

Ashton

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ASHTON COLLEGE



we build careers

“Ashton College fulfilled all my educational expectations. They have very approachable faculty and have a very welcoming atmosphere. The skills and knowledge that I acquired from the IMCD program at Ashton College are still relevant to my current career responsibilities.”

Ardeshir Mayan, IMCD Graduate

Ashton College recognizes the value that today’s employers and occupations place on practical education. This is why we have designed our educational opportunities to provide individuals with the practical knowledge and skills that they require to build and enhance their careers.

Location

Vancouver is consistently rated as one of the most livable cities in the world. In 2010, Vancouver was the proud host of the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Surrounded by rainforest, the Coast Mountain Range, and the Pacific Ocean, Vancouver is considered one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Also renowned for innovations in sustainability, Vancouver aspires to be the world's greenest city by 2020.

There's always something to do in Vancouver: world-class shopping,

gourmet meals, live entertainment, sporting events, outdoor activities, theatre, and art. Vancouver has earned the nickname 'Hollywood North' because it is the third-largest film and television production centre in North America.

With quick and easy access to Whistler Resort, the Canadian Rockies, Victoria, and Vancouver Island, and endless year-round water and land sports, there is no shortage of activities to stimulate your mind and senses.



Students

Ashton College's student population is unlike any other student population in Vancouver. Our student population consists of Canadian and International students that come to Ashton with their diverse learning requirements. The students at Ashton are attending our college to rebuild, supplement or enhance their prior educational achievements.

Ashton has educational programs that are designed to provide international students with the education and practical skills that they require to become a Canadian professional. We also enjoy welcoming international students from a variety of countries. These international students travel to Canada to learn about North American business practices and cultures.

Faculty

Ashton Faculty members hail from a wide range of universities and colleges. In most cases, our instructors are not just teachers. They are also working practitioners, offering students not just a classroom education but also real world knowledge drawn from their own professional experiences. Faculty teaching licensing and professional designation programs and courses are generally graduates of those programs and courses themselves.



Learn your Way

Choosing the right learning style is just as important as choosing the right program. Learn your way and get the most out of your career education. Our flexible learning opportunities include full-time studies, part-time studies and online studies.

A College focused on building your career

Ashton College offers certification, diploma, and licensing programs in various areas. Our programs and courses focus on helping you build your career.

“My time at Ashton College has been the best 6 months in my life. I learned a lot from taking the Diploma in Business program and made a lot of friends with different backgrounds.”

Jason Yu, 2011
Ashton Graduate,
Diploma in Business,
International Student



Customized Corporate Programs & Courses

Ashton College is committed to working with companies to offer customized educational opportunities. These programs and courses provide employees with the educational training that they will benefit from and give companies a competitive edge. Instruction is delivered at the workplace, making it more convenient for a company to provide learning opportunities for its employees.

Companies need to be able to meet the minimum enrolment requirements. All inquiries for Customized Corporate Programs and Courses should be directed to our Director, Business Development.

These are just a few companies who have benefited from our Customized Corporate Programs and Courses:

- Investors Group
- Sun Life Financial
- Elite Wealth Management
- Financial Management BC
- Hub Financial

Student Services

Our Student Services complement the training that Ashton students receive to ensure that they get the most out of their experience at Ashton College.

Student Services Offered

Career Services/Job Placement
Computer Labs
MyAshton.com
Online Bookstore
Online Resource Centre
Recruitment and Admissions Advisers
Student Financial Assistance
Student ID Cards
Test Centre
Wireless Network

Recruitment and Admissions Advisers

Our advisers have your education and career goals in mind. Get in touch for more information, for advice, or just to check in. Our advisers are fluent in languages other than English, and are well-equipped to assist international students.

Career Services

Ashton graduates have access to our free career services and job placement assistance. With the tips and information we receive regularly, we do our best to assist students in finding employment.

Student Financial Assistance

Students of British Columbia are eligible to apply for loans and grants from StudentAid BC. Applications for financial aid can be made online by visiting www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc/.

Funding is also available for eligible students from the Department of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC), WorkSafeBC and other governmental agencies.

In certain cases, some students may qualify for private funding from banking and other financial institutions.

If you would like to know more, our Student Financial Assistance Officer will be glad to help you with any questions you may have on financial aid.

Test Centre

The Ashton College Test Centre coordinates intake assessment tests and assists other organizations by administering and invigilating their respective examinations.

Ashton College is proud to be one of the few colleges and universities worldwide given membership to the National College Testing Association (NCTA) and the Consortium of College Testing Centres (CCTC).

Getting To Us

Ashton College is easily accessible via public transit or any vehicle. We are located right in Downtown Vancouver, on the corner of Melville and Bute Street. The campus is within walking distance of Burrard Skytrain Station and near several major bus routes. Secure underground parking can also be found on Melville Street.

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General Admissions Requirements

Students must possess a level of English sufficient to support studies at the college level as well as a Grade 12 Certificate or equivalent. You must also be at least 19 years of age on the first day of your studies.

English is the language of instruction at Ashton College. Prior to being admitted to any program or course, international students will be required to prove their English Language Proficiency using a standardized test.

When applying for admission to Ashton College, individuals must meet Ashton College's General Admission requirements as well as the specific requirements of the program that they are applying to.

Applications can be submitted online, in person, by fax or by mail.

Please contact one of our Recruitment and Admissions Advisers if you require any assistance applying for any of our programs or courses.



“Ashton College gave me the foundation to prepare my career in financial planning. The CFP Education Program was superb quality. I was impressed by the textbooks. They included practical tips that will help me build my career as a Financial Planner and test questions that have been helpful in preparing me for my exams.”

Megha Shakya, CFP, Ashton Graduate 2011

Practicums

Our practicums provide students with the opportunity to put their classroom skills to work. We are continually connecting with various industries that encourage student placement. With their help, students have the opportunity to gain first-hand experience. Our career services coordinator will work with students to find placements that match their interests and strengths.

Assistance can also be provided in resume building, letters of introduction, and useful interview tips. International students will have the added benefit of developing their English language skills in a business setting. Practicum placements can be paid or unpaid depending on the placement.

Practicum Requirements

- Successful completion of the prescribed classroom academic program and a recommendation by an instructor as a practicum candidate.
- Work placement must provide the student with significant opportunities to apply classroom knowledge.
- Students must prepare a final document summarizing the learning experience.

Credentials

With most of our programs and courses industry-accredited, graduating from Ashton College assures you of receiving a credential that is both recognized and accepted by employers. Many of our students signed up for our programs and courses as a way to advance their careers and improve professional opportunities.

Program Advisory Committees

Program Advisory Committees (PACs) conduct annual reviews of Ashton's existing programs and courses. The intent of these yearly reviews is to ensure that existing programs are up-to-date in meeting requirements in the industry. Each Program Advisory Committee is comprised of qualified individuals who are invited from various industries and occupations.

The Ashton College Advisory committees make sure that the College remains up-to-date with leading industry trends by providing advice on curriculum. They act as a link to the greater business community, ensuring that Ashton has the resources, knowledge base and contacts to achieve its purpose and accomplish its values. This way, you're assured that the education you receive at Ashton provides you with the competitive career advantage that you need.



Alumni

“I would highly recommend Ashton College to individuals or firms looking to further their knowledge, enhance their customer creditability and advance their careers through education and earning professional designations.”

Alex Chan, RHU, CFP, CSA, EPC, CFSB

Our Alumni Association is an exclusive network of alumni, offering a unique opportunity to network with other members. Alumni receive benefits, such as discounts on programs, services, and access to the Ashton College job database. Alumni are also invited to networking events as well as social events that are coordinated by Ashton College.

Accreditations

Education Quality Assurance (EQA) Program

Ashton College is proud to be part of Canada's first and only provincial seal of quality for post-secondary education – the Education Quality Assurance (EQA) program. EQA is a Government of British Columbia brand representing quality for private and public post-secondary education in British Columbia. It is administered on the Government's behalf by the British Columbia Council for International Education (BCCIE). The Ministry of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development sets all EQA policies, including eligibility requirements for EQA.

Other Accreditations

Most of our individual programs and courses are accredited by professional associations, governmental agencies and licensing bodies. For more information visit our website.

Accreditation

Ashton College is an accredited post-secondary institution under the Private Career Training Institutions Act of British Columbia (PCTIA). Year after year, Ashton College adheres to an established measure of quality and is held accountable during annual audits. Students at Ashton have the assurance that their education consistently meets the high standards laid down under the PCTIA.

“I strongly believe that my Ashton Instructor, Francis Ng, contributed directly to my success. The extra time that Francis spent on each topic in class to ensure that we understood the course material made it possible for me to successfully complete my Immigration Consultant Diploma and my Immigration Consultant Exams.”

**Valerie Okebhagbe,
Ashton IMCD Graduate**



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