

FAQ for International Students

The Holland College International Office is pleased to connect students from around the world with students, staff and programs here at Holland College in Prince Edward Island, Canada. Each year, Holland College welcomes students from all over the world. The International Office is your first point of contact with Holland College and a constant support while you study at the College. The Office staff will work hard to ensure that your experience with Holland College is both positive and enduring.

If you require more information or assistance about Holland College or its programs, please contact us at:

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Below you will find answers to some of the questions most commonly asked by prospective international students who are considering studying at Holland College. Please feel free to contact us directly if you are unable to find all of the information you are looking for.

WHERE IS HOLLAND COLLEGE?

Holland College is located in Prince Edward Island, Canada. Prince Edward Island is located off the eastern coast of Canada, close to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. The Island is known for the vivid colors of its gently rolling landscape and is surrounded by miles of sandy beaches and red sandstone cliffs. The Island is sized just right for touring, vacationing and studying!

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND?

For more information about all aspects of our province, please visit the provincial visitor's guide website at www.gov.pe.ca/visitorsguide.

HOW DO I GET TO HOLLAND COLLEGE?

You can get to Holland College in Prince Edward Island by driving, by rail (with connecting bus service), and by air. Air Canada, Air Canada Jazz, Northwest Airlines, WestJet, and Prince Edward Air all provide service into the Charlottetown Airport which is located just minutes away from the capital city of Charlottetown.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Detailed application information is available in the Holland College calendar or on the website at www.hollandcollege.com/admissions. Application forms can be downloaded from the website. You can fax, mail, or e-mail the completed application form. The non-refundable application fee for international students is \$100.00 (Canadian funds) and is required when you submit your application. Your application will not be processed without this payment.

Here are a few options for submitting your application and non-refundable application fee of \$100.00 (Canadian funds):

- You can fax your application, required documents, credit card number, expiration date and name on credit card to the Admissions Office at 1-902-629-4239.
- You can e-mail the application and required documents to getready@hollandcollege.com then call in your credit card information to pay your application fee at (902) 629-4217 (Admissions Office).
- You may also send your application by mail and make your application fee payment of \$100.00 (Canadian funds) through Western Union. Once you make the payment with Western Union, they will give you a confirmation number. Please e-mail Amanda MacKay, Secretary with the International Office at AJMackay@hollandcollege.com and provide the confirmation number as we will need this information to retrieve the funds. Please make payment payable to Amanda MacKay and she will submit it with your application to our Admissions Office.

The Admissions Department is the department at Holland College that receives your application, scores your application and selects the candidates for entry into a program. Candidates are selected based on their overall application score. Once the Admissions Department reviews your application, you will be notified by mail in due course regarding the status of your application.

You do not have to go through the application process alone; the International Office is here to help you. If you have any questions about your application make sure you get the correct answers from the International Office.

WHAT ARE THE ENGLISH REQUIREMENTS?

Because English is the language of study at Holland College, all applicants whose first language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency. This requirement can be satisfied with one of the following criteria:

1. You have studied full-time for at least three years (or equivalent in part-time studies) in a secondary school or university where the language of instruction and examination was English. If this applies to you, please provide verification from your school that the language of instruction and examination was English. (Note: The minimum three year requirement does not include time enrolled in an ESL program.)
2. You have achieved the required proficiency in one of the following English language tests:
 - TOEFL manual score of 550
 - TOEFL computerized score of 225
 - TOEFL – internet based minimum 85
 - Successful completion of ESL Level 8
 - IELTS score of 6.0
 - CAEL (Canadian Academic English Language) minimum score of 60 with minimum score of 50 in each band
 - CanTEST with minimum score of 4.5
 - MELAB (Michigan English Language Battery) minimum score of 80

WHAT ARE SUPPORT DOCUMENTS?

Support documents are items that you would send in as a supplement to your application. In some cases you are required to have additional documents with your

application such as: standard first-aid certificate or medical forms. Examples of support documents include: resume, letters of reference, cover letter, copies of certifications, transcripts, eye examinations, documented volunteer hours, medical forms, etc. If you get accepted to your program and have not sent the required documents, your letter of acceptance will tell you what is missing from your file. Please make sure you check out your program of interest for a listing of required documents.

CAN I APPLY ONLINE NOW AND SEND IN MY SUPPORT DOCUMENTS LATER?

You certainly can. While it is absolutely fine to send documents later, the sooner the better. The Admissions Department must have your high school transcript and any post-secondary transcripts (if applicable) to determine a score for your application.

WHEN CAN I APPLY?

You can apply now! The initial application review date is February 28th for all programs beginning the following September. You have the best chance of getting in the program if you apply before February 28th. We will still accept applications after that date and you can still get into September programs providing they do not fill after our initial review.

CAN I GET A LOAN TO PAY FOR MY TUITION?

You must apply through your home country's loan system, if one is available. Unfortunately, Holland College does not have any role in providing student loans to international students.

ARE THERE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE?

Please visit

http://www.hollandcollege.com/admissions/admission_process.php#earlyreg for more information on scholarships.

WHAT IS THE COST OF HOLLAND COLLEGE TRAINING PROGRAMS?

Tuition costs vary depending upon the program and duration. Tuition for full-time programs range from \$3,500 to \$16,250 per year. All Canadian universities and colleges charge an international student differential fee. At Holland College, this fee is \$3,265 per year. For detailed information regarding tuition and fees for a specific program, please e-mail getready@hollandcollege.com.

WHAT PERMITS DO I NEED TO STUDY AT HOLLAND COLLEGE?

You will need a Study Permit. For information about studying in Canada visit [Citizenship and Immigration Canada](http://www.cic.gc.ca/Citizenship_and_Immigration_Canada) website. Please note that before you apply for a Study Permit, you will need to apply for and be accepted in one of the programs at Holland College as your acceptance letter will need to accompany the Study Permit application.

CAN I WORK WHILE ATTENDING HOLLAND COLLEGE?

Please visit the Citizenship and Immigration Canada website at <http://www.cic.gc.ca/EnGLlsh/study/work.asp> for more information regarding working while attending college.

WHAT INSURANCE DO I NEED?

All international students must purchase medical insurance for the duration of their study in Canada. Insurance is included in the tuition and fees.

WHAT KINDS OF ACCOMMODATIONS ARE AVAILABLE?

International students who plan to attend Holland College have a number of accommodation options to choose from:

Student residence

Home-stays

Apartment rental

Rooming houses

For additional information, please check the website at

www.hollandcollege.com/Future_Student/#.

CAN I TRANSFER HOLLAND COLLEGE CREDITS TO OTHER POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS?

Life-long learning is a priority for students today, and the ability to transfer learning from college to university is a necessity. Holland College has a growing number of articulation agreements between Holland College programs and other universities in a variety of areas. You can review the articulation agreements when you select a specific program on the Holland College website at

http://www.hollandcollege.com/admissions/full_time_programs/.