

PIN Summit 2025

Quality & Engagement
Supporting Students & Families
Innovation in Sustainability
Celebrating the Past & Looking to the Future

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Gilakas'la

Nuu-chah-nulth

Kwak'wala

Ğelakasla Liq'wala

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NIC is honoured to acknowledge the traditional territories of the combined 35 First Nations of the Nuu-chah-nulth, Kwakwaka'wakw and Coast Salish traditions, on whose traditional and unceded territories the College's campuses are situated.

North Island College

NIC is a coastal community college serving North Vancouver Island and the central BC mainland coast.



80,000 KM² CATCHMENT AREA

35 **FIRST NATIONS**

ACCESSIBLE ONLY BY LOGGING ROADS, FLOAT PLANE OR BOAT

65%

169,000 CATCHMENT REGION POPULATION

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Student Population

30 **AVERAGE** STUDENT AGE 6,969 TOTAL **STUDENTS**

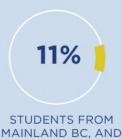
983 **INDIGENOUS** STUDENTS

818 INTERNATIONAL **STUDENTS**

2,103 DOMESTIC FTES



CATCHMENT REGION



OTHER PROVINCES







PROGRAM MIX*

12% Business & Tourism

19%
Health &
Human Services

7%Adult Upgrading



43%
Trades & Industry
Training

19% University Transfer

*Based on student FTEs

STUDENT ENROLMENT*

6,969Total students

246
Dual Credit
high school students

76Dual Admissions post-secondary students

983
Indigenous students

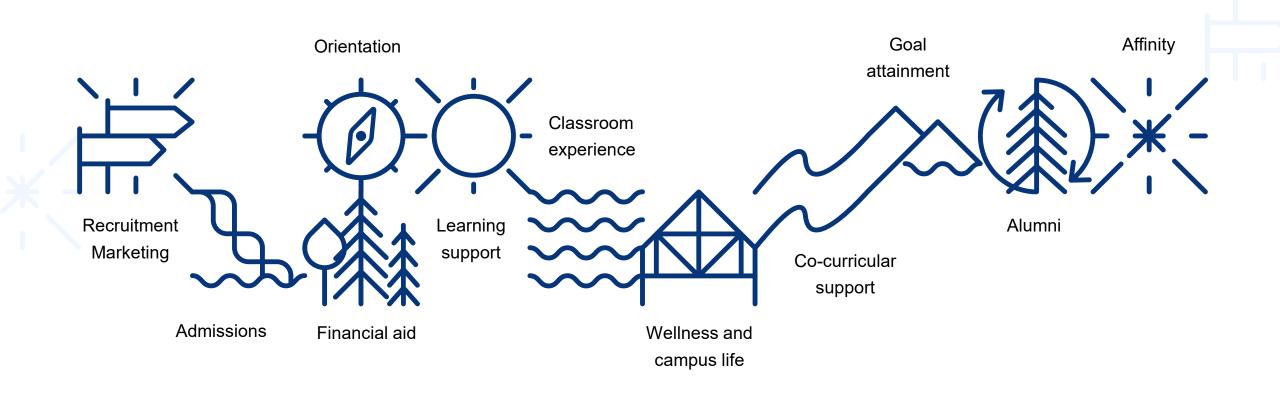
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^{*}Headcount based on fiscal year NIC internal enrolment data



The Student Journey

An interconnected approach for student success - recruitment, engagement, persistence, achievement.



Quality Engagement Ecosystem



High demand programs: modality and mix
Intentional modality and mix delivered in student-centered ways.



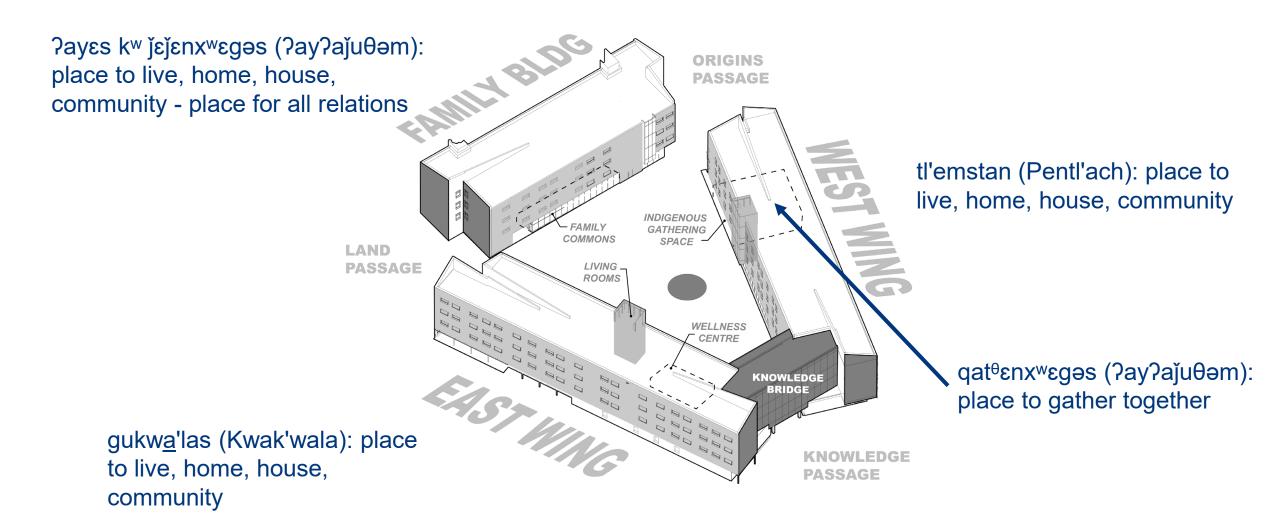
Aligned business practices
Across services and
programs to support
recruitment, retention and
persistence.

Quality assurance and accountability
Biennial program impact assessment, program review and financial accountability.

Quality programs aligned with labour market priorities, community needs and student demand.



tul'al'txw (Pentl'ach): house of learning



NIC's Centre of Excellence in Early Learning

Serving the needs of North Island families and communities by providing accessible spaces for student learning and practicums across the region and helping the Beaufort Children's Centre address a 400-child waiting list

Opening Winter 2026



ADDRESSING LABOUR MARKET DEMAND FOR CHILDCARE EDUCATORS

48 more the 48 more part-time

funded students annually

ADDRESSING URGENT NEED FOR CHILDCARE SPACES IN THE COMMUNITY

53 current + 75 new spaces

128 spaces on campus



Seaweed Micro-credential Training





Innovation Projects: providing expertise and equipment to support local economic growth

3 Skills training for industry and students



Seaweed Innovation Hub



COMMUNITY

Current Projects:

- Sector and company business
- **≠** Ecologically and commercially appropriate seed production
- Low-carbon, low-risk processing infrastructure and systems
- restoration and monitoring



First Nations,

Industry, and

Community

Partners

Mobile and stationary processing units, bioreactor, drones, and kelp hatchery



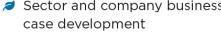
KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER AND TRAINING

- Stackable micro-credentials from site planning to commercialization
- **⊘** Community/industry workshops
- One-on-one mentorship
- Virtual Seaweed Series
- Student research assistants









Innovative methods in kelp







Challenges & Opportunities

- Continual changes in government direction
- Reduced international enrolments & tuition
- Strategic planning
- Labour relations

