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Funded Programs	Program Name	Duration	Entry Requirements	Cost	Schedule	Practicum	Start Dates
	Academic Upgrading	Up to 50 Months	Gr. 1-12 (for adults)	Grant	Mon to Fri (9:00am - 3:00pm)	5 weeks (if applicable)	January, May, September
	Accounting Assistant	12 Months (48 Weeks)	CLB 6, Math Gr. 8	Grant	Mon to Thu (9:00am - 2:30pm) Fri (9:00am - 1:00pm) Fri Tutoring (1:30pm - 2:30pm)	5 weeks	January, May, September
	Accounting Assistant	8 Months (32 Weeks)	CLB 7+, Math Gr. 9	Grant	Mon to Thu (9:00am - 2:30pm) Fri (9:00am - 1:00pm) Fri Tutoring (1:30pm - 2:30pm)	5 weeks	January, May, September
	Child Care Assistant	12 Months (48 Weeks)	CLB 4, Math Gr. 4	Grant	Mon to Fri (9:00am - 2:00pm)	5 weeks	January, May, September
	Child Care Assistant	8 Months (32 Weeks)	CLB 5+, Math Gr. 5	Grant	Mon to Fri (9:00am - 2:00pm)	5 weeks	January, May, September
	English as an Additional Language	Up to 50 Months	CLB 4-7	Grant	Mon to Fri (9:30am - 2:00pm)	N/A	January, May, September
	EAL Pathways to HCA	12 Months	CLB 7	Grant	EAL Portion: Mon to Fri (9:30 am - 2:00pm) HCA Portion: Mon to Thu (8:00am - 12:00pm) Fri Tutoring (12:00pm – 5:00pm)	8 weeks	January, August
	LINC	Duration may vary	CLB 3 (Referral from CLARC Required)	Funded*	Full Time: Mon to Thu (9:30am - 2:30pm) Fri (9:30am - 12:00pm) Part Time: Mon to Thu (6:30pm – 9:00pm)	N/A	Ongoing
	Trades Entrance Exam Preparation	8 Months	English, Math Gr. 9+	Grant	Mon to Thu (9:00am - 2:30pm) Fri (9:00am - 1:00pm) Fri Tutoring (1:30pm - 2:30pm)	8 weeks	January, May, September
Transportation and Warehouse	8 Months (32 Weeks)	CLB 4	Grant	Mon to Fri (9:00am - 2:00pm)	5 weeks	January, May, September	
Transportation and Warehouse	4 Months (16 Weeks)	CLB 5+	Grant	Mon to Fri (9:00am - 2:00pm)	5 weeks	January, May, September	

*\*Note: Funded by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada and is free to adult newcomers.*

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<b>Student Loan/Self-Pay</b>	Education Assistant Certificate	6 Months	English Gr. 12	<b>\$6,910</b>	Tue/Thu (5:30pm - 9:30pm) Sat (8:00am - 5:00pm)	150 hours	January, May, September
	Health Care Aide Certificate	8 Months	English Gr. 11 or min. benchmark CLB 7	<b>\$9,808</b>	Mon to Thu (8:00am - 12:00pm) Fri Tutoring (12:00pm - 5:00pm)	8 weeks	June, October
	Dental Assistant Diploma	7 Months	English Gr. 12	<b>\$22,114</b>	Mon to Fri (between 7:30am - 5:30pm)	4 weeks	April, October
	Social Services Diploma	12 Months	English Gr. 12	<b>\$14,464</b>	Tue/Thu (5:30pm - 9:30pm) Sat (8:00am - 5:00pm)	300 hours	January, May, September
	Practical Nurse Diploma	20 Months	Math Gr. 11, English Gr. 12, Biology Gr. 12	<b>\$43,828</b>	Mon to Fri (7:30am - 4:00pm)	722 hours	January, May, September

*\*Note: Or successfully meet entry levels on Columbia College's Accuplacer assessment test*

	Program Name	Duration	Entry Requirements	Cost	Schedule	Practicum	Start Dates
<b>Self-Pay Programs</b>	Academic Upgrading	4 Months	Gr. 1- 12	<b>\$495/</b> course+ textbooks	Mon to Fri (between 9:00am - 3:00pm)	N/A	January, May, September
	English as an Additional Language	8 Weeks (40 hours)	CLB 3 - 7	<b>\$350/</b> course (textbooks incl.)	Mon/Wed or Tue/Thu (5:30pm - 9:30pm)	N/A	January, April, September
	IELTS Preparation Course	10 Weeks (120 hours)	CLB 6	<b>\$1,980 + \$85</b> for textbooks	Mon to Thu (6:00pm - 9:00pm)	N/A	January, May
	Alberta Basic Security Training Course (Part-Time)	3 Weekends (38.5 hours)	CLB 5	<b>\$299</b>	Sat/Sun, 3 weekends (10:00am - 4:30pm)	N/A	Monthly
	Alberta Basic Security Training Course (Full-Time)	1 Week (38.5 hours)	CLB 5	<b>\$299</b>	Mon to Fri (9:00am - 4:30pm)	N/A	Monthly
	Alberta Basic Security Training Course	38.5 Hours + Final Exam	CLB 5	<b>\$130 + \$25</b> exam fee	Work at your own pace (up to 1 year to complete)	N/A	Continuous Intake
	Professional Investigator Training Course	50 - 60 Hours + Final Exam	CLB 5	<b>\$275 + \$25</b> exam fee	Work at your own pace (up to 1 year to complete)	N/A	Continuous Intake
	Pressure Point Control Tractics Training Course	38 Hours + Final Exam	CLB 5	<b>\$450</b> (incl. exam fee)	Mon to Fri (Times TBD)	N/A	Continuous Intake
	Strategic De-escalation	24 Hours + Final Exam	CLB 5	<b>\$175</b>	Work at your own pace (up to 1 year to complete)	N/A	Continuous Intake

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