

General Information for International Applicants



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Cambrian welcomes you to Canada!

Cambrian College of Applied Arts and Technology is a publicly-funded, diploma and certificate granting institution under the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities. The College is located about 400km north-west of Toronto, in Greater Sudbury, a thriving city known for its great quality of life and magnificent wilderness surroundings. Sudbury offers a wide range of activities including excellent sports and recreational facilities, live theatre, concerts, great restaurants, shopping, and many other opportunities for an active social life.

Considered a medium-sized Canadian college, Cambrian has some 4,400 full-time post secondary students enrolled in about 85 programs. An additional 10,000 registrations are taken annually in part-time personal, professional and human resources development courses and seminars.

Greater Sudbury: Northern Ontario's center for excellence and innovation

Cambrian College's main campus is located in Greater Sudbury, Ontario, Canada, a four hour drive from Toronto. Accessible by air, highway and rail, Sudbury is a safe and dynamic community that offers many of the amenities of the "big city" while still retaining the warmth and friendliness that has won the praise of visitors from all over the world. With a population of about 155,000, Greater Sudbury has become Northern Ontario's centre for communication, government, health care, retail, business and the arts.

Surrounded by open spaces and about 90 lakes in the Region, Greater Sudbury has a range of climatic conditions which provides Sudburians with the opportunity to participate in a variety of indoor and outdoor recreational and sporting activities. With an average temperature of about 23°C, summers in Sudbury (May to August) are warm and suited for such outdoor activities as swimming, boating, fishing, golfing, hiking, horse-back riding and biking. The winter's sunshine and crisp air combined with fresh snow to make Sudbury an ideal location for cross-country and alpine skiing, indoor and outdoor ice skating, hockey, ice fishing, and snowmobiling.

International students are advised that some weather conditions in Northern Ontario can be severe in the winter (November to March), with temperatures at times reaching below the -20°C mark. Appropriate clothing is required and can be purchased at local retail stores.

The Academic Year

The regular academic year runs from August/September to April, with two 15-week semesters per academic year. Many students have the summer off (May to August). A handful of programs also have a January intake in which case students will catch up on course material during the summer months

(mostly by independent study) and will join the other students in the second year of their program come September.

Language of Instruction

English is the language of instruction in the classroom at Cambrian. Though a TOEFL score is not a requirement for entry into our programs, we reserve the right to assess a student's language skills upon arrival and to require English and/or mathematics upgrading prior to registering him/her in a regular program.

Health Insurance

International students are not covered under the Ontario health program and must purchase insurance coverage individually. This is mandatory and is part of your tuition.

Banking

To open a bank account, we recommend that you have cash or traveller's cheques for the initial deposit. If using a bank draft for this initial deposit, please note that it will normally take up to six weeks for the bank to clear the draft, which may lead to insufficient funds.

Your arrival in Sudbury

Cambrian College offers you free pick-up service when you arrive at the Sudbury airport, bus station, or train terminal. An arrival schedule form will be part of your package. Assistance will also be provided to meet your orientation needs, particularly in finding temporary or permanent accommodations; accessing banking, electrical and telephone services; becoming familiar with the College and with the Sudbury area; acquiring personal and household necessities (e.g., winter clothing, medical services, furniture and appliances, etc.); and accessing local religious, cultural and recreational services.

We strongly suggest that you arrive a week or two prior to the start of your program in order to properly settle into your new home before you have to concentrate on your academic studies.

Good luck in your academic pursuits and personal goals. Please contact us if we can provide additional information. We hope to someday greet you on Canadian – and Cambrian – soil!

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