

# **International** student viewbook





THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO CANADA

www.confederationc.on.ca/international

## why thunder bay

Situated on the north shore of Lake Superior, the world's largest freshwater lake, Thunder Bay offers an exciting mix of urban and active lifestyles. Enjoy all the conveniences of city living with easy access to some of Canada's most impressive natural surroundings. You might call it the great outdoors we call it home.



Photo Courtesy of Tourism Thunder Bay

2,121 hours (305 days) of sunshine a year

### WHY WE STAND OUT

Renowned



esearch and healthcare facilities





Leading educational institutions including Confederation College and Lakehead University



to the world through the Thunder Bay International Airport



Home to Fort William Historical Park, voted Canada's top 10 historic sites<sup>2</sup>

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### IT TAKES STUDENTS AN AVERAGE OF **15 MINUTES** TO GET HOME FROM CLASS

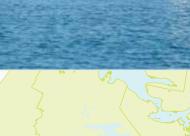
108,359 Total city population<sup>3</sup>

2nd HAPPIEST CITY IN CANADA<sup>⁴</sup>

**15** DAILY FLIGHTSACROSS 3 AIRLINESFROM TORONTO.**ONLY 2 HOURS AWAY!** 

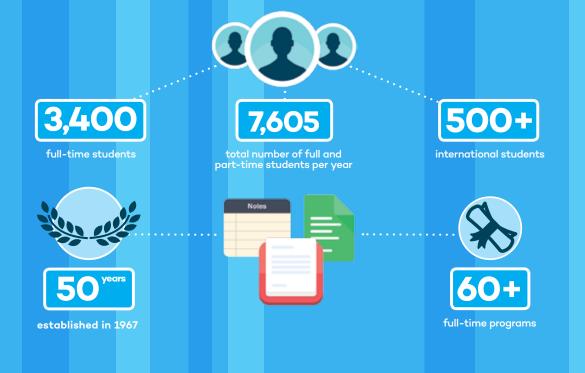
Yukon Territory Northwest Territories Nunavut Newfoundland **British** Columbia Alberta Manitoba Prince Vancouver Edward Quebec Island Ontario Saskatchewan Montreal New Brunswick **Thunder Bay** Nova Scotia Toronto **Province: Ontario Currency: Canadian dollar** Time zone: Eastern Standard Time (UTC/GMT, -5 hours) **Electricity: 110V** 

<sup>3</sup> Statistics Canada. 2012. Focus on Geography Series, 2011 Census. <sup>4</sup> Statistics Canada, General Social Survey, 2009 to 2013, and Canadian Community Health Survey, 2009 to 2012.



Confederation College is a public post-secondary institution, founded in 1967 and governed by the provincial Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development (MAESD). With highly trained, approachable instructors and a dynamic learning environment, we offer straightforward, practical, hands-on education that gets our graduates jobs. We continue to see high graduate employment and employer satisfaction rates from year-to-year, with some programs experiencing graduate employment rates as high as 100%.

Confederation College provides a unique student experience with small class sizes and ample access to individual work stations and real workplace environments. Our labs feature cuttingedge equipment and infrastructure to fully prepare students for their careers. Students can choose from multiple programs and courses, including diplomas and advanced diplomas, plus one and two-year postgraduate options.



### the numbers speak for themselves



<sup>1</sup> Survey of 2014/15 graduates six months after graduation. <sup>2</sup> 2. Student Satisfaction Survey, June 2015, November 2015 & February 2016 \*Average of four capstone questions. <sup>3</sup> Ipsos Reid Public Perception Survey 2013. <sup>4</sup> Survey of employers who have hired 2014/15 graduates.

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# **College community**

When it comes to continuing your education, choosing what to study, and where to study, can be tough. After all, you want to be sure you find the right fit for you.

At Confederation College, you're in good hands. We are more than just another post-secondary institution – we're a culturally inclusive, close-knit community. We actively celebrate diversity, we welcome difference, but most importantly, we care about you as an individual.

Our friendly faculty and staff are here to give you the support, the skills and the confidence you need to take your dream to the next level. And our small class sizes mean you'll actually get to know your instructors on a name-by-name basis. During your time here, you'll meet people just like you, each with their own story, each following their own unique dream. And when it's all done, you'll leave job-ready, having forged lifelong friendships and unforgettable memories.



more than just a college – we are a community

### OUR IT'S ABOUT RESPECT.

CULTURE ENCOURAGES AND PROMOTES RESPECT AND CELEBRATES DIVERSITY WITHIN THE COLLEGE. IT SETS THE TONE FOR HOW WE ALL LIVE AND LEARN – ANOTHER GREAT REASON WHY YOU'LL LOVE CONFEDERATION COLLEGE!



We are both very satisfied with our experience. We appreciate the services offered for international students – including help with visa extensions, activities, language sessions and workshops. Our advice is to get involved on campus and in the city – it's quite important!

YANGCHUAN XUE, CHINA - STUDENT, AEROSPACE MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING PROGRAM

XUAN ZHENG, CHINA - ALUMNA, DENTAL ASSISTING PROGRAM, 2016



### the perks

### ALL STUDENTS RECEIVE AUTOMATIC MEMBERSHIP INTO SUCCI - YOUR STUDENT UNION









health and dental plan

Hitting the books is an important part of

believe, just like any experience, you get out what you put in. So why not put in some

fun? That's where SUCCI (Student Union of

Confederation College Inc.) comes in.

speakers, live music and more, SUCCI provides a wide range of fun programs,

From athletics and campus rec, to quest

the college experience, but it's so much more than that. College should be fun! We

student employment







wellness and

diversity



campus recreation



FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR STUDENT UNION. VISIT CONFEDERATIONCOLLEGE.CA/SUCCI

# SUCCI

**THUNDERHAWKS ATHLETICS** 







cross-country running











places to get food on campus



on-site

**Tim Hortons** 

universal bus pass

# English Language Program

Confederation College offers an exceptional English language program for students with an intermediate level of English. The program consists of two ESL courses followed by the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) course. Each course is 15 weeks in length and students can enter at any level, depending on their English proficiency levels.

Our program prepares students for postsecondary studies at college or university. Course content balances skill development in reading, writing, listening, speaking, academic research and presentations. Students advance both their confidence and English language skills with a highly interactive program that is characterized by Englishlanguage immersion, small classes, oncampus delivery, experienced teachers, and interactive delivery methods.



more than just learning English - it is a true Canadian adventure

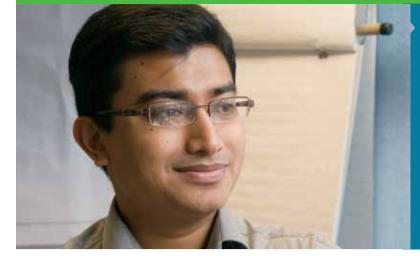
### **ENTRY LEVELS**

IELTS 3.5-4	Intermediate ESL Course
IELTS 4.5-5	High-Intermediate ESL Course
IELTS 5.5+	EAP



<sup>44</sup> I am proud to work for Bombardier, a huge, multi-national company. There are challenges every day, no day is boring and I am always learning new things. The in-depth practical knowledge I received from my program helped me to prepare for this job by teaching me about international business and laws and how to think critically. It gave me the skills I needed to succeed.<sup>27</sup>

INTERMEDIATE BUYER, BOMBARDIER TRANSPORTATION INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND TRADE. 2012



# program options



Choose from 1-year, 2-year or 3-year options

**ESL PROGRAM** 

FOUNDATION PROGRAMS

UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES

POST-GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

**ACCELERATED OPTIONS** 

PATHWAY OPTIONS FOR GRADUATES

UNIVERSITY TRANSFER AGREEMENTS

For a complete and up-to-date description of all our programs, visit our website: confederationc.on.ca/international-students/programs

"All the staff were very friendly. They helped me gain the skills and knowledge that are required to enter the competitive job market. It's as if this program was designed for the current job I'm holding."

Shameema Warsalle, Mauritius - Alumna | Leadership for Healthcare Professionals, 2016



### Work and Placement Opportunities

- Work placement enables you to apply the theoretical knowledge, skills and attitudes you have learned in your program in real-world settings
- There are ample opportunities for part-time work while you study.

### Working in Canada

- Post-secondary students automatically receive a work permit, upon issuance of a study permit:
  - While studying you can work for up to 20 hours per week
  - School breaks you can work for up to 40 hours per week

Working in Canada is regulated by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). For full details, visit the CIC website: **cic.gc.ca**.

# three schools of study



### SCHOOL OF AVIATION, ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY & TRADES

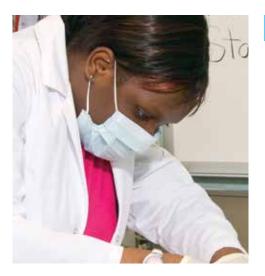
The home of our aviation programs is the Thunder Bay International Airport. Unique in Canada, our faculty and programs are dedicated to the entire spectrum of aviation and aerospace. We have flight simulators, an impressive hangar which permits maintenance training on propeller and jet engines, a huge manufacturing department with leading edge CNC machines, and 3D printers.

A distinct and defining feature of the engineering and trades programs at Confederation, is that there are dedicated lab stations for each and every student, and many programs offer co-op options. Graduates from this School often secure employment before they even finish their studies.



### SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, HOSPITALITY & MEDIA ARTS

This School has a long and prestigious history, delivering business, hospitality and media arts programs for over 40 years. Confederation is proud to have trained accountants, human resources staff, marketing managers, and/or administrative assistants in most of the businesses and institutions in our city and region. Our Film Production program is one of the longest standing in Canada and graduates of our Media Arts programs frequently win awards including those issued by Canada's Broadcast Educators Association.



### SCHOOL OF HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES

With a wide range of practical healthcare experience, our knowledgeable faculty provides high quality training in dental health, medical laboratory assisting, post-graduate healthcare programs and more - so from day one, students know they're learning from the best! Partnerships with leading healthcare organizations complement the learning experience, exposing students to real-life work experiences which further prepares them for their future careers.



### Interested in a university degree?



We offer pathways to universities in Canada and beyond. Confederation College has agreements in place that permit credit transfers to other colleges and universities; this allows you to gain advanced standing in a wide variety of programs. Specific criteria does apply.

### For full details, visit **confederationc.on.ca/ admissions/articulation**

Additional information on collaborative programs, articulation agreements and credit transfer between Ontario universities and colleges is available on the Ontario Postsecondary Transfer Guide website: **ONTransfer.ca** 

### **STAY IN THUNDER BAY**

Thunder Bay is home to both Confederation College and Lakehead University. The campuses are located within a 10 minute walk from each other, making the university transfer easy and economical (no relocation or settlement in a new city is required).

# help & support services



From application through to graduation, Confederation College support services are there to help you every step of the way. We support our students with a wide variety of effective services including:

ACADEMIC ADVISING	OFF
ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTRE	OME
BOOKSTORE	PATI
CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT	CON
SERVICES	PEE
CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION	REC
SERVICES*	REG
COUNSELLING	RES
DAYCARE	STU
WORK PLACEMENT SERVICES*	SER
FINANCIAL AID	STU
FITNESS CENTRE	ADV
FOOD BANK	TES
HEALTH CENTRE	TUT
HEALTH PLAN	UNI
INFORMATION HUB	*Appl

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING OMBUDS OFFICE PATERSON LIBRARY COMMONS PEER MENTORING RECRUITMENT REGISTRATION SERVICES RESIDENCE STUDENT ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES STUDENT SUCCESS ADVISEMENT TESTING CENTRE TUTORING UNIVERSAL TRANSIT BUS PASS

### pplies to designated programs only

### SUPPORT SERVICES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

ACADEMIC ADVISING, SUPPORT & COUNSELLING ACCOMMODATION GUIDANCE AIRPORT PICK-UP (BY REQUEST) ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM MEDICAL INSURANCE ORIENTATION PROGRAM REGISTRATION SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

> To find out more visit confederationcollege.ca/ international

FOR A FULL LISTING OF ALL THESE SERVICES GO TO CONFEDERATIONCOLLEGE.CA/SERVICES



### SHASHVAT SONI, INDIA ALUMNUS

<sup>44</sup> In my life I went to three different colleges in different countries, but the best is Confederation College – the location, infrastructure, staff, administration; everything is perfect. People are more supportive than any other college.<sup>\*\*</sup>

BUSINESS MANAGER & DENTAL HYGIENIST, KK DENTAL DENTAL HYGIENE, 2015

# accommodations

Three accommodation options are available for international students in Thunder Bay: on-campus accommodations, homestay, and off-campus housing. Your accommodation preference will be influenced by your

budget, your personality and the experience you want to have. Confederation College will help you to make arrangements for the on-campus and homestay options. Students are responsible for securing

their own accommodations off campus. Regardless of your choice, make sure to reserve well in advance as all accommodation options fill up quickly, especially for the September term.

### **SPRUCE HOUSE & CEDAR HOUSE**



### **APARTMENT-STYLE RESIDENCES:**

FULLY FURNISHED UNITS ENSUITE LAUNDRY

FULLY EQUIPPED COMMON KITCHEN

ACCESS

CABLE AND INTERNET

FURNISHED COMMON LIVING ROOM WITH LCD FLAT SCREEN PRIVATE BEDROOM

TWO FULL-SIZED BATHROOMS (SHOWER, SINK & TOILET)

Visit the residence website for the most current information: confederationrez.ca Images represent model unit only.

### SIBLEY HALL



Visit the residence website for the most current information: confederationrez.ca

#### **DORM SINGLE/DORM SUPER** SINGLE/DORM DOUBLE

SINGLE BED DESK AND WORK AREA WITH A CHAIR AND LAMP DIGITAL CABLE INTERNET ACCESS FREE LOCAL CALLS AND VOICEMAIL CLOSET MICROWAVE **BAR-SIZED FRIDGE** 

**OPEN SINGLE/OPEN DOUBLE INCLUDES ALSO:** TUB AND SHOWER TOILET SINK

#### **ADDITIONAL SERVICES INCLUDE:**

ATM IN LOBBY SODA/SNACK VENDING MACHINES GAMES/ENTERTAINMENT ROOM YOGA STUDIO **BBQ AND PICNIC AREA** STUDY AND MEDIA LOUNGES

### HOMESTAY

A wide variety of homestay options are available and we do our best to match students and hosts according to their interests and preferences. Homestay hosts include single people, young

couples with children and pets, and older couples. All homestay accommodations have been inspected, and all adults in the home have completed a criminal reference check. Contact our Homestay Facilitator for more details: homestay@confederationc.on.ca

For more information about all three options, visit confederationc.on.ca/international/accommodations

# financial matters

Fact is, your education is the best investment you'll ever make.







### KATERI SKAARUP, CANADA ALUMNA

<sup>44</sup> Confederation College is the beginning of my story as far as entering my career and starting my business with my husband. Almost every single week, there is a moment that takes me back to the College – to something I did, or something I learned. <sup>97</sup>

CO-OWNER AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER OF SKAARUP CONSTRUCTION

PRE-TECHNOLOGY 2004, MECHANICAL TECHNIQUES -MULTI-SKILLING, 2005

CONFEDERATION COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S AWARD WINNER AND PREMIER'S AWARD NOMINEE 2016

### BURSARIES, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Scholarships, entry awards, and bursary options are available. These are only awarded once students are registered for classes and are accessible through the College accounts.

### LIVING COSTS

Living costs include accommodation, food, entertainment, books, and other program-specific supplies. These are not included in the tuition or ancillary fees. You should expect to pay approximately \$10,000 per year to cover accommodation, food, and incidental costs.

### **Cost of Living**





**Thunder Bay** 

Toronto

# how to apply



**Check out our programs** There are more than 60 programs to choose from



Know the admission requirements at Confederation College



Speak with your agent or apply online and pay the application fee



**Send us your documents** We need to see all your transcripts to determine if you are eligible for admission



Receive your offer letter and apply for your visa



For detailed instructions on how to apply, visit: confederationc.on.ca/international/application

### programs

### SCHOOL OF AVIATION, ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY & TRADES

### AVIATION

### DIPLOMAS

- Aerospace Manufacturing Engineering Technician
- Aerospace Manufacturing Engineering Technology
- Aviation Technician Aircraft Maintenance

### ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

### CERTIFICATES

- Mechanical Techniques
- Pre-Technology Technology / Aviation
- Pre-Technology Trades

### DIPLOMAS

- Civil Engineering Technology
- Computer Programmer
- Electronics Engineering Technician Computers
- Electrical Engineering Technology
- Instrumentation Engineering Technician Process Automation and Control
- Mechanical Engineering Technician

### SKILLED TRADES

#### CERTIFICATES

- Construction Techniques
- Motive Power Techniques Automotive
- Motive Power Techniques Heavy Equipment
- Welding Techniques

### NATURAL RESOURCES

#### DIPLOMAS

- Environmental Technician
- Forest Ecosystem Management Technician

### **OPTIONS FOR DEGREE HOLDERS**

- Aerospace Manufacturing Engineering Technician, Accelerated
- Aerospace Manufacturing Engineering Technology, Accelerated
- Engineering Business and Safety Management, Post-Graduate Certificate
- Environmental Technician, Accelerated
- Industrial Manufacturing Processes, Post-Graduate Certificate

### SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, HOSPITALITY & MEDIA ARTS BUSINESS

#### CERTIFICATES

- Business Fundamentals
- Office Administration

### DIPLOMAS

- Business Accounting
- Business Administration Accounting
- Business Marketing
- Business Human Resources
- Business Administration Human Resources

### GENERAL ARTS AND SCIENCE

### CERTIFICATES

General Arts and Science

### DIPLOMAS

• General Arts and Science

### HOSPITALITY

- DIPLOMAS
- Culinary Management
- Tourism Travel and Eco-Adventure

### MEDIA ARTS

### DIPLOMAS

- Film Production
- Interactive Media Development

### **OPTIONS FOR DEGREE HOLDERS**

- Business Administration Accounting, Accelerated
- Human Resources Management, Post-Graduate Certificate
- International Business Management, Post-Graduate Certificate

### SCHOOL OF HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES

### HEALTH SCIENCES

- CERTIFICATES
- Dental Assisting Levels I & II
- Medical Laboratory Assistant
- Pre-Health Sciences

### DIPLOMAS

• Dental Hygiene

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

#### CERTIFICATES

• Personal Support Worker

### DIPLOMAS

- Child and Youth Care
- Developmental Services Worker
- Early Childhood Education
- Recreation Therapy

### **OPTIONS FOR DEGREE HOLDERS**

- Child and Youth Care, Accelerated
- Critical Care Nursing, Post-Graduate Certificate
- Dental Care and Administration, Post-Graduate Pathway
- Developmental Services Worker, Accelerated
- Leadership for Healthcare Professionals, Post-Graduate
  Certificate
- Leadership in Patient Support and Administration, Post-Graduate Pathway
- Nursing Specialization Critical Care Nursing & Administration, Post-Graduate Pathway
- Recreation Therapy, Accelerated







Every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of this document; however, program changes may occur. Please check the website for the latest content.

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### our locations

### INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CENTRE

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