

Hello,

Greetings from Canada!

Congratulations on getting approved for your student visa to study in Canada, and thank you for choosing to study at Northern College. This is great news!

With July here, there are two months left to kick off the September 2020 new semester. The count down has begun, and we look forward to learning with you!

Below are the most recent updates for you as an international student for Fall 2020 under the current pandemic regulations, plus a survey we would like you to complete:

Please carefully read all of the information below and type your name into the document at the end to show that you have read this and send the version with your name back to international@northern.on.ca so that we know you have the information you need to study with us!

Stay home – for now

- a. For your studies that begin in the Fall 2020 (September start), all the courses which do not have a field placement, work term, on-site workshop or lab requirements, will be delivered through online learning.
- b. We recommend you stay in your home country for the first semester if you do not have a work placement as part of your immediate coursework. Please contact international@northern.on.ca if you do not know if you have work placement, lab or workshop courses in your Fall 2020 semester.
- c. If you're an international student who has a valid study permit which was approved on or before March 18, 2020, you are exempt from the travel restrictions, and can travel to Canada if flights are available from your own country; **but your entry may be deemed optional or discretionary (non-essential) if you are studying all of your courses online.**
- d. If you are planning to travel to Canada for Fall 2020, please send your information to international@northern.on.ca and **consult with us first** and then follow our directions **before booking your flight.**
- e. To help us to prepare for your Fall 2020 semester, course delivery, student services and support, we ask that you please complete this survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XCPF9HY>

Before you travel

- f. Before travelling to Canada, make sure you have what you need to show you're exempt from the travel restrictions. If you're outside the US, and have evidence that you're travelling for an essential (non-discretionary) purpose, you must bring **a valid study permit** or a **port of entry letter of introduction** that shows that you were approved for a study permit before or on March 18, 2020.
- g. You must have a plan to quarantine for 14 days before you arrive in Canada, including:
- a place to stay
 - how you'll
 - get to your destination
 - have your food/groceries brought to you
 - have access to essential services and medical care
- This plan is mandatory, even if you have no symptoms.** If you don't have a plan, do not travel to Canada, as you may not be allowed to enter the country.
- h. Northern college is currently working on the 14-days quarantine plan for any new intake international students who obtained their visas before March 18th and to travel to Northern college for their Fall 2020 essential purpose (non-optional/non-discretionary) study (placement component).

When you arrive in Canada

- i. When you arrive in Canada by air, land or sea, your health will be assessed before you leave the Point of Entry (POE) or Customs. If you're a foreign national, and you have symptoms of COVID-19, you won't be allowed to enter Canada.
- j. You must have a plan to quarantine for 14 days when you arrive in Canada. This is mandatory, even if you have no symptoms. If you don't have a plan, do not travel to Canada. The penalties for not following your quarantine plan once you're in the country are substantial and can include fines, jail time, and removal/banning from Canada.

Studying online in Canada

- k. If you are already in Canada with a valid study permit, please contact international@northern.on.ca with your full name, your program and campus, and your Northern college student ID.

Studying online in your home country

- l. If you have your study visa/permit, but you have not reported your visa/permit information to the college, **please upload your valid visa/permit in International OCAS, where you submitted your application to us.**

Immigration updates

- m. We know you have a lot of questions regarding the upcoming new semesters. Hopefully, you received the email we sent in June about our college's plan for September 2020.
- n. If you have not received the email yet, please send an email to international@northern.on.ca to request the information and we will be sure to send it to you.
- o. There have not been many new updates on Immigration regarding to international students in the past one month, compared with the Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) updates in the email we sent to you in June.
- p. Listed here are the key points from the IRCC, found directly through this link: <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/coronavirus-covid19/visitors-foreign-workers-students.html>)

I _____ (your student name), _____ (your Northern College Student ID number) have read and understood all of the information shared with me above.

Date: _____ (MM/DD/YY)

If you have any further questions, please contact international@northern.on.ca. We look forward to hearing from you.

Good luck with everything, be well, keep in touch, and we look forward to you learning with Northern College!

The Northern College International Team