

CMTN: PGWP-eligible Programs for International Applications

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Important Notice: Changes to PGWP Eligibility

Key Dates:

September 18, 2024

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

November 1, 2024

- **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.

June 25, 2025

- [New change effective June 25, 2025:](#)
If a study permit or PGWP application was submitted before June 25, 2025, this new rule does not apply. Eligibility for a PGWP remains after graduation, even if the program is later removed from the approved list—provided students do not change their program.

July 4, 2025 **new IRCC updates*

- IRCC has updated the list of PGWP-eligible programs. Some programs that were removed on June 25, 2025 are now added back.
- This updated list of programs remains PGWP-eligible until early 2026. Study permit applications submitted between June 25, 2025 and early 2026 for a program listed on the PGWP-eligible list will still meet the requirements for a PGWP after program completion.

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 **September 09, 2025**.

PGWP-Eligible Programs available at CMTN: (as of September 09, 2025)

1. **Applied Coastal Ecology Diploma (CIP Code: 26.1302)**
(Two-year program – September 2026 intake in Prince Rupert, BC)
2. **Applied Coastal Ecology Post-Degree (CIP Code: 26.1302)**
(One-year program – September 2026 intake in Prince Rupert, BC)

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3. **Applied Earth and Environmental Studies Certificate (CIP Code: 03.0103)**
(One-year program – September 2026 intakes in Terrace, BC, and Prince Rupert, BC)
4. **Criminology Diploma (CIP Code: 45.0401)**
(Two-year program – September 2026 intake in Terrace, BC and Prince Rupert, BC)
Note: Criminology programs can lead to policing, corrections, courts, and border services, usually requiring Canadian citizenship or PR. International graduates can gain experience on a work permit in social services or private security, building a foundation for future justice careers. Many CMTN grads have worked in transitional housing, community support, and private security.
5. **Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCE) | Infant and Toddler Educator Diploma (CIP Code: 19.0709)**
(Two-year program - September 2026 intake in Terrace, BC and Smithers, BC)
6. **Environmental Geosciences Diploma (CIP Code: 30.4101) – new program**
(Two-year program – September 2026 Terrace, BC and Prince Rupert, BC)
7. **Information Technology - Systems Administration and Networking Diploma (CIP Code: 11.1001)**
(Two-year program - **September 2027** intake in Terrace, BC)
8. **Mountain Adventure Science Certificate (CIP Code: 03.0104)**
(One-year program – September 2026 in Terrace, BC and Prince Rupert, BC)
9. **Physical Sciences Certificate (CIP Code: 40.0101)**
(One-year program – September 2026 intake in Terrace, BC)
10. **Post-Degree Diploma in Professional Accounting (PDDPA) (CIP Code: 30.1601)**
(Two-year program - September 2026 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 12 required courses 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. **Practical Nursing (PN) (CIP Code: 51.3901)**
(Two-year program - **Winter 2027** in Terrace, BC; and Smithers, BC)
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](#)
12. **Social Service Worker Certificate (CIP Code: 44.0000)**
(One-year program – September 2026 in Smithers, BC)
13. **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.
14. **Heavy Mechanical Trades Foundations (CIP Code: 47.0302)**
(9 months program – September 2026 in Terrace, BC)
Note: Limited seats for international.

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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 2026 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.
Not PGWP-eligible
3. Associate Degree in Science, Environmental Geosciences Specialization (CIP Code: 24.0101)
(Two-year program – September 2026 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
8. Automotive Service Technician Foundation
(30 weeks – September 2026 intake in Terrace BC)
Not PGWP-eligible due to the program length
9. Carpentry Foundations – Harmonized
(24 weeks – September 2026 intake in Terrace or Smithers)
Not PGWP-eligible due to the program length
10. Hairstylist Foundation
(43 weeks – September 2026 intake in Terrace BC)
Not PGWP-eligible

If you are unsure whether a program is PGWP-eligible, please visit IRCC's updated list here: [CIP Code](#)