Health Care Assistant (HCA) Program
Information Session

* Note, completing this information session is a pre-requisite for entry into this program.
    Upon completion, you will be asked to complete a short survey.

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Territorial Acknowledgement

Camosun College respectfully acknowledges that our campuses are situated on the territories of the Lək̓ʷəŋən (Songhees and Kosapsum) and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples. We honour their knowledge and welcome to all students who seek education here.

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Chair's Welcome

Ros Giles-Pereira,
Chair, Continuing Care Department

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We, the faculty and staff of the Continuing Care department welcome you! By choosing one of our programs you are demonstrating that you care about your community and that you have an interest and commitment to working with people. During the course of your studies we will partner with you to strengthen your knowledge, skills and values in preparation for your chosen career.

We are delighted that you are considering the Health Care Assistant program as your area of study and will take great pleasure in getting to know you, while we work and learn together. We hope you enjoy your experience with us, and wish you success in all that you do!

What does an HCA do?

HCAs are front-line care-givers
- Work in home support, adult day care, group homes, assisted living, complex care, and acute care
- Under the direction and supervision of a health professional, HCAs provide care aimed at promoting and maintaining the physical, psychological and social well-being of clients across the life-span with the focus being on the older adult
- If unionized, starting wage is approximately $29 – $30/hr.
    - Non-unionized is approximately $23 – $29/hr.

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HCA Program Intakes

Full-time programs:

- January, May & September intakes
  - (29 weeks / 7 months) Monday to Friday daytime

Full-time English as a Second Language (ESL):

- Starts in September
  - (11 months) Monday to Friday daytime

Full-time Indigenous program: TBA

- September
  - (10 months)

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HCA Program Clinical Experiences

- HCA clinical experiences include a variety of sites. The location of these sites vary, but are all located in the South Island area
- There are three clinical experiences:
    1. 2 weeks in Complex Care
    2. 6 weeks in Complex Care
    3. 2 weeks in community
- Start times for clinicals vary.
    - For the first and second, start time is 0645, ending at 1300 to 1330 or 1445 to 2130
    - The hours for the third clinical can vary – days / evenings

Students are responsible for transportation to and from clinicals

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South Island Partnership

Dual credit programs for high school students (dogwood & HCA certificate).

- Open to grade 11 & 12 students
- Provides up to 32 high school credits
- Prerequisites: 60% in English 11 or assessment

Important information:

- Tuition is covered by the school district
- Students pay for books & personal equipment

Apply here and see www.camosun.ca/sip

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HCA Admission Requirements

- Attend an **Information Session -** *complete the survey to confirm attendance*

- **Self-declaration form** confirming level of English proficiency.

  - See Camosun website: https://webservices.camosun.ca/events/hca-english-competency

- Proof of HCA Program **English Language Competency** Requirement:

  - There are two options for meeting the English Language Competency Requirements (as set out by the BC Care Aide Registry), depending on whether your previous education:

    1. English Educated: Applicants educated in an English-speaking environment/country with English language systems/institutions for a minimum of seven years or for four consecutive years at the secondary or post-secondary level (C or higher in English 11).

    2. Non-English Educated: Applicants not educated in an English-speaking environment/a country with English language systems/institutions (See website for details on accepted tests).

    Assessment and Testing Centre http://camosun.ca/services/assessment-centre/tests-given.html

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HCA Application Process

Submit an application <u>online</u> and pay $47.10

- All prerequisites need to be submitted.
- Applications are date stamped.

The first 32 fully qualified applicants (numbers depend on the program) are offered a seat.

- A $175.00 non-refundable deposit is required when offered a seat. This money will then go towards your first semester tuition.

If for any reason you change your mind after you have accepted a seat, PLEASE phone Registration at 250-370-3550 and let them know immediately.

There are always students waiting for a seat that would appreciate advance notice that they have a seat in the program.

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Program Participation Requirements

Once accepted into the program, students will be required to complete the following:

- TB skin test

- Current immunizations

- Criminal Records Check

- Food safe

- Basic Life Support (BLS)

- COVID-19 double vaccination or one does of Jansen COVID-19 vaccine

- The Health Care Assistant Practice in BC E-Learning Modules (LearningHub)

- The Recognizing and Responding to Adult Abuse course (LearningHub)

- The Student Practice Education Core Orientation (SPECO) (LearningHub)

Please note these are program requirements and should not be done before you have an accepted seat.

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Who Are Our Students?

The HCA program accepts student of all backgrounds:

- Mature students changing career

- Recent high school graduates

- People with health education from other countries

Camosun offers limited priority admissions to Indigenous students

- Visit Eyē? Sqâ'lewen - Centre for Indigenous Education & Community Connections (IECC) for information on how to apply.

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What Helps Students Be Successful?

- Support from family and friends.

- Devote approximately 15 to 30 hours each week to study, laboratory practice and assignments.

- Attend classes regularly.

- Achieve a balance between home and school life.

- Have daycare and alternatives set up for children (remember practicum shifts can start early or end late and may also require travel).

- Have good physical health (you need to have good mobility, stamina and skin integrity).

Connect early with the Centre for Accessible Learning (if applicable).

http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/

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Why Choose Camosun?

Experienced & highly qualified faculty

- All faculty are Registered Nurses/ teaching faculty have a minimum Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Well established Nursing Lab

- Set up with the same supplies and equipment used in health care facilities

Camosun College Support Services

- Counselling, learning skills, writing centre, disability resource centre, library, computer labs, career resource centre, financial aid, ombudsman
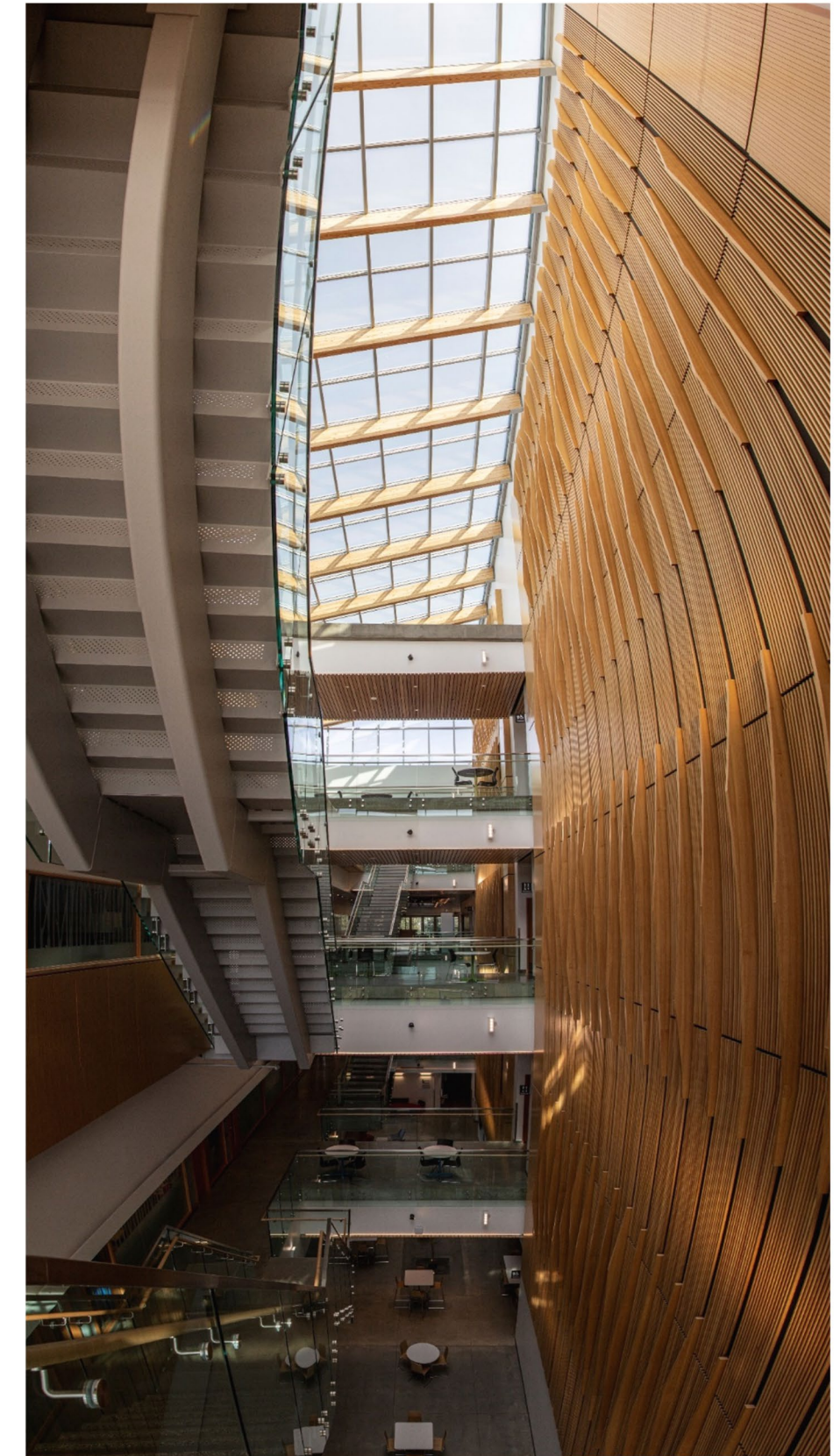
Camosun College Fitness Centre

- Free for students

Our graduates have very high employment rates after graduation.

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Camosun College

Camosun College is B.C.'s largest public college

- 14,000+ students
- 1,200+ faculty and staff
- Programs range from arts and business to tech and trades to university transfer and continuing education
- Credentials include dual credits, certificates, diplomas, degrees, post-degree diplomas

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School of Health & Human Services (HHS)

Camosun College offers more than 15 health and human services programs, including degrees, post-degree diplomas, certificates, diplomas and university transfer courses.

Our School, the School of Health and Human Services (HHS) is a place of warmth and caring.

Our goal is to educate and support "flourishing Individuals, families and communities".

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Centre for Health and Wellness (CHW)

Most of the Health and Human Service (HHS) Programs are delivered at the Centre for Health and Wellness (CHW) at Interurban Campus

- Certified Dental Assistant and Dental Hygiene are offered at the Lansdowne Campus

- The CHW brings together HHS Programs and allows a more interdisciplinary approach to teaching and learning

- The CHW provides twenty-first century learning environments including modern classrooms designed to foster active learning, hands-on labs, high technology simulation environments, and lots of collaboration spaces

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Alex & Jo Campbell Centre for Health and Wellness

21st century education for outstanding health and wellness professionals

- $63.8 million investment
- 89,000 sq. ft. facility at Interurban campus
- 800+ students
- Latest in health education teaching
- Interdisciplinary approach is aligned with Island Health

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Student Services at Camosun

Admissions & Recruitment
The right start at Camosun

The Writing Centres
How can we help?

Centre for Accessible Learning
Supporting your learning experience

Academic Advising
Guiding you on your educational journey

Academic Upgrading
Whatever your need, we have an option for you

Indigenous Student Support
Find your way and feel like you belong – with our help

Fitness & Recreation
Make time for your well-being

Financial Aid & Awards
Funding your education

Counselling Centre
Supporting you through life's challenges

CAMOSUN COLLEGE STUDENT SOCIETY
STANDING UP FOR STUDENT RIGHTS SINCE 1990

Child Care Services
Programs for Infants, Toddlers & Preschoolers

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Indigenous Support Coordinator

Artemis Fire is Red River Métis and grateful to be a visitor
on the unsurrendered territories of the
ləḱʷəŋən and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples.
Artemis is passionate about walking with people
on their journeys.

As the Health and Human Services Indigenous Support Coordinator,
Artemis supports students in various ways,
including assisting applicants to confirm their Indigenous identity.

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NEXT STEPS

Completing this Info Session is a pre-requisite for entry into to the HCA program. Please complete the short survey with your information, to ensure we receive a record of your attendance.

Click here to complete the survey or scan the QR code

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Thank you! We look forward to seeing you soon.

- School of Health and Human Services

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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