



## Agent Newsletter – January 2026

Greetings from Durham College! Please see updates from our International Education Office below:

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### DC Updates

#### Join Us for the DC Experience Event!

Heading to ICEF Toronto from April 30 - May 2? We invite you to kick off your trip with our DC Experience Event on April 27–28, an opportunity for our agents to experience Durham College firsthand and to immerse themselves in the life of an international student. Meet with our academic leaders, connect with current DC students, experience

residence life and our cafeteria, explore the campus, and gain firsthand insight into what makes studying here so unique!

**If you're interested in joining us, please fill out this form:**

<https://forms.office.com/r/qpA1ifpp0m>

### English School Partners

For students that need to improve their English, Durham College has pathway partnerships with several English as a Second Language (ESL) schools located across Canada. Students who do not meet their English language requirements can apply to learn English at one of our partner schools until they reach the required level and can then transfer to Durham College! Students have the option to take classes in person or online.

Our partners include:

- ILAC - [DURHAM COLLEGE | ILAC](#)
- Oxford International - [Online Pre-Sessional English Durham College - OI Digital Institute](#)

To indicate that students will be studying at an English school on the [Durham College application](#), students should select the button with the text “APPLY FOR: English for Academic Purposes (EAP) AND Durham College Programs”.

Click this button to proceed with this application if you are currently studying English for Academic Purposes (EAP) with one of Durham College's EAP Partner schools and would like to apply to a post-secondary academic program at Durham College.

**APPLY FOR:**  
**English for Academic**  
**Purposes (EAP)**  
**AND**  
**Durham College**  
**Programs**

Please see our website for more information on English language requirements:  
<https://durhamcollege.ca/info-for/international/study-dc/admission-requirements#english-language-requirements>

### **Good News – Studying while you wait for your study permit to arrive**

For onshore international students who are high school graduates in 2026, Durham College will send you a letter of approval in your online account to let you know your study permit has been approved. Students can start their studies at DC as soon as they receive this letter – no need to wait for the study permit to arrive in the mail!

### **Notify Us of Student Application Rejections**

If any of your students receive a rejection email from Durham College, we kindly ask that you inform us, especially if the decision was based on their English language scores. This will allow us to work closely with our admissions team to explore possible solutions. In some cases, students may have the option to take another English proficiency test, such as the Duolingo English Test, to meet the requirements. Your timely communication will help us support your students and ensure they have the best chance of success!

Please reach out to [intlrecruitment@durhamcollege.ca](mailto:intlrecruitment@durhamcollege.ca) so we can help support your students!

### **Ontario Public Colleges Agent Training Module**

As part of our ongoing commitment to excellence and compliance with the **International Education Standards of Practice (IESP)**, we are reaching out to inform you of the launch of a new training program for all our valued partners. All **counsellors and staff members** involved in student recruitment and support are highly encouraged to complete the **Ontario Public Colleges Agent Training module**. This training is essential to ensure alignment with provincial standards. Completing the training validates counsellors' and agency partners' expertise in Ontario's IESP and recruitment practices, enhancing their credibility and trust with students and institutions.

#### **Training Details:**

- **Module:** Ontario Public Colleges Agent Training
- **Launch Date:** December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- **Deadline for Completion:** June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Upon successful completion of the training, participants will receive a Certificate of Completion with a unique identification number. Additionally, the status of your completion will be published on a public website as part of the transparency and

accountability measures under the Standards of Practice. If you have an active agreement with multiple Ontario public colleges, you only need to complete the training once, as a province-wide verification system is in place.

### Registration Instructions:

- [Click here to see PDF login instructions](#)
- [Click here to watch the login instructions video](#)

We kindly ask that you prioritize this training and ensure all relevant team members complete the module by the deadline. Should you have any questions or require assistance with the registration process, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to upholding the highest standards in international education.

### Announcing New Programs!

Big news! We're introducing brand-new programs available for international students. Applications will open soon, so keep an eye on our website!

- [Bachelor of Business Administration \(Human Resources Management\)](#) (Bachelor's Degree) - **PGWP eligible**
- [Bachelor of Construction Management](#) (Bachelor's Degree) - **PGWP eligible**
- [Cloud and Information Technology Systems](#) (Diploma) - **PGWP eligible**
- [Project Management – Information Technology](#) (Graduate Certificate) - **PGWP eligible**
- [Geographic Information Systems for Data Analytics](#) (Graduate Certificate) - not PGWP eligible
- [Marketing Management – AI and Automation](#) (Graduate Certificate) - not PGWP eligible

Students are able to apply to non-PGWP eligible programs, they must confirm that they understand they will not receive the work permit once they graduate.

### Programs Open for May 2026

There is still space in our programs for the May 2026 intake! Please see the list of PGWP-eligible programs available for this intake below:

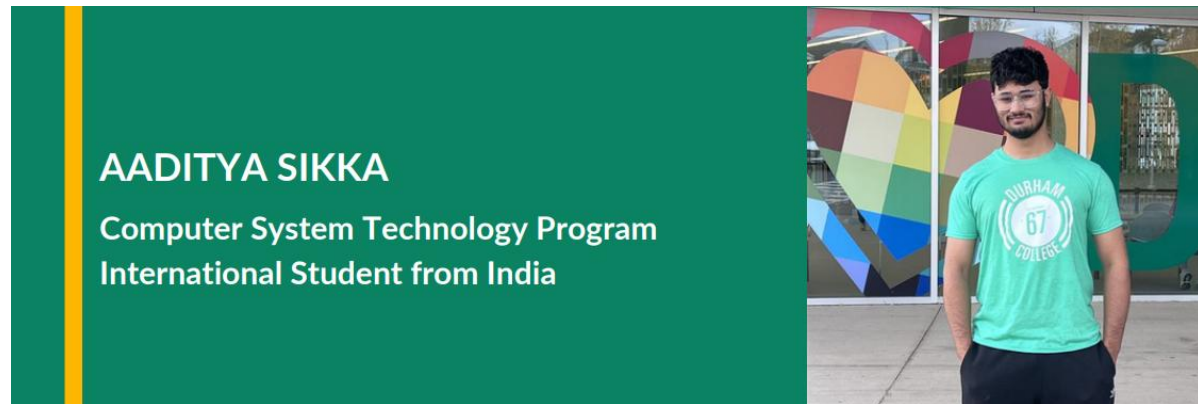
- [Computer Programming](#) (Diploma)

- [Computer Systems Technician \(Diploma\)](#)
- [Computer Programming and Analysis \(Advanced Diploma\)](#)
- [Computer Systems Technology \(Advanced Diploma\)](#)
- [Early Childcare Education \(Diploma\)](#)
- [Personal Support Worker \(Certificate\)](#)
- [Social Service Worker \(Diploma\)](#)

For the full list of our PGWP eligible programs, please visit the following link:

<https://durhamcollege.ca/info-for/international/new-and-current-students/updates-to-the-international-student-program>

### Meet Aaditya from India



Durham College has been a foundation for Aaditya's personal and professional growth. From earning networking certifications and volunteering at the IT Expo to gaining diverse experience through the DC IWorks program, his journey opened doors to career opportunities and lifelong connections.

[Read Aaditya's story](#) and see what's possible.

### Did You Know?

#### **Durham College Student Association (DCSA) Services**

Durham College Student Association (DCSA) is an independent organization that represents all Durham College Students. DCSA is governed by an elected student board of governors who help create the various services and supports to enhance the student experience online and on-campus.

DCSA services include:

- [25+ student-run clubs](#)
- [Health Plan](#) – all full-time international students have access to medical coverage, including doctor visits, emergency hospital visits, x-rays, lab testing, practitioner coverage, and more!
- [Support Hub](#) – counseling services, foodbank, Emergency Student Fund
- Events throughout the year
- [Media Hub](#) – provides hands-on experience for students interested in pursuing careers in media, broadcasting, and entertainment
- [Student Services](#) – legal service clinic, locker services, Esports gaming lounge access

For more information on services offered by the DCSA, please visit <https://mydcsa.ca/>

## Helpful Resources

- [PGWP eligible programs](#)
- [Global Entrance Scholarship](#)
- [Winter 2026 - important dates](#)
- [Housing information](#)
- [Deferral request form](#)

Thank you for your ongoing support of international students as they pursue their educational goals. If you have any questions or require further assistance, please feel free to contact us at [Contact us - Durham College](#).