

Humber College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning Backgrounder

Humber College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning is one of Canada's leading postsecondary institutions. Humber offers a wide-range of career-focused opportunities for students through four-year baccalaureate degrees, two and three-year diplomas, one and two-year postgraduate certificates, and apprenticeship training.

In 2003, Humber was one of only five Ontario colleges named as an *Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning* by the Ontario Government. This designation allows Humber to offer up to 15 per cent of its programs at the baccalaureate degree level.

Humber meets its vision of excellence in polytechnic education by offering students clear pathways and the opportunity to build on previous academic achievements and experiences. Humber's mandate is to provide a comprehensive and balanced mix of educational programs and services to assist students in their pursuit of educational, career and life goals. Humber's mission is to develop broadly educated, highly skilled and adaptable citizens who significantly contribute to the educational, economic and social development of their communities.

As the college with the highest application rate in Ontario, Humber serves 21,000 full-time and 55,000 part-time students. Programs are offered through eight academic schools including Applied Technology; Business; Creative & Performing Arts; Health Sciences; Hospitality, Recreation & Tourism; Liberal Arts & Sciences; Media Studies & Information Technology; and Social & Community Services.

Humber offers 150 full-time programs across more than 40 fields of study and delivers approximately 200 part-time and 325 online programs or courses.

Nine out of 10 Humber grads are employed within six months of completing their studies.

Humber ensures its programs are relevant through advisory committees, co-op and work study programs, internship and apprentice placements, clinical practice, community alliances, applied research and development projects. In addition, Humber develops ongoing relationships with industry by offering customized corporate training for private and public sector employers.

Humber students experience a vibrant campus environment with learning support through a multitude of student services; a focus on library resources; an active student government which supports more than 80 student-led clubs; outstanding varsity teams and unique student-led activities such as: a gourmet restaurant, a student newspaper, in-house radio and TV stations, concerts, theatrical performances, guest lectures and literary readings.

The prestigious League for Innovation, an organization comprising 20 leading colleges in North America, has named Humber as one of twelve Vanguard Learning Colleges identified on the basis of excellence in education and training. Humber is the League's only Canadian board member. Humber is also a founding member of Polytechnics Canada, an association committed to producing career-ready graduates who combine critical thinking with theoretical understanding and practical skills.

Further information on Humber is available at www.humber.ca.