

Northern College Winter 2022 Semester International Students Registration, Refund/Withdrawal Policies and Q&A

1. Northern College Winter 2022 Campus Operation and International Registration Information

- Important Dates of the incoming **January 2022 semester**

Winter 2022	Dates
All campuses of the college will be closed during Christmas and New Year Holiday	December 25th, 2021-January 3rd, 2022
Virtual Orientation	<p style="text-align: center;">January 7th, 2022</p> <p>(Mandatory to all international students who want to start their program for Winter 2022)</p> <p>The detailed information and the registration link of the Orientation will be sent to you in the week of January 4th, 2022.</p>
Semester starting Date	January 10 th (Monday), 2022
Registration Deadlines	January 21 st (Friday), 2022 (Day 10)
Winter 2022 Withdrawal/Refund Deadline	January 21 st (Friday), 2022 (Day 10)
Winter 2022 Deferral Deadline	January 21 st (Friday), 2022 (Day 10)

2. Winter 2022 New Intake Program Offering

Only for students who will start their first semester in January 2022

Program	Delivery Format Winter 2022	Online Study outside of Canada Timeline

ESL-English as a Second Language	Online	Study online until ESL program completed
Computer Engineering Technician	Hybrid Hybrid theory; Face- to-Face labs	Students could study <u>the first semester</u> of the program online inside/outside of Canada until the end of April, 2022 if <u>they have submitted</u> their visa application prior to their program start date January 10 th , 2022.
Electrical Engineering Technician	Hybrid Hybrid theory; Face- to-Face labs	Students must be on-campus to complete the face to face lab hours
Addictions and Mental Health Worker	On-Site	Students must be on-campus to complete the first semester courses
Early Childhood Education	Online	Students could study <u>the first semester</u> of the program online inside/outside of Canada until the end of April, 2022 if <u>they have submitted</u> their visa application prior to their program start date January 10 th , 2022.
General Arts and Science (GAS)	Online	Students could study <u>the first semester</u> of the program online inside/outside of Canada until the end of April, 2022 if <u>they have submitted</u> their visa application prior to their program start date January 10 th , 2022.

Environmental Technician-Water and Waste Water Systems Operation	Hybrid Hybrid theory; Face-to-Face labs	Students must be on-campus to complete the face to face lab hours
Business Accounting, Business Fundamental, Business General, Business Marketing	Online	Students could study <u>the first semester</u> of the program online inside/outside of Canada until the end of April, 2022 if they <u>have submitted</u> their visa application prior to their program start date January 10th, 2022.
Global Business Entrepreneurship Technology Business (Human Resources)	Program Cancelled. Please contact intlapply@northern.on.ca for another option of program admission if you have not done so yet	
Healthcare Management Pre-health Sciences Pathway to Advanced Diploma and Degrees	Online	Students could study <u>the first semester</u> of the program online inside/outside of Canada until the end of April, 2022 if they <u>have submitted</u> their visa application prior to their program start date January 10th, 2022.
Information System Business Analysis Supply Chain Management	Online	Students could study <u>the first semester</u> of the program online inside/outside of Canada until the end of April, 2022 if they <u>have submitted</u> their visa application prior to their program start date January 10th, 2022

3. Deferral, Refund/Withdrawal Policy

1) Deferral:

- Winter 2022 semester deferral deadline is **January 21st, 2022** providing that there are still seats available for that program for the next available intake or for any alternative programs. Deferral requests after this deadline will be assessed on case by case and there's no guarantee the request will be approved; **Please submit your deferral request through international OCAS (where you submitted your program application).** Any deferral request is encouraged to be submitted as early as possible. There's no guarantee that there will be seats available approaching the deferral deadline.
- Students could be deferred to next available intake without paying another \$100 application fee once if they wish to study in the college when their visa is refused or if this is their first deferral request providing that there is still seat available for the program/any alternative program by then. Such kind of deferral should occur within one year from their visa refusal date and/or from their original admitted program starting date. Each student could only be deferred once with one application.

2) Refund/Withdrawal Policy:

- **Refund/Withdrawal Deadline: January 21st, 2022** (Day 10 of Winter 2022 semester)
 - For students who request withdrawal due to personal reasons rather than visa refusals, **there will be no refund after day 10 of the semester** (if they request before day 10th of that semester, a fee deduction of CAD\$1,860 will be applied)
 - For students whose visas are refused, a \$500 fee deduction applies while the remaining fees paid will be refunded provided that all the below three conditions are met:
 - 1) They notify intlpayments@nothern.on.ca **within 5 business days** after their visas are refused; and
 - 2) The original visa refusal letters from Canadian High Commissioners/Canadian Embassy and other required documents are provided.
 - 3) **They have not completed a semester study yet.**
 - For students whose visas are refused at the end/or after that semester, the students could:

Ask for refund minus \$500 visa refusal fee AND minus the completed semester's tuition

4. Few Other Important Notifications

*****Visa Notification:**

- Please upload your study visa copy in international OCAS (where you submitted your application) within **5 Business Days** after your visa is approved. Please send a copy of your visa to intlpayments@northern.on.ca for record as well.
- IRCC had extended the temporary distant learning outside of Canada policy until August 31st, 2022. With that being said, you can study online outside of Canada until August 31st, 2022 without impacting your PGWP eligibility **if your program delivery format allows you to do so and provided that you have submitted your visa application prior to the start of your program study and your visa application is finally approved.** Only the time you spent studying outside Canada **after IRCC/High Commissioner received your study permit application** counts towards the length of your PGWP. Please refer to the detailed information via <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/work/after-graduation/eligibility.html#outside>

***Travel to Canada:

Canadian government announced new measures for travelers to enter Canada on November 19th. According to the announcement:

- **Starting November 30th, 2021**, the following COVID-19 vaccines authorized by the World Health Organization (WHO) will be accepted by the Government of Canada **for travel**:
 - Bharat Biotech (Covaxin, BBV152 A, B, C)
 - Sinopharm (Beijing) BBIBP-CorV (Vero Cells)
 - Sinovac (CoronaVac, PiCoVacc)
 - Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty, tozinameran, BNT162b2)
 - Moderna (Spikevax, mRNA-1273)
 - AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria, COVISHIELD, ChAdOx1-S, AZD1222)
 - Janssen/Johnson & Johnson (Ad26.COV2.S)

To qualify as a fully vaccinated traveller, you must have received at least 2 doses of an accepted vaccine or a mix of 2 accepted vaccines, or at least 1 dose of the Janssen/Johnson & Johnson vaccine, at least 14 full days prior to the day you travel.

Please note:

- **If you were vaccinated with one of the above three newly approved vaccines, you will need to take another dose of mRNA vaccine after your arrival in Ontario and before your access any of our college campuses. The minimum interval between the preceding dose and the additional dose should be 28 days.**
- **Individuals who have proof of immunization and have received an incomplete series of a non-Health Canada authorized vaccine, should receive one additional dose of an mRNA vaccine in addition to the mandatory 14 days quarantine. The minimum interval between the preceding dose and the additional dose should be 28 days.**
- **If you have already received three doses of a non-Health Canada authorized COVID-19 vaccine at the appropriate interval, no additional doses should be offered at this time.**

- **Effective January 15th, 2022**, certain groups of travellers (including international students), who are currently exempt from entry requirements, **will only be allowed to enter the country if they are fully vaccinated with the of the vaccines approved for entry into Canada.** After **January 15, 2022**, unvaccinated or partially vaccinated foreign nationals will only be allowed to enter Canada if they meet the criteria for limited exceptions. Exempt unvaccinated travellers will continue to be subject to testing, quarantine, and other entry requirements. Non-exempt unvaccinated or partially vaccinated foreign nationals will be prohibited entry into Canada.

- **Starting November 30**, vaccination will be required for travel within and out of Canada.

Please refer to the information on [Government of Canada announces adjustments to Canada's border measures - Canada.ca](#)

- **If you're a temporary resident who is outside Canada and who has been in any of the following 10 countries within the last 14 days, you cannot enter Canada right now:**

- Botswana, Egypt, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa, Zimbabwe. This includes international students and foreign workers.

Please refer to the information on [Government of Canada introduces additional measures to address COVID-19 Omicron variant of concern - Canada.ca](#)

Please contact international@northern.on.ca for your travel documents and support letter. Please be advised that it will usually take 2 to 5 business days to process these letters due to the high volume requests we are receiving. Please contact them as early as possible to avoid your travel delay.

Any international students who have their study permit approved and plan to travel, please advise international@northern.on.ca about your travel requests and for your travel support documents.

*****Coop/Intern Work Permit:** Please review your offer letter to see if your program requires a coop/intern Work Permit or not. If so, please refer the information [Work as a co-op student or intern - Canada.ca](#) and **we strongly suggest that you apply for a coop/intern work permit when you apply for your study visa.** You will not be allowed to start your work term, field placements or clinic practice if you do not have such work permit. It usually takes more than 6 months or longer to obtain the work permit if you apply it in Canada.

*****Winter Preparation:**

Checklist for the winter of Northeastern Ontario before your arrival in Canada:

1. Heavy and waterproof winter jacket
2. Snow pants
3. Winter hats/tooks, and mittens
4. Winter socks and boots

Watch the below video which can help you prepare for our winter:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xj4SlA9eJo>

Q & A

1. **Last date to drop off from the registered courses for Winter 2022 intake, in the event of visa denial or while still the student has not received his decision on visa application.**

--- Please refer to the information on page 1 and 2 of this document. January 21st, 2022 (day 10) of the winter 2022 semester will be the deadline for program registration, deferral, withdrawal, and refund. There's no extension after this deadline.

2. **Deadline to submit Visa Copy/Approval letter.**

---1) Students must submit their visa application prior to the start date of their first semester to IRCC/Canadian Visa Centers/High Commissioners in order to be eligible for the PGWP (Post-graduate Work Permit) application upon graduation.

Currently, IRCC allows students to study online outside of Canada (if the program has no on-site practical components requirements) until August 31st, 2022 without impacting their PGWP application. As long as the students submit their visa application prior to the start of the semester and their program course delivery format allows them to study online, they can study outside of Canada by remote learning until the August 31st, 2022. But you are only eligible for PGWP when your visa application is eventually approved and only the time you spent studying outside Canada **after IRCC/High Commissioner received your study permit application** counts towards the length of your PGWP. Please refer to the detailed information via <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/work/after-graduation/eligibility.html#outside>

2) Students must upload their approved visa copy to the application portal (where they submitted their application to the college) and send another copy to intlpayments@northern.on.ca within 5 business days after they receive their visa approval for our information.

3. **In case of visa refusal, will the student be allowed to defer to next available intake? If yes, what would be the last date to apply for defer?**

----Students can request deferral (if they meet the deferral conditions on page 4 of this document, eg, first deferral request within one year since their program started etc,) if their visa is refused. They must submit deferral request via international OCAS portal (where they submitted their program application to the college). They are encouraged to submit their deferral request as early as possible rather than last minute due to the limited seat capacity.

4. **Registration and inquiry contact**

---- Since most of our winter 2022 programs allow students to study online until the end of the semester, we will register 1) international students who have paid their deposits in their programs which allows them to study online before the start of the winter 2022 semester; 2) Only international students who have obtained their visas and could be able to arrive on

campus by January 22nd in their program which require them to physically study on campus. Thus to upload your visa approval in international OCAS portal in first time is of great importance for us to register you for the semester.

---- Students must submit their deferral request through international OCAS portal first. Our team will process these requests on the principle of “First Come, First Served”. Students must submit withdrawal request via international OCAS portal first and then email intlpayments@northern.on.ca for withdrawal form.

5. Will late arrivals be accepted if they receive their visa after the start date of classes in Winter 2022 intake

---For programs which can be studied online in Winter 2022, students do not have to travel to Canada by the start of the semester if they had submitted their visa application by the start of the semester. They could travel to Canada later when they get their visas. Students shall contact international@northern.on.ca for travel support documents once they book their flights. Also, to avoid any delay on their assignments/course study, students are encouraged to travel at weekend/during holidays. But any travel documents requests should be sent to international@northern.on.ca before December 23rd, 2021 or after January 3rd due to the Christmas and New Year holiday. Our office will be closed from December 24th, 2021 to January 3rd, 2022.

6. Is there any extension to the start date (Winter 2022 intake), in the event the student receives his visa denial/approval late?

----No. As the information indicates above, most of the programs of Winter 2022 intake, students can study online outside Canada as long as they submitted their visa applications before the start of the semester. They do not have to wait for an approved visa to start online. For programs which requires students must physically be on-site, they must show up by January 21st to start their program on campus.

7. If students miss the refund deadline of that semester due to various factors which are out of the students' or the agents' control, for example, they are waiting for the approval of their deferral requests, can they still be refunded?

--- Students must pay attention to each of the deadlines the college published and strictly follow these deadlines. They must evaluate their visa processing timeline, the potential risks and then make their own decision whether to submit refund application or not by the deadlines. The college can review the case but there's no guarantee that their late applications will be accepted/approved after these deadlines.