

### **Why study in BC's West Kootenay region?**

BC is one of the best places in the world to learn, live and play. Students are coming here from around the world to enjoy what this Canadian province has to offer:

- Superior education
- Quality of life
- Breathtaking scenery
- Friendly and diverse people
- Mildest climate in Canada
- Great job opportunities

### **What outdoor recreation and activities are available in BC?**

BC is the only province in Canada that has a “West Coast Special,” which means a person can ski and golf in the same day! Here are just some of the nearby activities that are available to Selkirk College students:

- Snow shoeing – 15 minutes from campus
- Cross country skiing – 15 minutes from campus
- Downhill skiing – 30 minutes from campus
- Hiking/climbing – 7 minutes away, plus a climbing wall right on campus
- Mountain biking – can start right on campus
- Water sports – right on campus or minutes away
- Hot springs – many to choose from all around the Kootenays
- Fishing – right on campus
- Camping – 30 minutes away
- Golfing – 5 minutes from campus

### **Do prior post-secondary education credits earned out of province transfer to BC?**

Courses taken at out-of-province universities are considered for transfer on a course-by-course basis. First, you should apply to the program to which you are seeking to transfer into. You should then meet with an academic counsellor to discuss transfer possibilities and submit a transfer request form to the School Chair. The transfer request form must include the course name and number, a course description from the institution, and a copy of the student's transcripts.

### **Can you receive student loans for school in BC if you are not a BC resident?**

Yes, in the majority of cases students from other Canadian provinces or territories can receive student loan funding to attend a school in BC. Out-of-province students should

contact the student financial assistance office in their home province or territory to confirm: [www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/student-financial-aid.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/student-financial-aid.html).

**Can I start my education at a college in BC, and then transfer to a university to finish a four-year Bachelor's degree?**

Yes. BC has the best college-to-university transfer system in North America, so it is easy to start your education at Selkirk College and then transfer to a university to complete a Bachelor's degree. The seamless transfer system allows students to move from one institution to another without losing credits. In addition, many Selkirk College programs have formal agreements in place with other institutions to create a stress-free transfer experience. Go to [bctransferguide.ca/](http://bctransferguide.ca/) for more info.

**Can out of province students apply to live on campus?**

Yes. Applications are first come, first accepted. There are limited rooms available, so we encourage everyone to apply for residence immediately after applying to your selected program.

**Do out of province students pay a higher application fee and/or tuition or fees?**

No. The cost for attending Selkirk College is the same for all Canadian students.

**Am I still covered by my provincial medical plan while I am studying in BC?**

Yes, as long as you are still a permanent resident of your home province or territory, you will still be covered during your time in BC. In some cases, you may need to apply for extended coverage. Check with your provinces medical service plan for specific details.

**Are extended health and dental plans available for out of province students?**

Yes. The Selkirk College Students' Union offers a comprehensive extended health and dental benefits plan for all full-time students. You can find out more about the coverage at [selkirkstudents.ca/](http://selkirkstudents.ca/).

**Are out of province students eligible for scholarships and bursaries?**

Yes. All students can apply for scholarships, grants and bursaries unless the criteria on the award states that it is specifically for a BC resident. Find out more about student awards here: <http://selkirk.ca/financial-information/financial-aid/scholarships-awards-bursaries>.

**Do BC institutions have services for Aboriginal Students?**

Yes, at Selkirk College we provide support to all prospective and current Aboriginal students and can help connect you with financial aid advice, community support, career counselling, cultural activities and much more. Our students also have access to LYNX, an online career services program for Aboriginal post-secondary students and graduates. Go to [aboriginallynx.ca/](http://aboriginallynx.ca/) to find out more about this program and what it offers.

**Do you get a ski pass included with your tuition?**

Although we would love for this to be the case, the answer is no. However, Red Mountain has discounted student passes for Selkirk College students and is only a short drive from campus. Find more information about the mountain resort at [redresort.com/](http://redresort.com/).