

Coming to Canada Series: Bringing your Children

As you prepare for this new and exciting adventure, we want to remind you that children are not permitted in classrooms. This is for safety reasons and to maintain an optimal learning environment.

Unfortunately, finding reliable childcare is **not guaranteed**, and you are responsible for any associated costs (see email "Coming to Canada: Financial Considerations").

If you bring your child to class, you may be asked to leave the college without a refund, which could affect your study permit and future opportunities to study in Canada.

Its important to consider these factors carefully before deciding to study in Canada.

Important points to consider:

- Childcare fees: Expect to pay \$30CAD \$60CAD per day, per child.
 - → Child Care Fee Subsidy you may qualify for fee subsidy.
- Full-week charges: Most centres charge for all 5 weekdays, even if you don't need care every day.
- Childcare Waitlists: These can range from a few weeks to 6+ years, so securing a spot isn't certain.
 - → <u>Child Care Waitlist Registry</u> you should add your children to the waitlist as soon as possible.
- **Childcare Locations**: Childcare may not be near your home or the College, leading to extra transportation costs.
- **Childcare Hours**: Most centres are open from 7:00 am to 5:30pm. This may mean that you won't have childcare for any classes that go later. Note that your class schedule cannot be re-arranged.
- Leaving Children Home Alone: Please note it is illegal to leave a child at home without proper supervision. This can result in serious consequences, including criminal charges, deportation, and withdrawal from your studies without refund. For more details, visit: Child Care and Supervision
- **School-aged children**: If you have school-aged children, you may still require before or after-school childcare depending on your class schedule.
 - → Register your children for school:
 - English Public School https://www.nearnorthschools.ca/schools/registration/
 - Catholic District School Board https://www.npsc.ca/schools
 - French Immersion https://www.nearnorthschools.ca/programs/fsl/

If you would like to learn more about finding daycare, registering your child for schools in the community, or adding a dependent to your Canadore Student Health Plan, make sure to register for our webinar on *July 24th at 9 AM*:

Family Matters: Students who are parents or parents-to-be

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