WELCOME!

Congratulations on your study permit approval.

We look forward to meeting you.

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Dress for the Cold

January is a beautiful month in Canada, but it can be cold. Be sure to wear layers of clothing with a wind resistant outer layer. There are many stores in the city that sell excellent winter clothing designed for a Canadian winter. We will give you more clothing tips at Orientation.

IMPORTANT

Please do not arrive in Thunder Bay from December 22nd to January 1st. Confederation College is closed for the holidays and will not be able to help you.

Safe Arrivals Service

The Safe Arrivals Service includes airport pick-up and a five-night stay in our campus residence. This service is only available January 2nd-14th, 2019, and must be requested before December 20th for early January arrivals. Complete the 'Service Application Request Form' and submit to international.arrivals@confederationcollege.ca. The cost is $150, which is charged to your student account.

PLEASE NOTE: if you do not pre-arrange our safe arrival service, the College Residence will not be able to assist you. You will be directed to a local hotel and are responsible for all costs.

Classes Begin Monday, January 7, 2019

Web Registration

Web registration opens on December 3rd, 2018. Please register for classes before you leave home. This will ensure your student ID card is ready when you arrive, allowing you to immediately access public transit. Login details were included in the email already sent to you.

Health Insurance

Health Insurance is mandatory and the International Education Centre arranges coverage, beginning on January 1st, 2019. Insurance is included in your tuition fees.

Mandatory Orientation Session: Friday, January 4 (all day)

Transportation from the Airport

Taxi services are available from the airport and fares start at $30. Public transportation from the airport is very limited and not recommended.

Taxi Services:

Diamond-Lacey's: **1-807-622-6001**

Roach's: **1-807-344-8481**

Downloadable Transportation Smart Phone Apps:

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Accommodation Options

1: Live in Residence on Campus

There are two options:

Spruce House & Cedar House

Four-bedroom, furnished apartments with kitchen facilities

Sibley Hall

Dormitory style housing

To learn more and apply, visit www.confederationresidence.ca

2: Homestay Program

Live with a Canadian family in an English-speaking environment. You must make a minimum 4-month commitment to this program. To learn more and apply, visit: www.canadahomestaynetwork.ca/for-students

3: Off-Campus Housing

A variety of off-campus housing is available. Rent starts at $800/month for a one-bedroom, unfurnished apartment. Shared accommodation can be cheaper. Ensure you arrive in Thunder Bay *at least* one week early to arrange your rental accommodation. Confederation College does not provide any direct assistance but some helpful links are:

Rent Panda:
www.rentpanda.ca

Off-Campus Housing:
www.confederationcollege.ca/off-campus-housing

International Student Facebook Group for Jan. 2019 intake:
www.facebook.com/groups/confedjan2019

Pre-Departure Checklist

- ☐ Leave a copy of your passport at home and put another copy in your carry-on luggage
- ☐ E-mail your arrival date and accommodation plans to international.arrivals@confederationcollege.ca
- ☐ Arrange health insurance if you are arriving before January 1st
- ☐ Start researching off-campus housing options, if that is your plan
- ☐ Obtain a police record check and immunization history record if you are enrolled in a Health Science or Community Services program

What to Bring in Your Carry-On

- ☐ Your passport with visa
- ☐ A printed copy of your "Letter of Acceptance." Canadian immigration officials may request to see this upon arrival at the Toronto Airport
- ☐ Warm winter clothing
- ☐ Electronics, chargers and travel adapter(s)
- ☐ Emergency contact information for your home country and for Thunder Bay
- ☐ Immunization record and police check for Health Sciences and Community Services students
- ☐ Some Canadian currency

We wish you safe travels and look forward to welcoming you on campus in January!

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