



# NEW STUDENT GUIDE

MAY 2021

REQUIRED READING FOR ALL NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



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Apply for your study permit (and work permit, if applicable) as soon as you receive your Letter of Acceptance from the College. It can take up to six months to complete the application process.

Event	Date (2020/2021)
<b>Confirmation due date / offer expiry date</b>	Check your Offer Letter
Check the registration start date for your programs.	<b>March 12, 2021</b>
<b>Web registration begins</b>	<b>March 22, 2021</b>
Placement test deadline for students automatically registered in foundation courses ie Eng/Math	<b>May 14, 2021</b>
Orientation for new students Academic orientation and International Student orientation	Check <a href="https://www.georgebrown.ca">www.georgebrown.ca</a> for more information
Official start-up for the May 2021 intake	Check <a href="https://www.georgebrown.ca">www.georgebrown.ca</a> in April 2021
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# BEFORE YOU ARRIVE IN TORONTO

You are required to read this guide to help you prepare for your studies at George Brown College. Students who deferred from previous semesters and re-applied to the **May 2021** semester are also required to follow these steps.

## Accept Your Offer to Secure Your Seat

1. Login to your account at [applynow.georgebrown.ca](https://applynow.georgebrown.ca) to pay your fees by the deadline date indicated on your Letter of Acceptance. **You must accept your offer to confirm your seat** or your offer will be expired. If paying by electronic bank transfer, you must also accept your offer at [applynow.georgebrown.ca](https://applynow.georgebrown.ca).
2. Only school fees should be sent to the college as all funds received by the College will automatically be credited to your tuition fees. The refund process to retrieve fees sent to the College for expenses other than school fees takes around 6 weeks to process or longer during peak periods plus a \$100 charge.
3. If you have deferred your program from previous semesters and already have payment in a George Brown College account you are still required to login to accept your offer for the **May 2021** term.
4. Payment by bank transfer is only available for payments sent from outside Canada. Online payment by credit card (MasterCard/ Visa/Visa Debit/MasterCard Debit) is also another option.

### Important:

**You must Accept your Offer on the Online Application System. Your seat will not be reserved if you only pay, but forget to Accept.**

Please note that acceptance and payment do not automatically register you in your program. **Follow the steps in the section below to register for your courses.**

## Register for Your Courses

### Reset Your Password:

You are required to reset your password immediately upon receipt of your letter of acceptance. To do so, you will need to log in to [service.georgebrown.ca](https://service.georgebrown.ca) with the Student ID and Password you received on your Letter of Acceptance, create a new password and set-up some security questions. Your new password will be valid for one year and will expire automatically every year.

### Registration Procedure:

To choose your courses in the program, **you must register online**. Check the registration start date for programs and respective semesters sometime on **March 12, 2021** by going to [stuvview.georgebrown.ca](https://stuvview.georgebrown.ca). If you register at the start of your registration period, you will be assured a seat in all courses required for the semester and you will have a better selection of courses and timetable. Online registration will start on **Monday, March 22, 2021**. Use your Student ID number and Password to log on to STU-VIEW to register and choose your courses during the scheduled registration period. Follow the on-screen instructions.

### Password/Registration Help:

If you have problems with your password or you are unable to log on to Stu-View or you have difficulty registering for courses, please call **1-416-415-2000** or **1-800-265-2002** for help. Press option 1, then press 0 to speak to an agent directly. You can also contact [ask.george@georgebrown.ca](mailto:ask.george@georgebrown.ca) for help.

### Activate your George Brown College Student E-mail Address:

All George Brown students are given an email address which must be activated after registration of courses or just before the start of classes. Important notices from the College including your assignments from your teachers, and communications from College staff will be made through this George Brown e-mail account. To activate your George Brown e-mail account, please go to [www.georgebrown.ca/studentemail/](https://www.georgebrown.ca/studentemail/)

# Prepare for Your Classes

## Obtain your timetable:

Check your timetable before the start of classes. Circumstances may require George Brown College to change your course selections and timetable. Bring your timetable with you to George Brown during the first week of classes. Your timetable is needed to get your College Photo ID (Passport or driver's license is required as well), locate your classrooms, and obtain a TTC Photo ID for your Post-Secondary Monthly Pass on your Presto Card, if eligible.

## Arrange for Your Placement Testing for English/Math

Most post-secondary students are required to take the Placement Test for English or Math or both depending on individual program requirements. There is no fee for placement testing.

- You are **not** required to take the Placement test if you:
  - » have already taken an Admissions Assessment (test) to be admitted to the College. For students who have already taken the Admissions Assessment, the results of that test will be used to place you in the appropriate English and Math courses
- **OR**
  - » are applying for a Post-Graduate Certificate or Degree program
- Placement Testing is not pass or fail. It simply determines if you are ready to take the college-level courses in English and/or Math in the first semester, or if you need to take a foundation level course first to further develop your skills. Therefore, the Placement Test is a very important part of your academic success.
- Please check the programs requiring placement testing at [www.georgebrown.ca/assessment/placement/](http://www.georgebrown.ca/assessment/placement/) and arrange for your Placement Test(s) through Stu-View when registering for your courses (see previous section). Plan to visit the Information about Assessment page at [www.georgebrown.ca/assessment/prep/](http://www.georgebrown.ca/assessment/prep/) so that your test results place you in a course that reflects your skill level.
- **It is best to take the Placement Test as early as possible.** There is a deadline date to take a Placement Test. If you do not take the Placement Test, you will be automatically placed in foundation-level courses. The last day to take the Placement Test for English & Math for students who were automatically placed in foundation course(s) is **Friday, May 14, 2021** (first year students only).
- Remember, if you take and achieve the appropriate score on time, you may be exempted from Foundation level and go straight to college-level English and/or math. If you get this exemption, you won't have to pay any extra course fees.
- If you are placed in a Foundation-level course, the course will be automatically included in your timetable (in block-based programs) or will be available for registration through your Stu-View account (in course-based programs). Your placement into a Foundation-level course will not affect your start in the program and you will still take your core courses scheduled for the semester.
- Upon successful completion of your Foundation-level course(s), you will be able to take College-level English and /or mathematics course(s). You will be charged a full course fee for the additional course(s) when you register for your College-level course, usually in Semester 2. This fee could vary, but may range from \$1000–1500 for international students. If available, you may also be able to take an evening equivalent of this College-level course through the George Brown Continuing Education department at a lower fee. Please see here for availability: [coned.georgebrown.ca](http://coned.georgebrown.ca)



# Obtain Your Immigration Documents (Please refer to the FAQ attached)

## Apply for your Study Permit:

You must have a valid Study Permit (Visa) to study at George Brown College. Apply for your Study Permit / Visa at the Canadian Embassy, High Commission, or Consulate nearest you using your Offer Letter & receipt of payment. Students currently holding a study permit/visa and transferring from high school/secondary level are now allowed by IRCC to study at post-secondary institutions as long as the Study Permit is still valid.

Protected Persons, Refugee Claimants, or Convention Refugees are required to obtain a study permit for engaging in academic, professional, vocational or other education or training that is more than 6 months in duration. If a program takes more than 6 months to complete, students must have a study permit before beginning their program at George Brown College. Convention refugees and protected persons are permitted to pay domestic fees. Refugee claimants are required to pay international fees until they receive a "notice of decision" or have an employer-specific work permit (in which case, they can pay domestic fees).

All Study Permit applicants must record the George Brown College **Designated Learning Institution (DLI) Number 019283850612** on their study permit applications. (Note that the first character of the DLI number is a capital letter O and not a zero).

Visa-exempt foreign nationals are expected to have an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) (<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/eta.html>) to fly to or transit through Canada. Exceptions (<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/entry-requirements-country.html#eta-exemptions>) include U.S. citizens, and travellers with a valid Canadian visa. Information on how to apply for an eTA can be found at <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/eta.html>.

## Apply for your Work Permit, if required for your program:

A work permit is a document required by IRCC before international students can start their field placement, work placement, externship, practicum or volunteer work, even if these placements are unpaid or located within the George Brown College premises. We strongly encourage you to apply for a Work Permit at the same time as your Study Permit, especially if your program requires a work placement during the 1st or 2nd semester. Students without appropriate Work Permit will not be able to do the required placement and will not be able to graduate from the program.

Students in programs that require placements involving long term care homes/facilities, onsite or offsite clinics/hospital settings and/or interaction with families and children in Canada, such as School of Dental Health programs, Community Services & Early Childhood programs, Social & Community Services programs, Health Sciences programs, H402 (Food & Nutrition Management), and C137 (Assaulted Women's & Children's Counsellor/Advocate) are required by the IRCC to undergo a medical exam by a Panel Physician. See <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/application/medical-police/medical-exams.html> for more information.

Medical exams performed by a Panel Physician are valid for up to 12 months. If you completed a medical exam for your visa application and it is still valid, you may be able to submit proof of this medical with your application for a co-op work permit. The IRCC medical exam is in addition to completing the mandatory program-specific pre-placement health forms which may be required by your academic department (see <https://www.georgebrown.ca/current-students/preplacement> for details). See <https://secure.cic.gc.ca/pp-md/pp-list.aspx> for your country or region.

Work permit processing takes longer if done within Canada. Processing will be even longer if you are required by IRCC to undergo medical exam by Panel Physicians. Additional costs apply as these are not covered by Health/Medical Insurance. Check processing time at <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/application/check-processing-times.html>



**Complete additional Medical and Police Clearances, if required for your program:**

For clinical/work placements for Community Services & Early Childhood Education, Health Sciences, H402 (Food & Nutrition Management), H119 (Culinary Management—Nutrition, if placed in a healthcare setting) and C137 (Assaulted Women's and Children's Counsellor/ Advocate) programs, you are required to complete a separate medical exam and a Police Vulnerable Sector Check (PVSC) in Ontario before any placement can begin. Please see [www.georgebrown.ca/preplacement/](http://www.georgebrown.ca/preplacement/) for details.

For any questions on these additional requirements, contact Suzette Martinuzzi at 1-416-415-5000 ext. 3415 between 8 am – 4 pm or by email at [smartinu@georgebrown.ca](mailto:smartinu@georgebrown.ca).

You are responsible to know what your program placement requirements are and complete these prior to your placement. Students without appropriate clearances requirements will not be able to do the required placements or graduate from the program.

**Early Childhood Program Pre-Placement Requirements:**

Students in Early Childhood Programs must refer to the individual program requirements at [https://www.georgebrown.ca/ft-status-2020-2021/#Early\\_Childhood](https://www.georgebrown.ca/ft-status-2020-2021/#Early_Childhood) for their Pre-Placement requirements. For more information on these requirements, please email [ece@georgebrown.ca](mailto:ece@georgebrown.ca).

**Special note on programs with Work Integrated Learning components (co-op, externship, internship, field placements etc.)**

We are waiting for further direction from the government about timing, but we anticipate that all aspects of programs will be fulfilled before graduation. Please note that the timing of when certain components are completed may shift depending on guidelines from public health officials.



# Prepare for Your Arrival in Toronto

## Late Attendance:

**Friday May 14, 2021** is the cut-off date for late attendance in **May 2021**. There are no extensions past that date. Students who fail to attend class by that date cannot be admitted into class. If you are unable to start class by **May 14**, you need to do two things. One, you must immediately withdraw from your program to avoid being charged one semester's fees by going to this link at <https://www.georgebrown.ca/international/accepted-students/withdrawal-and-refund-policy> to **withdraw and or request a refund of fees paid less the administrative charge**. Two, if you want to defer to the next available intake, notify your Admissions Officer **immediately** to receive instructions on how to defer your program. Deferral to a future term, however, does not guarantee you a seat as programs could already be closed due to the volume of applications received. Please note program deferrals to the next semester will not automatically withdraw you from already registered courses so it is very important to follow step one above.

## Accommodation in Toronto:

Arrange for a place to stay in Toronto before arrival. If you do not have local friends or relatives to help you find a place, George Brown College has a student residence which you may want to consider applying for. For details, please go to [www.georgebrown.ca/residence/](http://www.georgebrown.ca/residence/). You may also want to consider staying with a Canadian family through a Homestay Program. **See the section on accommodation on page 17 for more information.**



## Airport Arrival:

When you arrive at Canadian Immigration at the port of entry (i.e., airport in Canada), you will be issued your study permit and may be asked for the following documents:

- The letter of introduction from the visa office that you received when your study permit was approved (this contains your permit reference number and the officer needs this letter to issue your study permit).
- Your passport and Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) if required;
- Copy of your acceptance letter from George Brown College;
- A list of any items that you are sending separately (i.e., not cleared personally on your date of arrival); and
- Proof that you have enough money to support yourself during your stay in Canada.
- **Please be sure to retrieve your study permit before exiting the airport!**

**See the section 'Arrival at Pearson International Airport' on page 18 for more information.**



# AFTER YOU ARRIVE IN TORONTO

The first week of classes is extremely important. You will need to complete various procedures to ensure that your studies go smoothly. During this time, your professors will also give you the course requirements and a list of reading materials/books required for your courses.

## Complete Your Arrival Procedures

### Submit your study permit:

International Students are now required to submit a copy of their study permit electronically to the International Centre. Please visit [applynow.georgebrown.ca/International/studypermitupload](https://applynow.georgebrown.ca/International/studypermitupload) to upload a copy of your study permit and enter a few pieces of information from your permit. You will receive a notification once it has been accepted by International Centre staff.

### Ensure your address information is up-to-date:

To receive important letters and notices e.g. Fee statements from the College, you have to inform us each time your address changes by completing the Change of Address Form available at the International Centre office. If you change your address through Stu-View, please input **only one address**, your current address. Please do not include future addresses as this will cause errors in the system.

**Take your Placement Test in English/Math, if required. (See information on page 6)**

### Obtain your George Brown College Photo ID:

Your timetable and a government-issued photo ID e.g. Passport or Driver's License, are both required to get your George Brown College Photo ID. Take these to one of the locations below:



Casa Loma Campus:		300 Adelaide St. E.:	
Bldg. C Room 350		Room 111	
St. James Campus:		Ryerson Campus:	
Room 137 (Basement level of 200 King St. E.)		One Card Office, Jorgenson Hall, Room JOR-02, 350 Victoria Street	

For St. James Campus and Casa Loma Campus, you must first get a number at the Q-Matic counter near Student Services to have your Photo-ID taken.

## Attend Your Orientation Events

Several orientation events are organized at the beginning of the January, May and September semesters. Orientations help you understand the requirements of the program, academic departments, the College and immigration requirements. You will also get to meet your faculty, departmental/GBC staff and fellow students in the program.

### Academic Orientations:

These are conducted by academic departments. Information on academic orientations will be available a few weeks before classes begin at the George Brown College website: [www.georgebrown.ca](https://www.georgebrown.ca) under Upcoming Events.

### International Student Orientations:

These are organized by the International Centre. During these orientations, we review, among other topics, Study Permit extension; the types of work permits available to International Students, including requirements and application procedures; International Student Health Insurance; and the Services offered at the International Centre.

## Attend Your First Week of Classes

Attend your classes as per your updated, current timetable. It is imperative to be punctual for your classes. During the first week of classes your professors will give you the course requirements and a list of reading materials/books required for your courses.

Please make sure that you have reviewed the information on **late attendance** given on page 11 in the 'Prepare for your arrival in Toronto' section.



## OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

### Fees for Later Semesters

Please note post-secondary tuition and other fees will increase from the September 2021 intake for all new and returning students.

**Note:** some specialized programs have higher tuition fees which will be specified on students' Statements of Estimated Fees and College invoices and will be listed here on the College website:

<https://www.georgebrown.ca/international/futurestudents/tuitionfees/>

#### Fee Statements:

For returning students, fee statements will be mailed to you by the GBC Finance Department approximately 3 weeks before the fee payment due dates. Fee statements will also be available on Stu-View. School fees must be paid by the deadline on the statement or a \$150 Late Penalty fee is charged. Please check the George Brown website for important dates including due dates during the school year at: [www.georgebrown.ca/registernow/important-dates.aspx](http://www.georgebrown.ca/registernow/important-dates.aspx)

For your safety, please do not walk around with a lot of cash. Fee payment can be made by PC banking, credit card, MasterCard Debit, Visa Debit, certified cheque, money order or bank draft if payment is made within Canada.

#### Health Insurance Fees:

All students returning for the following September will be charged Health Insurance fees for the full new Academic Year (September to August the following year.)

#### Changing Fee Status from International to Domestic:

In certain very specific circumstances (e.g., dependent or spouse of an employer—specific work permit holder, spouse or dependent of a Canadian Citizen, Permanent Resident or Diplomat, or submission of specific Permanent Residency documents), students can request a change from international student fee status to domestic. To see if you are eligible, please visit the International Centre at St. James Campus.

For fee changes to be approved and take effect, all required documentation must be submitted prior to the start of term/program. If documents are received partway through a semester, changes can only be made to future terms and not retroactively.

### Withdrawals and Refunds

If you are unable to come to the College due to visa processing delays, visa refusal, or for various other reasons, you must inform the International Centre at [intlwithdrawal@georgebrown.ca](mailto:intlwithdrawal@georgebrown.ca) by **Friday, May 21, 2021** to avoid being charged the full fees for one semester even if not yet registered. For Withdrawal and or Refund Requests, please go to this link at

[https://www.georgebrown.ca/international/accepted/withdrawal\\_refund\\_policy/](https://www.georgebrown.ca/international/accepted/withdrawal_refund_policy/), complete the form and send to [intlwithdrawal@georgebrown.ca](mailto:intlwithdrawal@georgebrown.ca).

Please note requests for program deferrals to the next semester will not automatically withdraw you from already registered courses. You must withdraw from registered courses to avoid being charged the full semesters fees before **Friday, May 21, 2021** by going to [https://www.georgebrown.ca/international/accepted/withdrawal\\_refund\\_policy/](https://www.georgebrown.ca/international/accepted/withdrawal_refund_policy/) or notify the International Centre at [intlwithdrawal@georgebrown.ca](mailto:intlwithdrawal@georgebrown.ca)

Students who request withdrawals/refunds **after Friday, May 21, 2021** will be charged a **full semester's fees** regardless of the reason for withdrawal.

- Refund requests due to visa refusal will be charged a non-refundable \$100 administrative fee for withdrawal and refund if the request is made by **Friday, May 21, 2021**. The visa refusal letter must accompany completed, type written & signed Withdrawal Request Form, otherwise a non-refundable \$1,000 withdrawal fee will be charged. Requests made after the deadline will be charged a full semester's fees.
- If the refund is payable to a third party, e.g., a relative, your signed refund request must authorize and include the name, address and telephone number of the third party.

- **Refund requests due to reasons other than visa refusal with supporting documents** will be charged a minimum non-refundable \$1,000 withdrawal fee, if request is received by **Friday, May 21, 2021**. Otherwise, a full semester's fees will be charged.
- Applicants requesting a refund for submitted fee payments whose acceptance to programs were expired or revoked for non-confirmation by the offer expiry date will be charged a \$100 administrative fee.
- Withdrawal and refund requests for all International Students must be submitted to the International Centre **before Friday, May 21, 2021**. The refund process for those with complete supporting documents (in the case of visa refusal) and required information (reason for withdrawal, school name if transferring to another Canadian college or university) takes up to 6 weeks, longer for requests with missing information or incomplete documentation. Refund processing may take longer than 6 weeks during peak periods (December –January, May–June, August–October). Contact [intlwithdrawal@georgebrown.ca](mailto:intlwithdrawal@georgebrown.ca) for any withdrawal/refund questions you may have. For withdrawal and refund requests, please go to this link at [https://www.georgebrown.ca/international/accepted/withdrawal\\_refund\\_policy/](https://www.georgebrown.ca/international/accepted/withdrawal_refund_policy/) to complete the form and send to [intlwithdrawal@georgebrown.ca](mailto:intlwithdrawal@georgebrown.ca).
- Fee payments made originally by credit card can only be refunded to the same credit card used. Fee payments from overseas by electronic bank transfers will be returned only to the originating bank account.
- Refunds are made in Canadian currency and, therefore, the final amount that you may receive will depend on the foreign exchange rates at the time the refund is processed. The College is not liable for loss of funds due to currency exchange.

## Important Departments and Services Available

Throughout your time at George Brown College, you will have the support and services that you need to get the most out of your college experience. There are various programs and services that are available to you as an international student at George Brown College. Some of the departments that provide these services are listed below along with the kinds of activities they are engaged in. We encourage you to take full advantage of the range of supports and services provided by George Brown to make your time spent at the college a productive, enjoyable and fulfilling experience.

The International Centre	
Organizes workshops/seminars and social/integration events for International Students	Issues Certification Letters to open a bank account, rent an apartment, extend Study Permit/Visa, apply for Work Permit (in-program), or apply for Social Insurance (SIN) Card
Provides information on SIN application, Health Insurance, Advice on fee payment issues	Program withdrawal and information
Refund information and processing	Homestay information
Referral to various departments	If you are unsure of what to do and where to go, get information or referral to other departments from International Centre staff

Your Academic Department	
Course exemptions	Appeals for marks
Academic problems or issues	Re-admission to program
Co-op or work term information or requirements, if applicable to your program	Audit to ensure your eligibility for graduation

Student Affairs	
Confidential Counseling on various personal issues	Information on workshops e.g., Time Management and Test Preparation
Peer tutoring and learning centres	Career Services e.g., resume critique, job search assistance, networking events, workshops
Referral to different services	

Student Service Centre & Registration	
Fee payments	Explanation of fees paid/charges
Manual registration	Issuance of transcripts
Apply for graduation in person or online	

Athletics	
Fitness facilities e.g., gym	Varsity sports
Opportunities for sports involvement	Affordable fitness classes
Extramural and Intramurals	

Student Association	
Health Insurance plans and benefits	Legal Aid
Discount Travel Card (ISIC)	Organizes fun student events
Student Nutrition Access Programs	Work and volunteer opportunities

The George Brown College Website	
Academic calendar e.g. Fee payment deadlines, Withdrawal deadlines	Major announcements
Orientation information	Academic Policy
Code of Conduct for Students	College Events
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Contact Information of George Brown Staff	

## Accommodation in Toronto

We strongly recommend that you plan well ahead for your trip and arrange for housing a month or more in advance of arriving in Toronto.

Plan to arrive at least a week before classes start to attend your orientation sessions. If you do not have local friends or relatives to help you find a place, George Brown has a student residence or you may also consider staying with a Canadian family through the Homestay Program. Another option is doing a search on an online marketplace for student housing.

### George Brown College's Student Residence

For information regarding the College's Student Residence including application procedures, please visit [www.georgebrown.ca/residence/](http://www.georgebrown.ca/residence/)

### Homestay Program

- A homestay within Toronto can be arranged for a minimum of 4 weeks with a Canadian family. Please visit [www.homestayservices.ca/](http://www.homestayservices.ca/) for information and application procedures.
- To avoid problems, arrange your homestay at least 2 to 3 weeks before arrival by visiting [www.homestayservices.ca](http://www.homestayservices.ca)
- For any homestay questions, please send an email to [shs@homestayservices.ca](mailto:shs@homestayservices.ca)
- Bring your homestay information with you when you travel to Canada
- Payment for the homestay must be paid directly to Student Homestay Services, Inc.

**Do not send payment intended for the Residence or homestay to the College as fees sent to the College will automatically be credited to your school fees account. The refund process to retrieve homestay fees sent to the College takes around 6 weeks to process or longer during peak periods or around the start of classes.**



## Online Marketplace for Student Housing

George Brown College has partnered with **4stay**, an online marketplace for student housing. They help students, interns and professionals connect with local hosts, roommates and room providers, and they match the right guests with quality hosts. Search for thousands of stays around the campus as they have over 100,000 rooms, homes and homestays on their platform.

Visit [housing.georgebrown.ca](http://housing.georgebrown.ca) to search for a listing.

## Other Accommodation

Other options are to arrange to live in apartments, student co-operatives or rented rooms.

- Neill-Wycik Co-op College Hotel See [www.neill-wycik.com](http://www.neill-wycik.com) or e-mail [housing@neill-wycik.com](mailto:housing@neill-wycik.com)

Apartment rental information is also available at [www.viewit.ca](http://www.viewit.ca)

## Temporary Accommodations in Downtown Toronto

Below are some hostels and hotels available in the downtown Toronto area in case you need to stay at one temporarily. Please contact directly for reservation, room availability and rates.

Hostelling International–Toronto	Comfort Hotel Downtown	Hotel Victoria
76 Church Street Tel.: 416-971-4440 or 1-877-848-8737 Fax: 416-971-4088 <a href="http://www.hihostels.ca/toronto">www.hihostels.ca/toronto</a> Walking distance to George Brown College, St. James Campus	15 Charles St. E Tel.: 416-924-1222 Fax: 416-927-1369 Email: <a href="mailto:sales@comforthoteltoronto.com">sales@comforthoteltoronto.com</a> Walking distance to George Brown College, St. James Campus	56 Yonge St. Tel.: 416-363-1666 Fax: 416-363-7321 <a href="http://www.hotelvictoria-toronto.com">www.hotelvictoria-toronto.com</a> Walking distance to George Brown College, St. James Campus

# Arrival at Pearson International Airport

## Arrival Lobby:

Pearson International Airport has two terminals but no matter which terminal you arrive in, the layout is quite similar. After completing Immigration and Customs procedures, you will enter the arrival lobby where you can be met by a friend, relative or representative from the homestay program (if you have arranged for optional airport pick-up with your homestay).

## Information Counter:

If for some reason you do not connect with the person who is meeting you, there is also an information counter in the arrival lobby where you can page the person. Please look for a ? sign.

## Money Exchange:

Ensure you get some Canadian cash and coins, particularly 25 cents coins (also called quarters) so you are able to use the phones and have some spending money. You can change money at the currency exchange booths located in the arrival lobby.

## Telephones:

Located throughout the arrival lobby, you can call your contacts by using quarters, dimes and nickels.

## Transportation:

If you did not arrange for someone to meet you at the airport and you know the address where you will be staying, there are **taxi and airport limousine services** right outside the arrival lobby. If you are taking a taxi or an airport limousine, show the address to the driver and ask how much the fare (cost) will be. Public transportation by **buses** that will connect you to a Subway system is also available outside the arrival area. Please note the subway system only operates until approximately 1:00 am. Fares\* are \$3.25 and **require exact change**. Drivers do not carry change. If you are going to downtown Toronto, you can also take the Union Pearson Express (UP Express), an airport rail link running between Toronto Pearson International Airport and Union Station downtown. For details, please visit [www.upexpress.com](http://www.upexpress.com)

# Transportation within Toronto

## TTC:

Toronto has a good transportation system run by the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) through its network of subways, buses and streetcars. Each cash fare\* is \$3.25, but paying with a Presto card is cheaper. For more information, please visit [www.ttc.ca](http://www.ttc.ca).

\* Fares as of October 13, 2020. Visit [www.ttc.ca](http://www.ttc.ca) for any changes to the above information and fares.

## Questions

If you have any questions, please contact your Admissions Officer at the International Centre. The Name and Email Address of your Admissions Officer is on your Letter of Acceptance. We look forward to welcoming you to George Brown College in May 2021!

## Contact Information

By Mail or Courier	By Phone/Fax/Email
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