

# Community, Family, and Child Studies (CFCS) Diploma Program

## Online Information Session\*



\* Note, completing this information session is a pre-requisite for entry into this program.  
Upon completion, you will be asked to complete a short survey.



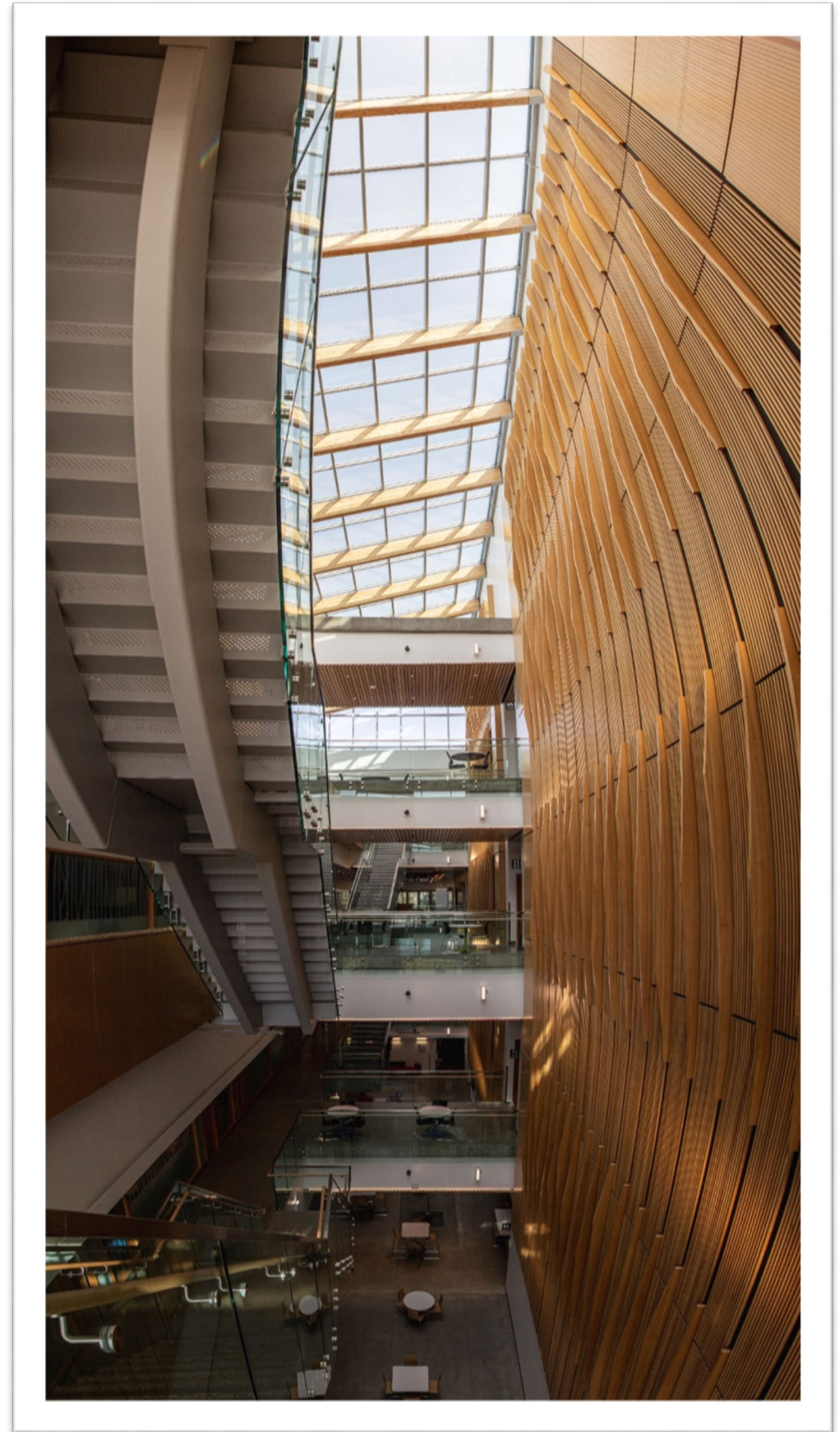


## Territorial Acknowledgement

Camosun College is located in beautiful Victoria, British Columbia with campuses on the Traditional Territories of the Lekwungen and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples. We acknowledge their welcome and graciousness to the students who seek knowledge here.

# Camosun College

- B.C.'s largest public college
- 19,000+ students
- 1,200+ faculty and staff
- Programs range from arts and business to tech and trades to university transfer and continuing education
- Credentials include dual credits, certificates, diplomas, degrees, post-degree diplomas



# School of Health & Human Services (HHS)

- Camosun College offers more than 15 health and human services programs, including degrees, post-degree diplomas, certificates, diplomas and university transfer courses.
- Our School, the School of HHS, is a place of warmth and caring.
- Our goal is to educate and support “flourishing individuals, families and communities”.

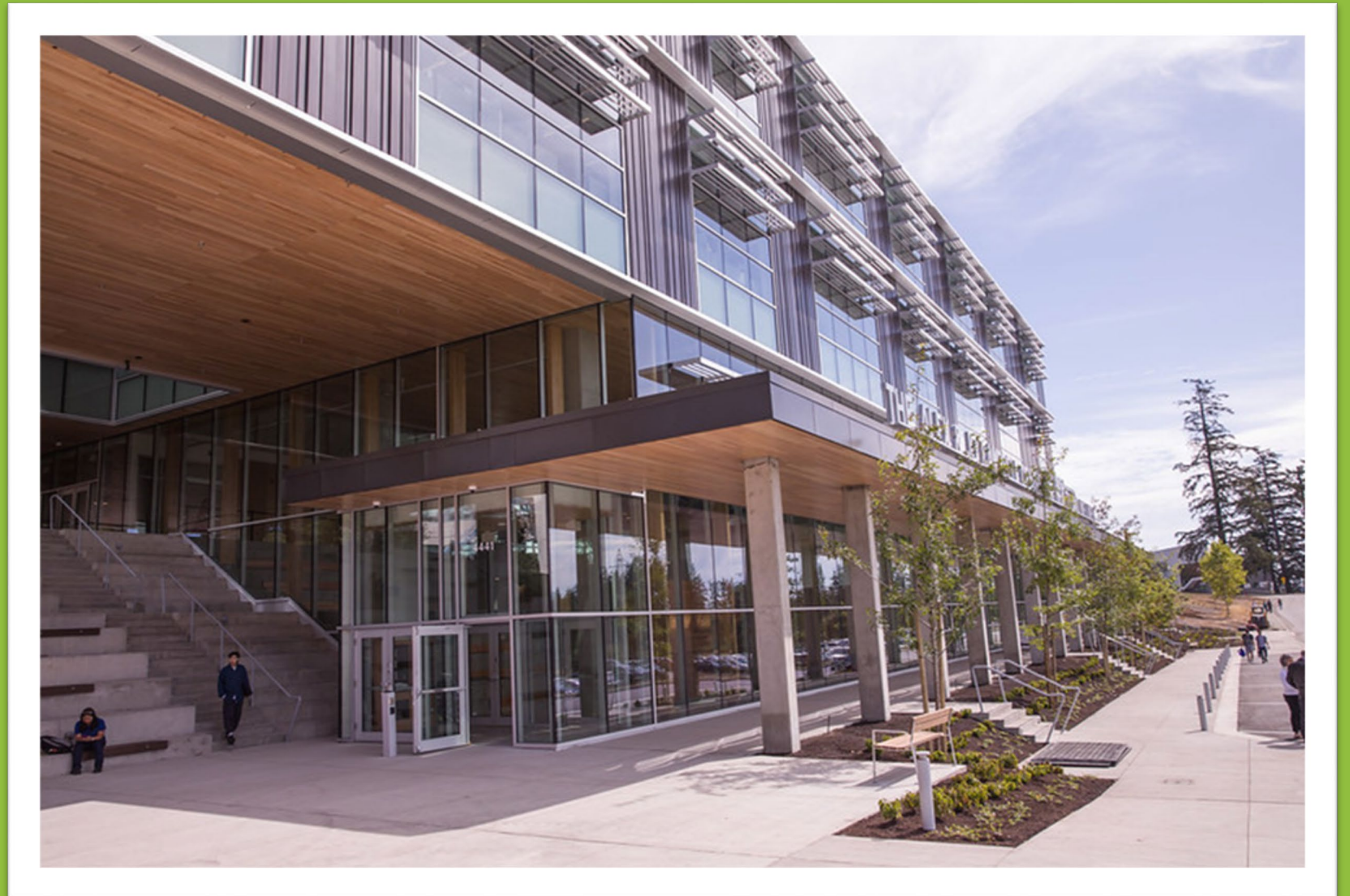
# Centre for Health and Wellness (CHW)

- All HHS Programs except Dental are delivered at the CHW at Interurban Campus
- The CHW brings together HHS Programs and allows a more interdisciplinary approach to teaching and learning
- The CHW provides twenty-first century learning environments including modern classrooms designed to foster active learning, hands-on labs, high technology simulation environments, and lots of collaboration spaces

# Alex & Jo Campbell Centre for Health and Wellness

21st century education for outstanding health and wellness professionals

- \$63.8 million investment
- 89,000 sq. ft. facility at Interurban campus
- 800+ students
- Latest in health education teaching
- Interdisciplinary approach is aligned with Island Health



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# A Bit About Camosun College

- **19,000** learners annually
- **1,100** Indigenous students from First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities
- **1,600** international students from more than 80 countries
- **160+** certificate, diploma and bachelor's degree programs
- **93%** of recent graduates say they are satisfied/very satisfied with their Camosun education



# CFCS Program

- The CFCS program offers broad training that allows you to work in a variety of community social services settings with a wide range of people.
- The program is 2 years full-time or 4 years part time.
- The program includes experiential and hands-on learning with two practicum experiences and a service-learning project.

# The CFCS Program Philosophy

- We believe we have a collective responsibility to create a just society.
- We believe in a society where all persons are equally entitled to basic human rights and equitable access to the benefits of society.
- We believe an understanding of history and an analysis of issues of power, position, discrimination and other systemic causes of inequity are critical foundations to the promotion of social justice and societal change.
- We believe that socially just community services work is proactive, strengths-based and collaborative and is guided by the aspirations of the individual, family, or community being served.
- We believe there is diversity amongst learners, learning is an active process that occurs in a variety of contexts, assessment is fundamental to learning, and all people are learners.

# Employment

CFCS Grads are employed in varied settings, including:

- Family Support Services
- Schools and After School Programs
- Life Skills and Recreation Programs
- Youth Services
- Women's Services
- Immigrant/Refugee Support Services
- Indigenous Friendship Centers
- Employment Training Programs
- Community Outreach
- Foster Care and Other Residential Settings
- Support for People with Disabilities



## Review the CFCS program pages online:

Program at a Glance



Program Overview



Please take a moment to watch the student testimonials in the video, below:





**As a Community, Family & Child Studies (CFCS) graduate, you will have a choice of transfer opportunities, including the ability to apply to third year [Child and Youth Care Degree](#) programs in BC.**

Further education possibilities



# Is CFCS for you?

- The CFCS program is designed to support work that is demanding, dynamic & rewarding.
- Supporting others is challenging work that requires balance and good self-care.
- You need to be self-reflective, self-directed, & manage your time well, as well as open-minded & able to work in a team environment with diverse people & needs.



# Are You Ready?

- Content in the CFCS program can trigger emotions that can be challenging
- This can show up quicker for those managing unresolved issues or mental health &/or substance use challenges.
  - Are you in a stable place on your journey?
  - Do you have supports?



# Community, Family and Child Studies (CFCS)

ARE YOU READY FOR SCHOOL?

Please complete the Student Success Checklist to know what supports you will need to set up ahead of time: [Student Success](#)



# Successful CFCS Students:

- Have support from family members, friends & classmates
- Devote approximately 15-20 hours each week to study
- Make time for practicum hours in the second year
- Achieve a balance in home and school life
- Make a commitment to being a student
- Attend classes regularly



# Volunteer Experience

Gaining volunteer experience before entering the program is highly recommended & will provide:

- a better understanding of the type of work you will do
- a better understanding of the work environment
- knowledge about the community & community needs

# CFCS Students



- Classroom work frequently requires small group work (including time outside of class), public speaking, and classes that range from 2-4 hours in length.

# Student Services at Camosun



**Admissions & Recruitment**  
The right start at Camosun



**The Writing Centres**  
How can we help?



**Centre for Accessible Learning**  
Supporting your learning experience



**Academic Advising**  
Guiding you on your educational journey



**Academic Upgrading**  
Whatever your need, we have an option for you



**Indigenous Student Support**  
Find your way and feel like you belong – with our help




**Fitness & Recreation**  
Make time for your well-being



**Financial Aid & Awards**  
Funding your education



**Counselling Centre**  
Supporting you through life's challenges



**CAMOSUN COLLEGE STUDENT SOCIETY**  
STANDING UP FOR STUDENT RIGHTS SINCE 1990

**Child Care Services**  
Programs for Infants, Toddlers & Preschoolers



# Indigenous Support Coordinator

Artemis Fire is Red River Métis and grateful to be a visitor on the unsurrendered territories of the ləkʷəŋən and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples.

Artemis is passionate about walking with people on their journeys.

As the Health and Human Services Indigenous Support Coordinator, Artemis supports students in various ways, including assisting applicants to confirm their Indigenous identity.

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**View the Dean's  
Welcome and the  
School of Health &  
Human Services (HHS)  
Student Handbook  
online**



**Lori Zehr, EdD MSc**  
Dean, School of Health  
and Human Services

# NEXT STEPS

Completing this Info Session is a pre-requisite for entry into to the CFCS program. Please complete the short survey with your information, to ensure we receive a record of your attendance.



[Click here to complete the survey or scan the QR code](#)





# Thank you

We look forward to seeing you soon

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