

Humber College 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 degree, 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 more than 50 fields of study and deliver 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 recently celebrated signing the Okanagan Charter and became 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. In 2017/18 Humber's women's basketball team won the provincial and national championships with an undefeated season and Humber's mechatronics graduates won bronze at World Skills Competition.

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's 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 postsecondary 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.