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Pre-Departure Session – Your First Steps at Northern College

Fall 2026



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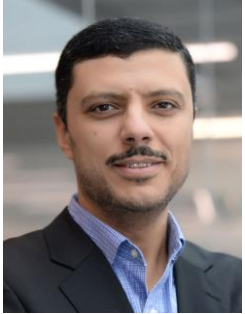
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Tia Leppala – International Office Coordinator



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Beth Pablo – Student Resource Coordinator (Timmins Campus)



Priscilla Kistnen – Student Services Clerk (Timmins Campus)



Laura Howe – International Processing Officer



Welcome to Northern!

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Thank you for choosing Northern!

We are thrilled that you will pursue your studies with us. We are here to support you with any pre-arrival questions or concerns.

Please note that you should plan to arrive to Timmins/Haileybury/Kirkland Lake by Monday, September 7th, 2026.

Please note that Monday, September 7th, 2026, is Labour Day, a holiday, and all campuses will be closed that day.

Mandatory Orientation is on Tuesday, September 8th, 2026.

Do reach out to us at international@northern.on.ca after the session if you have any further questions.



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Fall Semester (15 weeks, 5-1-9) (see exceptions)	2026
Labour Day – Statutory Holiday (college closed):	Monday, September 7, 2026
Fall Orientation/Registration – All Campuses (see exceptions):	Tuesday, September 8, 2026
Start of Fall Semester (1st day of classes) All Programs (see exceptions):	Wednesday, September 9, 2026
DAY 10 (Final Date to apply for...see “Day 10 Information” below): After this date, transcript will indicate ‘W’ without failure for course withdrawals until the Academic Penalty Withdrawal Deadline (see exceptions).	Tuesday, September 22, 2026
Thanksgiving – Statutory Holiday (college closed):	Monday, October 12, 2026
STUDY WEEK (Week 6 – no classes) All Programs, including BScN (see exceptions):	Monday-Friday, October 12-16, 2026 (5 days)
Academic Penalty Withdrawal Deadline – Final date to withdraw with transcript indicating ‘W’ without failure. After this date, transcript will indicate ‘F’ for an unsuccessful course completion (see exceptions).	Friday, November 6, 2026
Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards (SBA) Ceremony (Kirkland Lake Campus):	Wednesday, November 4, 2026
Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards (SBA) Ceremony (Timmins Campus and Haileybury Campus):	Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Tuition Deposit Due for Winter Semester:	Sunday, November 15, 2026



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LAST WEEK OF FALL SEMESTER – All Programs, Placements, Co-op (see exceptions):	Monday-Wednesday, December 14-16, 2026 (3 days)
Grade Submission Deadline for all Full-Time and Part-Time Faculty:	Thursday, December 17, 2026 (5:00 PM)
Creation of Totes:	Friday, December 18, 2026 (1 day)
Promotional Meetings:	Monday, December 21, 2026 (1 day)
Finalization and Submission of Totes to the Registrar's Office:	Tuesday, December 22, 2026 (1 day)
College Closed for Holiday Break:	College closes at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, December 23, 2026, and re-opens at 8:00 AM on Monday, January 4, 2027

www.northerncollege.ca/students/academics/calendar/



Travel

Things to Do Before Boarding the Flight from Your Home Country

1. Verify your luggage restrictions with your airline. If there are multiple flights, ensure your luggage is tagged for your final destination airport.
2. Please do not put any documents in your check-in luggage. Place all legal documents in your carry-on bag. Please note the documents below that the Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) officer may ask you when entering Canada:
 - Passport
 - Letter of Introduction (study permit approval letter) issued to you by a Canadian visa office (new students only) or a valid study permit (current students)
 - Tuition Fee Receipt
 - Confirmation of Registration
 - Guaranteed Income Certificate
 - Provincial Attestation Letter
 - Address in Timmins (or Haileybury or Kirkland Lake) and temporary address in Torontoif you are planning to stay for a day or two
 - Proof of Medical Examination
 - English Language Test Scores
 - Previous Academic Transcripts
 - Other Photo ID
 - Travel Insurance - Recommended

You can also find out more about important information for new incoming international students from the CBSA and IRCC websites below.

www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/pub/international-students-etudiants-etranagers-eng.pdf

www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/study-permit/prepare-arrival.html



Travel

1. Northern College requires all students to have their own laptop computer. The College's Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program is mandatory for all students.
2. If you carry prescription medication, get a medical prescription from a doctor (if necessary).
3. Carry some Canadian Dollars (less than CAN \$10,000) for any emergencies or contingency expenses.
4. Save important phone numbers, including local emergency services (911), all your country's embassy or consulate in Canada, and contacts at your educational institution (+1 705-235-3211 ext. 2217, international@northern.on.ca).
5. **Confirm your accommodation arrangements before arriving.**
6. Refer to pre-arrival email messages shared with you and your agents.

Things to Do After Arriving in Canada

When you arrive at the terminal, follow the signs to the first Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) checkpoint, also called "primary inspection."

1. Present your passport, study permit approval, LOA, and other documents to the CBSA Officer when asked. The officer may ask you a series of questions to determine your immigration status.
2. Once you receive your Study Permit document, please check it over to ensure that all information is correct, and that you have authorization to accept work on and off campus printed on the bottom. Then head to Baggage Claim Area and ensure that you have collected all your luggage.
3. Activate your SIM Card if you've purchased a Canadian SIM in advance; otherwise, you can use the free Wifi at the airport to inform your family and friends of your arrival.



Travel in Canada

How to Reach Your Campus

Flights

There is a regional airport in Timmins. Flights from Toronto to the Timmins Victor M. Power Airport (YTS) are 1 hour and 20 minutes in duration.

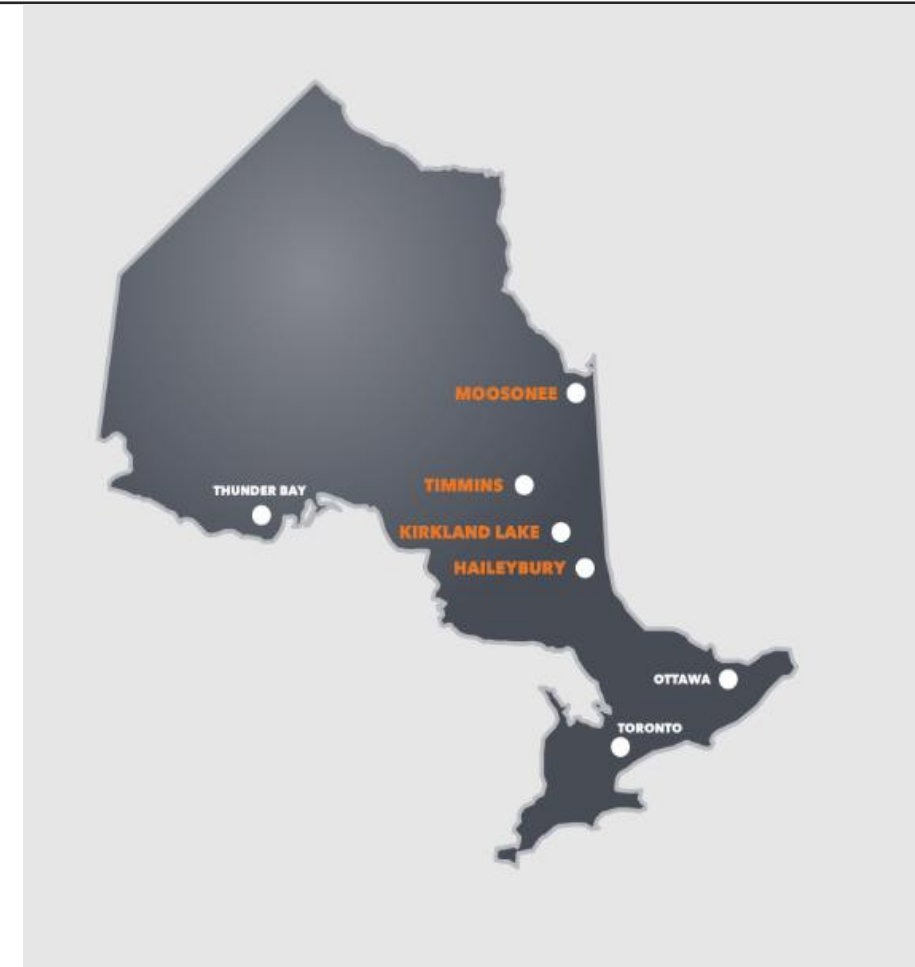
Students at our Timmins Campus can use ground transportation from the airport to the campus in South Porcupine, which is approximately 20 minutes (24 km) from the airport.

There is also a regional airport in North Bay, closest to our Haileybury Campus. Flights from Toronto to the North Bay Jack Garland Airport are 1 hour in duration.

Students at our Haileybury Campus or Kirkland Lake Campus can use ground transportation from the airport in Timmins or North Bay.

Timmins to Haileybury is approximately 2.5 hours (230 km)
North Bay to Haileybury is approximately 1.5 hours (155 km)

Timmins to Kirkland Lake is 2 hours (155 km).
North Bay to Kirkland Lake approximately 2.5 hours (240 km)



Travel in Canada

How to Reach Your Campus Continued

Ground Transportation from Toronto

Haileybury is 5 hours 44 minutes (540 km) [\[Google Map\]](#)

Kirkland Lake is 6 hours and 15 minutes (600 km) [\[Google Map\]](#)

Timmins is 7 hours 32 minutes (700 km) [\[Google Map\]](#)

Please keep your one-time taxi receipt (from Timmins airport to Timmins campus/your accommodation in town). The fee could be reimbursed to you later after day 10 of your program registration. Please send your taxi receipt with your name and college student ID to international@northern.on.ca for reconciliation.

If you are interested in travelling by bus or train from Toronto to Timmins, Haileybury or Kirkland Lake, the following websites for Ontario Northland/Northlander have all the information about bus/train schedules, stations, and fees for tickets.

www.ontarionorthland.ca/en

www.ontarionorthland.ca/en/northlander

Local Public Transit: Familiarize yourself with bus schedules and routes, and download the transit apps from the following websites:

Timmins - www.timmins.ca/our_services/timmins_transit

Haileybury - www.temiskamingshores.ca/living-here/transit/



Winter Preparation

Invest in high-quality winter clothing to protect yourself from freezing temperatures and snow.

Please note that there are many options for you to purchase winter clothing locally once you are in Canada, such as www.walmart.ca/en and www.marks.com/en.html to name a few.

These websites are just samples of some of the local stores where you can find your winter clothing options.

Winter Jacket - Choose an insulated, waterproof, and windproof jacket rated for extreme cold.

Winter Boots - Waterproof and insulated boots with good grip for icy surfaces.

Accessories:

- Thermal gloves or mittens.
- Insulated hats (to cover ears).
- Scarf or neck warmer.
- Wool socks.

Dress in Layers:

- **Base Layer** - Thermal or moisture-wicking underclothes.
- **Middle Layer** - Sweaters or fleece for insulation.
- **Outer Layer** - Windproof and waterproof jacket.

Skin Care: Use moisturizers to combat dry skin and lip balm for lips.

Weather Updates: Use apps or websites like Environment Canada to monitor weather forecasts and weather alerts.

Short Days: Be ready for shorter daylight hours and plan activities to combat winter blues.

Snow Activities: Embrace winter by trying activities like skiing, snowshoeing, or ice skating.



Student Resources

Off-Campus Housing Support

- Assistance with finding off-campus housing
- Rental resources and local housing information
- Guidance on tenant responsibilities

Student Emergency Food Bank

- Emergency food support for eligible students
- Information on accessing food resources

Winter Coat Program

- Free winter coats and cold-weather accessories for students in need
- Students may access this program once during their studies

Timmins Campus

studentresources@northern.on.ca

Haileybury Campus

brazEAUJE@northern.on.ca

Kirkland Lake Campus

klstudentservices@northern.on.ca



Beth Pablo

Student Resource Coordinator
Timmins Campus



Student Services

We're here to support you throughout your student journey.



Student Services is your first stop for questions, registration, and account support.



Fee Payments

- Pay tuition and other fees
- Questions about deadlines and balances
- Assistance with your student account



Registration

- Program and course registration
- Registration changes approved by your Program Coordinator
- Returning student registration support



General Support

- Answers to college-related questions
- Referrals to campus resources and services



Visit Student Services at your campus reception area.



Contact Us

Timmins

tcstudentservices@northern.on.ca

Haileybury

h1studentservices@northern.on.ca

Kirkland Lake

klstudentservices@northern.on.ca

Scan for more information about Student Services.



Student Advising

- Advisors are available to all students looking for support, whether it be for academic or personal concerns.
- Student Advisors offer a safe space to provide confidential and personal advising services for all students at no cost. We are available for one-on-one or group support in a safe, accepting, and confidential environment. We are also here to improve the student experience with a balance of fun, engaging and educational strategies.

International Student Support Services

Whether you are new to Canada, or a current international student, we are here to help you become familiar with studying in Canada and to provide you with resources to help you reach your personal and academic goals.

www.northerncollege.ca/students/advising/international/

Please contact your advising team at your respective campus:

Haileybury - advisingserviceshl@northern.on.ca

Kirkland Lake - advisingkl@northern.on.ca

Timmins - advisingtc@northern.on.ca



Employment Services

Student Employment Resource Centre



WE CAN HELP YOU WITH:

- ✓ Resume & cover letter support
- ✓ Job search assistance
- ✓ Local job boards
- ✓ Employment resources



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students can access many employment services, including resume support and local job postings.



Some Employment Ontario–funded programs have eligibility requirements.



AVAILABLE

Visit us beginning
August 19, 2026

LEARN MORE

Scan the QR code for:



Campus locations



Office hours



Available services



Scan me!



Residences – Northern College

TIMMINS CAMPUS RESIDENCE

Rooms at the Timmins Campus Residence include a single bed, desk, chair, lamp, closet, and drawers, as well as a private three-piece washroom in every unit.

The residence offers a large common kitchen with five cooking stations, laundry facilities, wi-fi internet, lounges with cable television and a games room.

The residence is just steps away from your classes and all the college amenities.

For more information, please contact:

705-235-6800

info@timminsresidence.ca

www.northerncollege.ca/campuses/timmins/residence/



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HAILEYBURY CAMPUS RESIDENCE

Our 4-bedroom apartment style residence, just steps from your classes, offers everything you need to make your college experience an enjoyable, secure, and memorable, and safe experience.

For information, virtual tour, or to apply, visit northernresidence.ca.

705-980-1301
info@northernresidence.ca

www.northerncollege.ca/campuses/haileybury/residence/



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KIRKLAND LAKE CAMPUS RESIDENCE

The Student Residence Apartment accommodations for our Kirkland Lake Campus feature bright and spacious 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom units that provide comfortable living.

The building is within close proximity to campus, ideal for students seeking a convenient and supportive living environment.

For more information or to inquire about availability, please contact:

705-567-9291

NCKLApartments@northern.on.ca

www.northerncollege.ca/campuses/kirkland-lake/kirkland-campus-apartments/



Important Admissions & Enrolment Reminders



1. Still waiting for your study permit?

- Continue checking the status of your application with IRCC.
- If your study permit is delayed or you are concerned about arriving on time, contact the International Team at international@northern.on.ca.



2. Received your study permit approval?

- Upload your proof of study permit approval to your OCAS application as soon as possible.
- Ensure all required tuition fees have been paid.
- Once both requirements have been met, your Confirmation of Registration (CoR) will be emailed to you in August.



3. Need to defer or withdraw?

- Contact the International Team before making any decisions.
- We'll explain your options, important deadlines, and next steps.



4. Important Deadline

 **Day 10 – September 22, 2026**

If your plans change, contact the International Team **before Day 10** to discuss your options.



Withdrawal / Refund Requests
wdrequest@northern.on.ca



Refund Follow-up
intlpayments@northern.on.ca



Assistance available 24/7

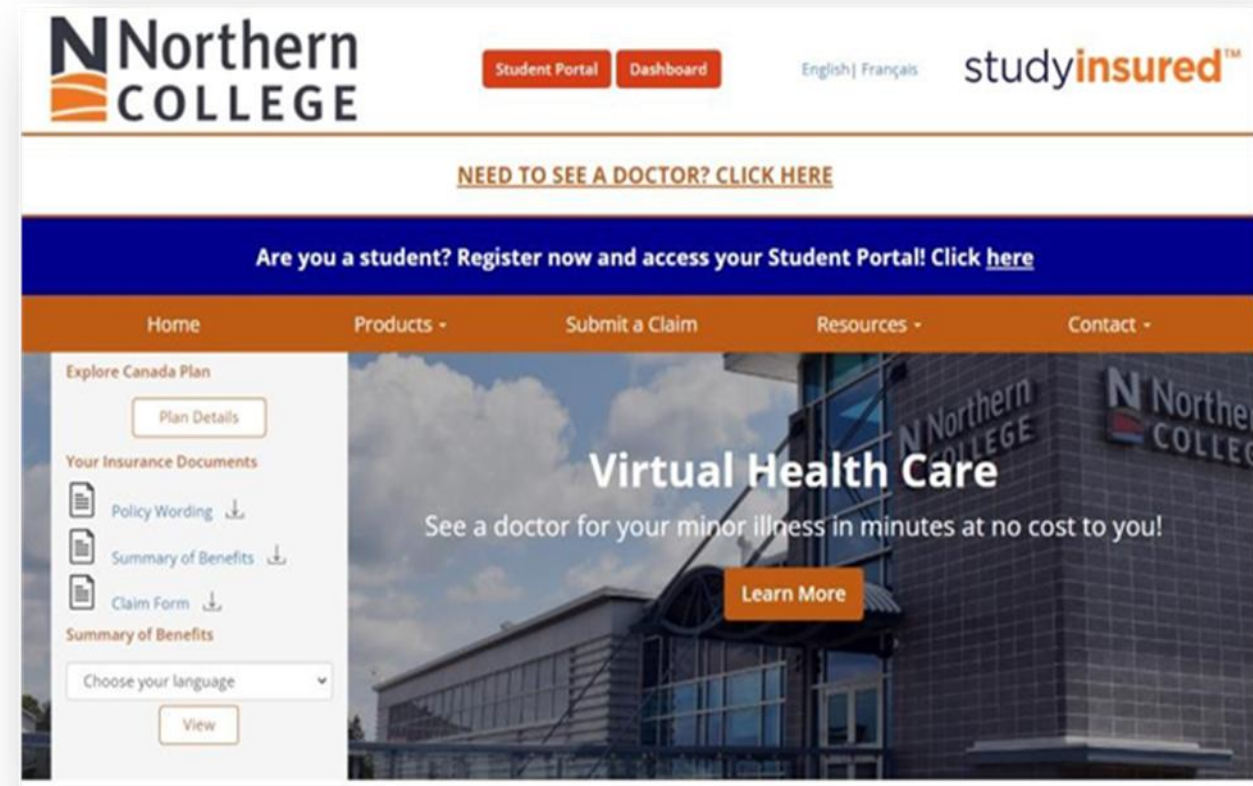


must be notified of serious illness or injury **ASAP** to a max of 48 hours!

If not, eligible benefits may only be paid at **80%**.

1.866.883.9787

- ✓ **Available 24/7** in multiple languages
- ✓ **Answers your questions** about coverage, guidance with the Canadian health care system, help with locating medical providers, assistance with claim submissions, etc.



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<https://www.northerncollege.ca/international/health-benefits/>



Questions & Answers (Q&A)

Any additional questions not answered here can be sent to
international@northern.on.ca



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