems Degree using the existing college transfer criteria for admission (competitive admission). Students may also attempt admission at other institutions, such as UBC's BSc in Computer Science or BA in Computer Science. The courses and GPA required for transfer to other institutions may vary at transfer.

Program Details

Intakes	Fall
Start Dates	September
Program Length	1 year
Campus Location	Broadway
Tuition Estimate for 1 year¹	\$20,894 (estimated based on 2023-24 rates, effective until August 2024)
Tuition Deposit¹	\$11,850 (\$10,000 of the tuition deposit is non-refundable)
PGWP Eligibility²	-
Admission Requirements (Check English requirement equivalencies)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English 12 with a C+ grade, or IELTS Academic overall 6.5 (with no band less than 6.0) • Grade 12 graduation, or equivalent • Math Pre-Calculus 12 with a B grade • Physics 12, or Chemistry 12, or Biology 12 with a C+ grade
Program Page	https://www.vcc.ca/international/programs/program-areas/university-transfer/university-transfer--computing-science-and-software-systems/

When to Apply

For the start dates of this program (September), refer to **Fall**.

Intakes	Applications Open	Application Close Dates
Winter 2025 (January, February, March, and April start dates)	February 1, 2024	Many high demand programs fill quickly and may be closed shortly after the application period is open.
Spring/Summer 2024 (May, June, July, and August start dates)	June 1, 2023	
Fall 2024 (September, October, November, and December start dates)	October 1, 2023	Check application availability for updates.

Disclaimers

¹Tuition and other fees are approximate and subject to change due to yearly increases without notice. Students will be required to pay increased rates if the fees change at any time during the period of enrolment in the program. Tuition and other fees are payable on a continuous basis based on the courses in each program and when those courses are scheduled.

²Enrolment in a program does not guarantee approval for the PGWP (Post-Graduation Work Permit) as there are eligible requirements. Check the [IRCC website](#) for more information. All program information including tuition and other fees, course/program content, length, admission requirements, prerequisites, start/end dates, postponements, and/or cancellation is subject to change without notice.

Study at VCC

- Gain job readiness skills
- Learn practical education and hands-on training
- Study in small classes
- Receive outstanding student support and services
- Benefit from strong industry relations
- Connect to the large alumni network



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Work in Vancouver **This program does not guarantee a PGWP as full-time academic status is not guaranteed.*

- Work part-time off campus (up to 20 hours per week) during studies, and full-time during scheduled breaks
- Work in Canada after graduation for up to 3 years*

Student Life

- Receive monthly student newsletters for updates about events, fun activities, and more
- Be part of the VCC International Peer Mentor Community to support one another
- Participate in informative, interactive, and fun events
- Attend useful workshops to learn about working and living in Canada
- Meet virtually or in-person with VCC International Student Services Team for support throughout your studies at VCC

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