

Important Orientation, Housing, Arrivals, and Health Insurance Information for all new Mechanical Technician CNC Students April 2016

1. Orientation:

You are required to attend two separate (and mandatory) orientations: one for your program and one for all international students.

1. Program Orientation for Mechanical Technician – CNC Program

Offered by your faculty on the first day of class – Monday April 25, 2016 (check your timetable available after April 12th to determine when and where your first class is)

2. International Students' Orientation – Mandatory 2-day Event

Day 1 International Student Meet and Greet Welcome Reception

Friday May 13, 2016

5:00 – 8:00 pm

Meet the International Office staff and our volunteers; enjoy a quick bite, and participate in a **FREE bus tour of the Kitchener – Waterloo area.**

Day 2 International Students' Orientation

Saturday May 14, 2016

9: 30 am – 4:00 pm

A full day event organized to help prepare you for your studies and new life in Canada. Awesome guest speakers, lots of important information, great food and PRIZES!

Location for both events:

Blue Room Doon Campus (enter through Door #3 and go downstairs)

299 Doon Valley Drive, Kitchener

Look for signs and volunteers wearing white shirts to direct you to the Blue Room.

2. Housing, Arrivals and Health Insurance:

HOUSING OPTIONS:

- Try to make your own arrangements before you arrive - if not, plan to stay in a hotel for a few days.
- International Education office website help [Housing Information](#)

Campus Residence - only for *Kitchener* and *Cambridge* students - College dorm life at its best!



- Apply online at [Doon Campus Residence](#) (May application open now)
- Application **must include a \$500 deposit** (by wire transfer) or it will not be processed.
- Need more information? Email [Campus Residence information](#) especially for current fees and early move-in/late-stay charges.

Homestay Program - live with a Canadian family, private bedroom and food included!



- Apply online at [Homestay Information and Application](#)
- Cost is \$1,550 for 8 weeks (minimum stay) plus a \$220 placement fee - **must be paid in full before arrival.**
- Need more information? Email [Homestay Help](#)

Private, off-campus housing - so much to choose from - sharing a house with other students or your very own apartment!



- Try online searches such as [Places4students](#); [Kijiji](#); [Craigslist](#) and [Student Housing](#)
- Go to our Facebook web page to view or post an ad for housing [International Office Facebook](#)
- Rents range from \$450 (single room) to \$1000+ per month (one/two bedroom apartments).
- **Only a very few landlords will allow single room sharing** and most will ask you to sign an 8-12 month lease (a legally binding contract). **Confirm that the location is close to your campus** and know your rights and responsibilities [Landlord Tenant Act information](#)

AIRPORT PICK-UP:



- **It is your responsibility to make your own airport pick-up arrangements.**
- Use Toronto Pearson International Airport, located about an hour away from the Kitchener area.
- Use **Airways Transit** - available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Airways will hold your reservation if you are delayed.
- To book Airways Transit, please go to [Airways Transit Conestoga](#) and follow the instructions.
- **You must have your local (Kitchener/Waterloo/Cambridge) destination address to complete the booking - they can't drop you at our office especially if we are closed when you arrive!**
- Reservation must be made at least 24 hours prior to your arrival.
- Cost is \$92 if you pay by credit card or \$102 if you charge the fee to your Conestoga College student account.

HEALTH INSURANCE:



International students are automatically enrolled in our mandatory health insurance plan, unless you are studying on a government sponsorship.

- Insurance is included in your tuition fee.
- **Your insurance starts on the first day of class - be sure you have your own insurance that covers you until then.**
- If you are arriving early and require insurance, please go to the guard.me website to purchase your own insurance [Guard.me Conestoga Insurance](#).
- Dependents with you in Canada are not covered under the insurance policy ordered by the College. You must go directly to the guard.me website ([Guard.me Conestoga Insurance](#)) to order insurance for your family.
- Visit the [General Information](#) website for more information.

3. OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION:

Here are a few great websites to help you prepare for life in Canada:

[Welcome to Canada - What you should know](#)

[Ontario Weather](#)

[CIC: Prepare for arrival to study in Canada](#)

[Kitchener Cost of Living](#)

**Remember, the International Education Office is here to help.
If you need additional assistance please let us know.**