

# ASSOCIATE OF ARTS - SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES SPECIALIZATION

## Sustainable Community Development Program "From the Home to the Land"

Do you want to work at the intersection of nature and cities, indigenous wisdom and modern technology, permaculture, ecology and economy?

Can you imagine yourself working at the leading edge of the biggest social, cultural and economic shift since the Industrial Revolution, helping communities, companies and nations grapple with the opportunities and threats of a rapidly changing world?

With an SCD Associate Degree, you can begin working with communities immediately or continue on to a Bachelor of Arts program at Simon Fraser University (SFU) or Royal Roads University (RRU).

## Apply to CMTN

Visit Apply to CMTN (<https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/admissions/apply-to-cmntn/>) for an Admissions Checklist and to apply online.

Our Educational Advisors (<https://www.coastmountaincollege.ca/student-services/student-support/educational-advising/>) are here to help if you have any questions or need guidance along the way.

## Dates and locations

Intake	Location
Winter 2024	Prince Rupert
Fall 2024	Prince Rupert

Study on a full or part-time basis. Some courses are available online (<https://coastmountaincollege.ca/programs/programs/>) and by video conference.

Note: Speak with an Educational Advisor (<https://coastmountaincollege.ca/student-services/academic-support/educational-advising/>) for assistance with course selection.

The "Home to the Land" concept of learning describes the multi-disciplinary integrated approach to creating a sustainable community that provides economic opportunities and a healthy socially engaged community that limits its impact on the natural environment.

Utilizing the 3 foundational ethics of permaculture; people care, earth care, and fair share, students will develop leadership and organizational skills along with a deep insight into the relationships between family, community structure, First Nations perspectives, the political system, the

role of resource extraction on community development, and different models for economic development.

Code	Title	Credits
6 Credits in 1st Year English		6
ENGL 101	Introduction to Composition	
ENGL 151	Technical Writing I	
9 Credits of Science which include:		9
3 Credits of the following Computer Science, Math, or Statistics Courses:		
CPSC 111	Introduction to Computer Science	
3 Credits in a Laboratory Science of the following:		
GEOG 160	Physical Geography II: Geology, Geomorphology and Soils	
GEOG 204	Spatial Analysis and Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	
SUST 120	Permaculture Design	
3 Credits in Science with or without Lab:		
GEOG 110	People and the Environment or GEOG 210 Environments and Society	
36 credits of Arts which include:		36
6 credits in Humanities		
GEOG 215	Geography of Food	
FNST 101	Introductory to First Nations Studies	
HIST 106	Canada Since Mid-19th Century	
HIST 213	History of British Columbia	
WMST 102	Intro to Women's Studies or SUST 207 Equality and Sustainability	
6 Credits in Social Sciences		
FNST 200	Aboriginal Community Research or FNST 210 Aboriginal Health: Community Wellness & Healing	
GEOG 225	Regional Geography of B C	
GEOG 222	Economic Geography	
POLI 102	Canadian Politics and Government	
POLI 203	International Politics	
POLI 213	International Political Economy	
SOCI 101	Introductory Sociology I	
SOCI 102	Introductory Sociology II	
SOCI 205	Sociology of the Family or SOCI 206 The Family in Cross-Cultural Perspective or SOCI 270 Rural Sociology	
SOCI 261	Sociology of Community	
SUST 201	Intro Sustainable Community Development	
SUST 250	Capstone Project	
9 Credits of Additional Arts, Science, or Other Areas		9
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>60</b>



1. Apply (<https://apply.educationplannerbc.ca/cmtn/>) direct to the University Credit Program
2. Submit proof of English Studies 12 or First People's English 12 or equivalent
3. Once admitted, register in the courses required for this specialization

Course prerequisites include:

- Math 11

The prerequisites for individual courses are outlined in the course descriptions. Students missing prerequisites may enrol in Career & College Preparation (CCP) (<https://coastmountaincollege.ca/programs/career-college-prep/>) upgrading courses while completing the program.

English proficiency is required for all students entering CMTN programs. Please visit our English Language Alternatives (<https://coastmountaincollege.ca/admissions/requirements/language-requirements/domestic-english-language-requirements/>) page to see how this requirement can be met.

Need help with the application process? Contact an Educational Advisor (<https://coastmountaincollege.ca/student-services/academic-support/educational-advising/>).

Admission to an intake does not guarantee completion in 2 years.

Fees	Domestic	International
Full-time	30 Credits	30 Credits
Tuition	\$3,084.90	\$13,111.20
Mandatory fees	\$235.50	\$285.38
Lab fees (17.16 per credit) <sup>1</sup>	\$51.48	\$51.48
Student Union fees <sup>2</sup>	\$93.28	\$93.28
Health and Dental Insurance <sup>4,5</sup>	\$275.00	\$585.82
<b>Total Tuition:</b>	<b>\$3,740.16</b>	<b>\$14,127.16</b>
Books & supplies <sup>2</sup>	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Field School fees <sup>3</sup>	\$900.00	\$900.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$6,640.16</b>	<b>\$17,027.16</b>

**Tuition and fees effective August 1, 2023 for the 2023/24 Academic Year.**

<sup>1</sup>Lab fees are mandatory. All associate degrees require a minimum of 3 credits in laboratory science, and students may take up to 42 lab credits.

<sup>2</sup>Costs are approximate and may vary depending on courses taken. Student union fees are term based.

<sup>3</sup>Field schools have additional costs between \$100 - \$900 per field school, depending on the location and the activities. Field schools are not a mandatory component of all associate degrees, however, students are strongly encouraged to attend a field school during the spring/summer semester. Associate Degrees specializing in Environmental Geoscience are

encouraged to attend a minimum of two field schools. Field schools are subject to different deposit requirements and refund rules.

<sup>4</sup>The Coast Mountain Students Union (CMSU) is pleased to announce that Extended Health and Dental Insurance has been approved by student referendum held in March 2021. Additional information will be provided by CMSU July 2021, including details of the coverage and directions for the opt out process for students with equivalent coverage. For any inquiries about the plan or referendum, please contact Golnoosh Namazi, [organiser@mycmsu.ca](mailto:organiser@mycmsu.ca)

<sup>5</sup>Basic Health insurance is mandatory for all international students. Health insurance costs will be charged every term until students provide proof of MSP.

## Career opportunities

Upon successful completion of the program students will be able to secure work in the following settings:

- Local government/regional districts
- First Nation communities
- Consulting firms
- NGO's – e.g. Community Futures, Northern Development Initiative, etc.
- Community development organizations – e.g. Kaien Island Anti-Poverty
- Social enterprises

The type of work graduates may be employed could include the following activities:

- Upgrading the efficiency of energy use in buildings, products, and transportation systems
- Adopting and implementing sustainable forestry, fisheries, soil, and watershed management practices
- Expanded delivery and use of information technologies
- Sustainable tourism activities centered around areas of environmental, cultural, and historic significance
- Recycling and re-manufacturing of solid and hazardous waste into marketable products
- Accelerated and expanded development of marine and freshwater aquaculture
- Adding value to fish, agricultural, and forest products
- Developing, manufacturing, and marketing products, services, and technologies that reduce environmental burdens

## Further education

Laddering towards the completion of a Bachelor's degree can occur at Royal Roads University with a BA in Environmental Practice and with the SFU Centre for Sustainable Development undergraduate Certificate Program.

The SFU certificate program exists within the traditional 4 year degree program of which there are a number of streams a student could follow



for degree completion. Choose one of those streams and take 3rd and 4th year Sustainable Community courses as your electives.

