

## FACT SHEET

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### About the College

Official opening: September 10, 1968

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#### Mission Statement

To be a post-secondary institution dedicated to excellence in teaching and learning, and an institution of first choice for students.

#### Programming

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The college offers a variety of credit and non-credit courses and programs, several of which are unique:

- Two post-baccalaureate programs, one in Environmental Science and the other in Asia Pacific Management.
- Undergraduate degrees in Jazz Studies, Music Therapy, and Business Administration in association with the Open Learning Agency.
- The Capilano Review, an award-winning literary magazine of international stature, published at the college.
- Eldercollege, the Community Music School and non-credit courses administered through the Extension Programs and Services Department create lifelong learning opportunities for all ages.

#### History

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- The college was founded by the school boards and residents of North Vancouver, West Vancouver and Howe Sound through referendum in 1968.
- Initially, classes were held at community locations including West Vancouver Secondary School, several churches, a warehouse, and a bowling alley.
- In 1973 the college opened its permanent campus in the Lynnmour area of North Vancouver.
- Initial enrolment: 784
- Anticipated initial enrolment: 300
- Total graduates since 1970: 10,000
- Regional campuses were established in Squamish in 1973 and Sechelt in 1977.

#### About the North Vancouver Campus

- The North Vancouver campus is situated on 34 acres between Lynn Creek and the Seymour River.
- The site was originally logged at the turn of the century, making several of the trees close to 100 years old.
- Nearly one-third of the campus is preserved as natural forest.
- Campus planners value the college's sylvan setting: expansion and building height are restricted in the college's master site plan.
- Indigenous species include fir, cedar, hemlock, maple, and mountain ash.
- The campus also features an extensive collection of wild rhododendrons, gathered from around the globe.

## About Cap Students

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- Total number of credit students: 5500
  - Full time: 44%
  - Female: 57%
  - University transfer: 56%
  - Average age: 21
  - North Shore residents: 56%
- Credit students enrolling directly from high school: 56%
- Cap's university transfer program has the highest participation rate per thousand population of any college in the provincial system.
- Number of non-credit students: 6000
- North Shore grade 12 graduates who go directly to full-time studies in the Lower Mainland choosing Cap: 50%
- One-third of North Shore residents have taken at least one course at Cap.
- Over 50% of North Shore residents are from households where at least one member has attended Cap.
- Over 94% of Capilano graduates who are looking for work find jobs within a year after graduating.
- Average class size: 30

## About Cap Finances

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Total budget: \$26 million

Income:

- Provincial government: 78%
- Tuition fees: 20.6%
- Investment: 1.4%

Expenditures:

- Instruction: 66.2%
- Student and Instructional Services: 15.7%
- Administration: 11.5%
- Facilities: 6.6%

## Community Access

- Library facilities.
- Day care.
- Career planning and testing workshops for North Shore residents.
- Meeting space for non-profit community groups.
- Sportsplex, soccer field and fitness centre facilities.

## Personnel

- Number of faculty: 500
- Number of staff: 200
- Number of administrators: 30
- Cap is one of the 10 largest employers on North Shore.
- Approximately 375 business, industry and community professionals serve on program advisory committees.

## Cultural Initiatives of Capilano College

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- Founding member of the North Shore Arts Commission and Sunshine Coast Community for the Arts
- Community Music School
- Visual, media and performing arts programs
- Art Institute, a unique artist-in-residence program
- Capilano Review, an internationally known literary publication
- WestCoast Reader, an award-winning ESL newspaper
- International exchange programs

## Economic Development Initiatives of Capilano College

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- Founding member of the North Shore Economic Development Commission.
- Job development programs and retraining opportunities.
- Tourism Management Program offered in local communities in response to industry demand.
- Facilitator for the Howe Sound and Sunshine Coast Community Futures program.
- CANASEAN business program to establish trade partnerships between Canada and ASEAN countries.
- Asia Pacific Management Cooperative program to provide training and establish business opportunities in Pacific Rim nations.