Humber College Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning
Backgrounder

Humber College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning is one of Canada’s leading postsecondary institutions. The college is one of seven Ontario colleges named as an Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning by the Ontario Government. Humber offers a combination of theoretical learning and hands-on experience and meets its vision of transforming postsecondary education through global polytechnic leadership.

Founded in 1967, Humber is celebrated for its innovative and collaborative approach to teaching and learning. Humber serves 33,000 full-time students and 23,000 part-time continuing education students across three campuses, North in Etobicoke, Lakeshore in south Etobicoke and Orangeville. The college offers a variety of credentials, including bachelor’s degrees, diplomas, certificates, post-graduate certificates and apprentice programs. Faculty and students excel in business, applied technology, media studies, liberal arts and sciences, social community services, health sciences, hospitality, recreation and lifestyle promotion, and creative and performing arts.

Humber ensures its programs are relevant through advisory committees, co-op and work-study programs, internship and apprentice placements, clinical practice, community alliances, applied research and development projects. The college’s mandate is to provide a comprehensive and balanced mix of educational programs and services to assist students pursuing educational, career and life goals. Humber’s mission is to develop global citizens with the knowledge and skills to lead and innovate.

Humber serves approximately 6,000 international students from more than 130 countries. Humber offers more than 200 full-time programs across and delivers approximately 200 part-time and more than 60 online programs. The college receives 110,000 program applications annually and proudly recognizes more than 240,000 alumni.

Meeting the needs of the Humber community, the campus environment includes learning support through a multitude of student services; a focus on library resources; an active student government; outstanding varsity teams and unique student-led activities such as a gourmet restaurant, a student newspaper, in-house radio and TV stations, theatrical performances, guest lectures and literary readings.

Humber is the first Canadian college or polytechnic to sign the Okanagan Charter, and is also the first Ontario College (North and Lakeshore) to achieve Fairtrade designation. As of 2018, Humber has been recognized as one of Canada’s Greenest Employers for three years in a row.

Humber is a founding member of Polytechnics Canada, an association committed to producing career-ready graduates who combine critical thinking with theoretical understanding and practical skills. Humber is currently building a network of multidisciplinary Centres of Innovation (COIs) to help businesses and communities succeed and grow. The COIs will be innovation catalysts, solving real-world problems, accelerating new concepts and developing new applications.

Humber is one of the largest, comprehensive post-secondary institutions in Canada with both a strong tradition of technical and skilled trades training, apprenticeship delivery and significant degree and graduate certificate activity.
More information about Humber is available at humber.ca.
Humber College
2019/2020 Fact Sheet

Students
- More than 33,000 full-time students
- More than 23,000 part-time and continuing education students
- Approximately 6,500 students from more than 130 countries
- 3 per cent of students self-identify as Indigenous

Programs Offered
- More than 200 full-time programs
- 28 honours degree programs
- 200 part-time certificates
- 1,400+ continuing education courses
- 60+ online programs and more than 400 online courses and workshops

HUMBER BY THE NUMBERS
- Founded in 1967 and recognized as an Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning (ITAL) in 2003. The ITAL status allows Humber to offer up to 15 per cent of its programs as four-year bachelor’s degrees.
- There are more than 250,000 alumni and 10,000 Humber students graduate annually.
- Humber offers certificates, diplomas, advanced diplomas, undergraduate degrees and postgraduate certificates.
- Comprised of six academic faculties: Faculty of Applied Sciences & Technology, Faculty of Business, Faculty of Health Sciences & Wellness, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Science and Innovative Learning, Faculty of Media and Creative Arts and Faculty of Social & Community Services
- Three campuses in Ontario: North in Etobicoke, Lakeshore in south Etobicoke and Orangeville.
- Humber receives more than 110,000 program applications annually, more than any other Ontario college. Humber has received more program applications than any other Ontario college for more than 15 years.
- 86 percent of graduates are employed within six months of completing their studies.
- More than 4,400 students are studying four-year bachelor’s degrees across 28 areas of specialization, representing approximately one-third of all students studying in degree level programs in Ontario colleges.
- Humber offers joint programs through the University of Guelph-Humber where graduates receive a university honours degree and a college diploma in four years.
- Humber, in collaboration with the University of New Brunswick (UNB), offers the largest four-year Bachelor of Nursing programs in Canada with a total enrollment of more than 810 full-time students. The entire four years of the UNB curriculum are delivered at Humber-by-Humber faculty.
- Humber collaborates with many internationally based institutions to deliver programs, which can include English Language education, International development etc.
- Humber College also partners with more than 50 Canadian and International higher education institutions to offer more than 250 pathways to degrees and masters programs.
- Humber provides residence accommodation for 1,400 students.
• Student services include peer tutoring and mentoring, a health centre, counselling and student development services, services for students with disabilities, an Aboriginal Resource Centre and a career centre, among many others.
• Humber has excellent athletic programs, facilities and teams, leading the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association’s overall medal count.
• Humber was recognized as one of Canada’s Greenest Employers for four years in a row.
• Humber opened a new five-storey, 93,000sq. Ft. Barrett Centre for Technology Innovation facility in 2019.
• Humber’s Indigenous Cultural Markers are located in the Barrett Centre for Technology Innovation at North Campus, at the front entrance of the Welcome Centre at Lakeshore Campus and in the Lakeshore Commons Field.
• Humber’s Lakeshore Campus is designated as Fair Trade.
• A new multi-deck 1,000 car parking structure was opened in 2019, which features a 700kW solar power generation (the most significant single install at any building in Ontario).
• Humber holds 49 National Championships. Humber has won more Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) Championships than any other school in the country.