

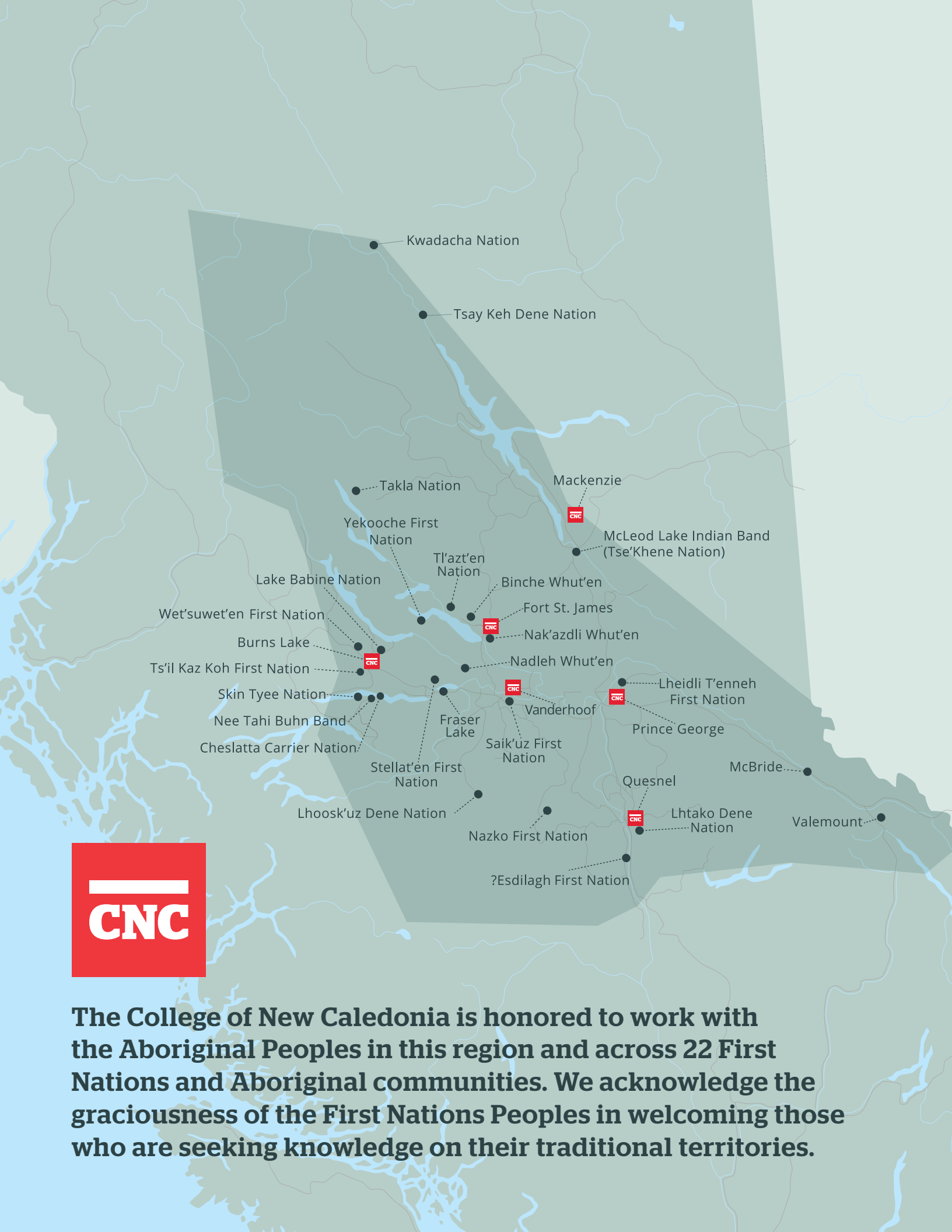


Your Orientation package -

International Students



College of
New Caledonia



The College of New Caledonia is honored to work with the Aboriginal Peoples in this region and across 22 First Nations and Aboriginal communities. We acknowledge the graciousness of the First Nations Peoples in welcoming those who are seeking knowledge on their traditional territories.

Welcome message from the President

Welcome to the College of New Caledonia!

Hello Hadih, International Students,

On behalf of the College of New Caledonia faculty and staff, I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to you - we are excited to have you join the diverse and vibrant community at CNC. As you embark on this new chapter of your educational journey, please know that you are entering a place where student success is at the heart of everything at CNC.

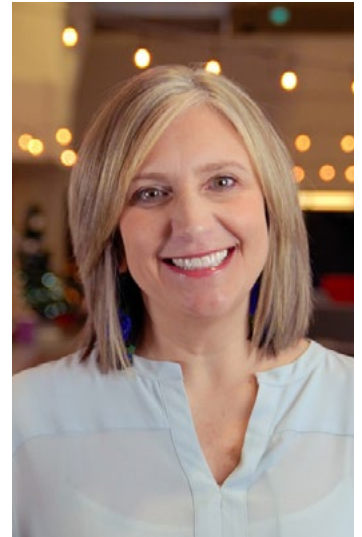
Moving to a new country and adjusting to life in a different cultural and academic environment can be both exciting and challenging. Rest assured, you are not alone in this process as CNC's faculty, staff, and student support teams are here to support you every step of the way. This orientation guide has been carefully designed to provide you with essential resources to help you navigate your transition, succeed academically, and thrive personally during your time here.

At the College of New Caledonia, we value the perspectives, experiences, and contributions that each international student brings to our community - you are an integral part of our shared mission of learning together, changing lives and creating futures. We encourage you to take full advantage of the many opportunities available to you, whether it's connecting with peers from around the world, getting involved in campus activities, or seeking guidance from our support services staff. Your success is CNC's success, and we are committed to helping you achieve your academic and career goals. Be open, ask questions, and embrace the challenges that will come with this new experience—you will grow in ways you never imagined.

Once again, welcome to the College of New Caledonia. We are excited to see all that you will accomplish, and we are honored to be part of your journey.

Wishing you a successful and rewarding experience!

President Cindy Heitman





Setting you up for success

We are excited about meeting you! As an international student, we encourage you to attend all the prearrival webinars and complete the online orientation before making your journey to Canada as they will help you learn important pieces of Canadian culture and other tips to help you settle in seamlessly. Before you arrive in Canada, please [visit here](#). You can also learn more about [studying in the province of British Columbia](#) (BC). Don't forget to plan transportation from the airport to your accommodation. Here are some options:

Airport Shuttle: Book a shuttle by calling [\(250\) 563-2220](#) or visiting the [Prince George Airport Shuttle Service](#).

Taxi: Taxi cabs can often be found waiting outside of the Airport but can also be arranged by calling [\(250\) 564-4444](#).

Uride: A rideshare operator, Uride can be booked through the app. [Download it here](#).

When you arrive, **visit the Office of the Registrar to pick up your Student ID**. Your ID can be used for several things, including public transit (UPass) for taking the bus, library cards, student discounts, and more.

You will get an email from Information Technology Services to [set up your CNC account](#). Your CNC username and password will give you access to CNC Connect, Wi-Fi, Lab Computers, CNC email, and Free Microsoft Office Apps.

Get the myCNC app. All CNC students can seamlessly access all the features and resources they need anytime, anywhere. Whether you're on campus, at home, or on the go, the myCNC app ensures that you stay connected to essential CNC student resources and information.

Attend **Orientation events!** CNC has intentionally put together welcome activities and student mixers to help you integrate and make new friends as you settle in as an international student. Make sure to attend in-person and extended orientation events, tour campus, and get to know CNC.

Student Code of Conduct: CNC has a [code of conduct for all students](#), and this equally applies to all international students. It is very important to review CNC policies, rules, and regulations, including academic integrity, physical and sexual harassment policies, and campus conduct as they are all put in place to ensure you, and your peers are always protected and feel safe.

Academic progression and completion

At CNC, your success and academic progression are important to us. We provide you with guidance and a range of tools and resources to stay organized, manage your courseload, overcome academic challenges, and plan your path to graduation. It is important that you:

- Attend your program orientation to meet with faculty.
- Learn how to use [*Moodle*](#) and [*Student Planner*](#)
- Book an appointment with a [*Student Success Advisor*](#)
- Understand what [*plagiarism*](#) is and how to avoid it

In your first class, your instructor will provide you with the course outline for that course. This is very important so make sure you read each course outline for each course carefully as they will be different with key details on:

- Attendance requirements
- Grading scales
- Course expectations and requirements
- Late assignment penalties
- Participation grades
- Assignment due dates
- Your instructor's student hours

These are very important details you need to pay attention to so you can organize yourself in all your courses. Use a calendar (paper or on your favorite device) and plot out all

the dates and deadlines for each course. Mapping out your assignment and exam due dates is a great way to stay organized. Set reminders in your phone.

Understanding the grading system

Grade point averages (GPA) are calculated by dividing the total number of grade points by the total number of credits hours and are reported on each statement of grades. The cumulative grade point average (CGPA) is also reported on the transcript.

Letter grades are used to report academic achievement. Each grade is assigned a numerical grade point used in determining the grade point average. Grade points are calculated by multiplying the credit hours of the course by the numerical equivalent of the letter grade.

Grading Scale (for majority of programs)

Letter Grade	Percentage	Grade Points
A+	90 – 100%	4.33
A	85 – 89.99%	4.00
A-	80 – 84.99%	3.67
B+	76 – 79.99%	3.33
B	72 – 75.99%	3.00
B-	68 – 71.99%	2.67
C+	64 – 67.99%	2.33
C	60 – 63.99%	2.00
C-	55 – 59.99%	1.67
D	50 – 54.99%	1.00
F	0 – 49.99%	0.00

Note: The grading chart is different for some programs. Please check your course outline for the grading chart applicable to your program.

Academic Resources

CNC offers a wide range of academic resources to help you succeed as an international student in Canada. From accessibility services that ensure you have equal access to educational opportunities, to top quality tutors available to offer you clarity on multiple subjects, the academic success center provides you with citation guidance and other beneficial academic writing resources. Our library also offers private study rooms, databases, eBooks, videos, and journals to help you improve your study habits, navigate your program, and enhance your academic experience.

Note: If you are struggling early on in the semester, you can create a case in our [early alert and thrive](#) system and our Student Services team will reach out to you to provide you with support tailored to your needs.

Make sure to use all of this to your advantage. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Housing - On Campus and Off campus

The [Campus Housing facilities](#) at CNC are conveniently located only steps away from the main entrance to the school. We offer quick access to classes, affordability, and a central location close to shopping, transportation, recreation, and forest trails. Our housing community shapes the feel of each new academic year.

Some international students may prefer alternative housing options off campus. Hence, our [off-campus housing page](#) offers discounts and deals including a rental safety checklist so you can understand your [tenancy rights](#) and take precautions to protect yourself from unfair treatment and fraudulent rental schemes.

Medical Insurance

All international students are required by law to have medical insurance while studying in BC. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Opening a Bank Account

Here is some [important information on opening a Canadian bank account](#) so that you can easily access your funds as a new international student in Canada.

Transportation in Prince George

If you have a valid driver's license from your country, you can use it while you are a student. However, you must [take the practice knowledge test](#) to familiarize yourself with the driving rules and regulations in BC. You also need to take a [BC driver's exam](#) to receive a Class 5 driver's license.

Note - Pay parking is always in effect on campus, so please pay for parking to avoid getting a ticket.

Public Transit

Your CNC Student ID can be used to access transit in Prince George and there is a bus stop located on campus. Check out available bus routes and schedules on the [BC Transit website](#).

Taxis and Ridesharing

There are two taxi companies in Prince George: [Prince George Taxi](#) and [Emerald Taxi](#). Additionally, Uride can be booked through the [Uride mobile app](#).

Working in Canada

Depending on the status of your study permit, you may be allowed to work off-campus during your time as an international student. Refer to your study permit for more information about your work eligibility and for up-to-date information on how many hours a week you can work. More information can be found on the IRCC website.

- [*Working in Canada*](#)

To work in Canada or access government programs and benefits, you need a 9-digit number called a Social Insurance Number (SIN). You can apply for a SIN through Service Canada.

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CNC strongly recommends that ALL international students who are eligible to work in BC, Canada, review all the [*information on this page*](#). Please review the [*employment standards and workplace safety advice from the Government of British Columbia*](#).

Career support to help you get hired - International Students at CNC have full access to a host of career readiness tools and resources to help them hit the ground running in their job search while studying OR when they graduate. For resume support, to cover letter support, interview preparation, workplace etiquette etc., [*visit here*](#)

CNC also hosts the Northworks Career Fair annually where top employers in BC and from across Canada come on campus to advertise job openings, network, and potentially hire skilled CNC students. Occasionally, employers may also visit campus during the semester to promote summer, part time, and full time jobs via info sessions so keep an eye out on the events page(link events page) and check out the [*CNC job board*](#) regularly.

You can also explore volunteer opportunities in the community [*here*](#)

Services and Resources

Student Services offers lots of beneficial services and resources to international students! Everything you need to help kickstart an amazing student experience can be found in the [*CNC student resource guide*](#) which was designed specifically to meet your needs. This includes but is not limited to.

- Tutoring – for General math, English and other topics.
- Academic Advising
- Academic Success Centre
- CNC Cafeteria
- CNC Bookstore
- Technology
- Wellness coaching - for stress, homesickness and cultural adjustment.
- Health & Wellness Centre
- Financial aid & awards
- Peer mentoring
- Recreation and more

We also deliver workshops for international students who require information regarding Immigration, Study Permit, Post Graduate Work Permit, and Permanent Residency applications. Please contact the International Education office for more information.

Student Life

The CNC Student Life team hosts several events to ensure that international students have fun and engage in campus life. CNC Student's Union (CNCSU) also supports several student-led clubs, created by students who come together over a shared interest. Some examples of fun student life activities include but are not limited to

- Student Life expo
- Movie night
- Karaoke night
- Stressbusters
- Wellness fair
- Creativity labs
- Hiking
- Pizza day
- Club activities on and off campus
- Drumming Circle
- Year-round celebrations – Lunar New Year, Black History Month, Christmas, Halloween, Easter etc.,

You can hang out outdoors on campus in the courtyard, mingle and make friends in the Gathering Place, try out delicious meals in the cafeteria or try delicacies in the Kodiaks restaurant which is run by CNC's Professional cook program. Click here to [*learn more*](#).

The CNC [*events page*](#) helps you stay updated on the dates and times so you can participate in all the fun.

Things to do in Prince George

Outside of CNC, Prince George is a thriving community with year-round activities for people with all types of hobbies and interests. The city is well known for an outdoor lifestyle and activities.

- **Outdoor lifestyle:**
Enjoy several outdoor activities available within and surrounding Prince George including mountain biking, hiking, cross-country skiing, downhill skiing, skating, and more.
- **Hobbies:**
Prince George caters to many with a wide range of community clubs. Participate in hobbies like pottery, painting, photography, museums, galleries, music, sports and more.
- **Community events:**
Take part in local events such as the ColdSnap Music Festival, Downtown Summerfest, Downtown Winterfest, Local Farmer's Markets, and more.
- **Year-round entertainment:**
Cheer on local sports teams including the Spruce Kings (BCHL), Cougars (WHL), Kodiaks (CJFL), and UNBC Timberwolves Basketball and Soccer. Watch a play at Theatre NorthWest or the latest movie at the Famous Players Theatre.
- **Nightlife:**
Dance the night away at a nightclub or enjoy a night out at a local restaurant, pub, and brewery. Pay special attention to opportunities for local musical artists, trivia, karaoke, and bingo nights.
- For more things to do in Prince George, [*click here*](#).

CNC Student Union - CNCSU

CNCSU operates as an organization that is separate from CNC to deliver services for students, from students, including offering representation and assistance for small and big issues students may come across. What's more? As an international student, CNCSU can show you how to stay engaged on campus for a more enjoyable experience and point you towards the many ways to get involved in multicultural and diversity-related activities and events. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Safety & Security

At CNC, your safety is important to us. Our safety and security team ensures that all international students always feel safe and secure on campus. Visit the safety and security page to learn more about fire drills, evacuation plans, safe walk, harassment reporting, and emergency protocols (red phones, muster stations, etc.)

Frequently Asked Questions - FAQs

Visit our frequently asked questions page for common questions asked by fellow students and how to address these questions in a timely manner.

For more information and any other questions, please contact the international office intl_edu@cnc.bc.ca or [+1 250 561 5857](tel:+12505615857)









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