



Heritage Christian Schools International Students Program

A Canadian Christian School Opportunity for Students in Grades 1-12

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About Heritage Christian Schools



Accredited: Heritage Christian Schools, both our Campus School and our Online School, operate under the British Columbia Ministry of Education's Independent School System. Heritage receives the highest level of Funding and Accreditation granted to Independent schools. Upon successful completion of the Grade 12 level at Heritage Christian Schools a student will receive the BC Dogwood Graduation Diploma. This is the official graduation certificate for British Columbia recognized internationally as one of the best High School Diplomas in the world.



Christian School: Heritage Christian Schools teach everything from a Biblical Worldview. Students require a commitment to Christian Education. This means that parents and students must embrace the values and lifestyle of a Christian approach to life as they will be in an environment that practices a Christian way of life. The administration, teachers and school families all have a strong Christian Faith. Students should also be comfortable in a completely English environment for their education. This means they need a fairly advanced level of English training before they come to Heritage. Every student is valued for their unique place in God's creation no matter what culture or nationality they come from. Students who successfully complete a Grade 12 level Christian Studies Course will receive the Heritage Christian School Graduation Certificate.

Summer Programs: Participating in a Summer Camp is a great way of experiencing a new country and culture. It will also give you the opportunity to determine if living in Canada for an extended length of time is for you. You would experience English training, activities, and meet new friends. For more information, please email us.





Online Education: Heritage Christian Online School gives students the option of starting with our school while still in their home country. If a student is committed to coming in their Grade 11 – 12 years they can actually begin to take courses that will prepare them for a Canadian education. Students can begin by taking our new International Christian Online School (ICOS) program.

International Christian Online School: The International Christian Online School (ICOS) is now available with 100-hour, online ESOL courses. This is a great way for all International students to get a head start and learn English before they arrive at HCS! This will make your experience in Canada so much easier. An ESOL teacher and a native English speaker will be assigned to each student for their direction through the course and for 25 hours of one-on-one conversation. These cutting-edge online courses will provide:

- Flexibility (Any Pace; Any Time; Any Place)
- Work from home via the Internet
- Christian Values and Discipleship
- Cambridge Standard English
- Cost Effectiveness
- For more information go to www.icos.ca



The International Experience: Heritage Christian School has had many years of experience with International Students. They have come to us from all around the world: China, Hong Kong, Germany, Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Mexico, England, Australia, United States and Russia. Students have successfully completed their high school education with us and have gone on to university and college programs. We have trained and experienced teachers on staff who are more than willing to support our students during their time at Heritage Christian School.



Excellent Location: Heritage Christian School is located in beautiful Kelowna, British Columbia. This medium sized Canadian City is one of the safest in North America where a student can experience Canadian culture yet not be overwhelmed by a big metropolis. Kelowna has a full serviced International Airport as well as everything a student might need to have an enjoyable Canadian experience. Kelowna is just minutes away from 'Big White', a world renowned ski resort. It is also the vacation spot for Canadians in the summer with its beautiful lakes, golf, wineries, forests and orchards. Its moderate four seasons of mild weather gives students the balanced experience of living in Canada.



Canadian Homestay: International Students will live with families that have their own students in Heritage Christian School. They will have their own bedroom and will become part of a Canadian family experience. The family will provide three meals a day, help them get to school, provide the normal living needs of a student and give them the support needed to live here in Kelowna. Students will become proficient in English and Canadian culture by living in a Christian Canadian home.

Student Requirements: International Students coming to Heritage Christian require a commitment to Christian Education. This means that parents and students must embrace the values and lifestyle of a Christian approach to life. Students should also be comfortable in a completely English environment for their education. This means they need a fairly advanced level of English training before they come to Heritage.



What are the tuition costs and fees for International students at Heritage Christian School?

Heritage Christian School has very reasonable tuition costs compared to other schools in Canada. Because the school receives no government funding for International Students, all the costs must be covered by the family. Arrangements for all costs and fees should be made before the student arrives in Canada. All costs and fees are based on Canadian funds ((CDN).

The process for Enrolling your Student in Heritage Christian School:

Step one:

- Visit our website at www.heritagechristian.ca or <http://int.heritagechristian.ca> and look through the school policies.

Step two: (send electronically or by mail)

- A completed International Student Application & Profile application form
- A (one-time, non-refundable) Application Fee of \$125.00 (CDN). The school will accept Cash, Bank Draft, Wire Deposit, or Certified Cheque.
- A (one-time, non-refundable) Homestay Finder's Fee of \$175.00 (CDN)
- A photocopy of the first page of your passport
- Completed guardianship forms (if applicable)

Step three:

- If accepted, a phone interview will be arranged with the necessary staff and yourself.

Step four:

- Pay all remaining fees (you will receive an invoice for the remaining fees)
**Once all of the above fees have been paid, an official Letter of Acceptance will be issued.

Step five:

- When you receive your Letter of Acceptance and Guardianship papers, you must immediately contact your nearest Citizenship and Immigration Canada office and request a Visa Application kit for a Study Permit. This process can take up to 8 weeks, so the earlier you apply, the quicker the process will be.
- Complete the form and include the Letter of Acceptance with your application package.



- Wait to receive your Study Permit.
- Make sure you have an updated passport.

Step six:

- Medical Insurance: All International students must carry medical insurance during their stay in Canada. HCS will arrange that for you using Student Guard (www.studentguard.com) which is \$2.00CDN per day. You will be given all of the necessary information during your first day of classes.

Step seven:

- Book your flight

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- Notify the International Student Program Coordinator of your flight and arrival information.

~~That's it! Start packing and have a safe trip! We look forward to meeting you!~~

