

# CMTN: PGWP-eligible Programs for International Applications

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## Important Notice: Changes to PGWP Eligibility

On September 18, 2024, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) announced major updates to the Post-Graduation Work Permit Program (PGWPP).

### Key Changes:

- **Language Requirement:** If you submit a Post-Graduation Work permit (PGWP) application on or after **November 1, 2024**, college graduates must meet a [language proficiency requirement](#).
- **Field of Study Requirement:** International students who submit a study permit application for a college diploma, college certificate, or college degree on or after **November 1, 2024**, MUST graduate from a [designated field of study](#) to be eligible for a PGWP.

### Impact on Coast Mountain College (CMTN) Students:

The Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) is a system used in Canada to categorize post-secondary education programs by field of study. At CMTN, each program has its own CIP code. Some programs at CMTN are eligible for a Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP), while others are NOT. The CIP codes linked to PGWP eligibility on the IRCC website **may change**, so **always check** [IRCC's official website](#) for the latest updates.

### Important Reminders:

- Completing an eligible program does **NOT** guarantee a PGWP—**final approval is at IRCC's discretion**.
- This document will be updated as new information from IRCC becomes available. However, it is highly recommended to check IRCC's official website for the latest CIP codes and the most up-to-date list of PGWP-eligible programs.

This information is current as of **April 29, 2025**.

### PGWP-Eligible Programs available at CMTN: (Eligible CIP codes may change by IRCC without notice.)

1. **Applied Coastal Ecology Diploma (CIP Code: 26.1302)**  
(Two-year program – September 2025 intake in Prince Rupert, BC)
2. **Applied Coastal Ecology Post-Degree (CIP Code: 26.1302)**  
(One-year program – September 2025 intake in Prince Rupert, BC)
3. **Applied Earth and Environmental Studies Certificate (CIP Code: 03.0103)**  
(One-year program – September 2025 intakes in Terrace, BC, and Prince Rupert, BC)
4. **Criminology Diploma (CIP Code: 45.0401)**  
(Two-year program – September 2025 intake in Terrace, BC and Prince Rupert, BC)  
**Note:** Criminology programs can prepare graduates for careers in policing, corrections, courts, parole, intelligence agencies, or border services. However, these jobs usually require Canadian Citizenship or Permanent Residency (PR). International graduates can still gain valuable work experience in Canada on a work permit by working in social support services or private security. These roles can provide a strong foundation for future justice sector careers after obtaining PR status. Many international graduates from our Criminology Program have successfully worked in transitional housing, community support agencies, and private security.
5. **Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCE) | Infant and Toddler Educator Diploma (CIP Code: 19.0709)**  
(Two-year program - September 2025 intake in Terrace, BC and Smithers, BC)

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6. **Environmental Geosciences Diploma (CIP Code: 30.4101)**  
(Two-year program – September 2025 in Terrace, BC and Prince Rupert, BC)
7. **Information Technology - Systems Administration and Networking Diploma (CIP Code: 11.1001)**  
(Two-year program - September 2025 intake in Terrace, BC)
8. **Physical Sciences Certificate (CIP Code: 40.0101)**  
(One-year program – September 2025 intake in Terrace, BC)
9. **Practical Nursing (PN) (CIP Code: 51.3901)**  
(Two-year program)
  - Fall 2026 – Terrace, BC; and Smithers, BC *(Pending; To Be Confirmed)*
  - Fall 2028 – Terrace, BC; and Prince Rupert, BC *(Pending; To Be Confirmed)*

**Note:** The entry requirements for the PN program are competitive. To be officially accepted, PNUR 103 must be completed online or in person (if in-person sessions are available) at CMTN or through an equivalent course at another college (such as TRU, etc.), in addition to meeting all other admission requirements. For detailed information for international applicants, please click here: [International Resource & Forms](#)
10. **Post-Degree Diploma in Professional Accounting, PDDPA (CIP Code: 30.1601)**  
(Two-year program - September 2025 intake in Terrace, BC; Prince Rupert, BC; and Smithers, BC)

**Note:** This diploma meets all Chartered Professional Accountants Professional Education Program (CPA PEP) prerequisites, covering all 14 requirements through 20 comprehensive courses. Designed in collaboration with CPA BC, the curriculum is regularly updated to reflect evolving CPA standards. If you have a non-accounting bachelor's degree, this program provides the required coursework for CPA PEP eligibility without the need for an accounting degree.
11. **Social Service Worker Certificate (CIP Code: 44.0000)**  
(One-year program – **September 2025** in Smithers, BC)
12. **Social Service Worker Diploma (CIP Code: 44.0000)**  
(Two-year program – **September 2026** in Terrace, BC)

**Note:** Program applications for September 2026 (Fall 2026) will open in October 2025.

### Other Programs Open to International Students but Are NOT Currently PGWP-Eligible:

1. Associate Degree in Arts, General Studies (CIP Code: 24.0101)  
(Two-year program - September and January intakes in Terrace, BC or Prince Rupert, BC)  
**Not PGWP-eligible**
2. Associate Degree in Arts, Criminology Specialization (CIP Code: 24.0101)  
(Two-year program – September 2025 intake in Terrace, BC)

**Notes: i)** The program consists of 66 credits (two additional courses compared to other Associate Degree programs) and includes mandatory field schools, incurring extra costs and summer-term classes/summer field schools. As a result, some students may take slightly longer than two years for program completion.

**ii)** Graduates can pursue careers in policing, corrections, courts, parole, intelligence, or border services, though most require Canadian Citizenship or PR. International graduates can gain experience in social support services or private security, building a foundation for justice sector careers after obtaining PR. Many have succeeded in transitional housing, community support, and private security.

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3. Associate Degree in Science, Environmental Geosciences Specialization (CIP Code: 24.0101)  
(Two-year program – September 2025 intakes in Terrace, BC, or Prince Rupert, BC)  
**Not PGWP-eligible**
4. Associate Degree in Science, General Studies (CIP Code: 24.0101)  
(Two-year program - September intake only in Terrace, BC, or Prince Rupert, BC)  
**Not PGWP-eligible**
5. Business Administration Certificate (CIP Code: 52.0201)  
(One-year program - September intake in Terrace, BC, Smithers, BC, or Prince Rupert, BC).  
**Not PGWP-eligible**
6. Business Administration Diploma (any concentrations) (CIP Code: 52.0201)  
(Two-year program - September intake in Terrace, BC).  
**Not PGWP-eligible**
7. Post-Degree Business Diploma (CIP Code: 52.0201)  
(Two-year program - September intake in Terrace, BC, Smithers, BC, or Prince Rupert, BC).  
**Not PGWP-eligible**

