

Since 1988



VanWest
College

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

July 7 - August 15
(Vancouver)
June 30 - August 22
(Kelowna)

REGISTER BEFORE
JUNE 1st TO RECEIVE A
\$200 DISCOUNT

INTERSHIP PROGRAMS (PAID & UNPAID)

Start Monthly
Level 4 + BEC required

CAMBRIDGE TEST PREPARATION

FCE September 15
CAE September 15

ONLINE LEARNING

Start Anytime
<http://vanwest.intuto.com>

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SPRING 2008

20th Anniversary Open House Invitation

VanWest College turns 20 years old this year! VanWest College will be marking this event with an Open House on June 5th from 09:30 - 11:30 am. All our valued agents and partners are invited to attend this event; welcome speech and cake-cutting at 10:15 am. See you there!

Languages Canada Association Assures High Standards

VanWest College is now a proud member of Languages Canada! This new national organization of public and private sector language training programs was established to ensure the highest quality standards in language training in all of its member schools across Canada.

To qualify as Languages Canada accredited members, all schools must meet the same set of rigorous quality standards and undergo a comprehensive annual inspection to ensure that they continue to uphold these mandatory standards. The standards apply equally to all members – big or small, public or private, university or college. Thus international students who come here to learn English in a Languages Canada accredited school can expect to

receive a uniform level of excellent instruction in a well-run facility.

To achieve our accreditation status, VanWest was evaluated by a trained inspector who reviewed our curriculum, teacher qualifications, student services, student admissions, marketing, promotion, facilities and administration. The process took several weeks of intensive review and self-evaluation, followed by a com-

pulsory two-day site visit involving many key staff and students. Therefore, we are pleased to offer you official verification of our quality standards.

A final reassurance of student satisfaction: Languages Canada has appointed an independent consultant to handle student complaints.

For more information, visit the Languages Canada website at www.languagescanada.ca.



Mexican youth interview VanWest's Level 4 class in a custom spring program.

Popular Youth Programs Educate and Entertain

VanWest College is looking forward to a very busy summer with more than 60 youth expected to participate in a high-end language learning plus activity program. VanWest Vancouver and Kelowna host youth from all over the world each summer as part of a 2 - 8 week Summer Youth Program. Students are taught from a well-developed curriculum focusing on grammar, listening, reading and writing. Each afternoon students explore Vancouver or Kelowna through interactive activities such as horseback riding, Science World, the Vancouver Aquarium, swimming, sightseeing, arts, sports and more! **Register your student now and receive a \$200 discount!** Custom group programs are available any time of year! Contact Andrew (andrew@vanwest.com) or Jeanette (jeanette@vanwest.com) for details.

Working Holiday Students Find Good Job Prospects in Kelowna

Increasing numbers of Working Holiday students are coming to Kelowna to study and find employment. Kelowna is a well-known Canadian resort destination connected to the world by an international airport. There are beach resorts, ranches and ski resorts so both summer and winter jobs can be found in the hotel and hospitality industries.

In the past, VanWest College Kelowna students have been employed at a variety of locations including: Big White Ski Resort, the Hotel Eldorado, The Dillworth Inn, Dairy Queen, La Busolla Italian Restaurant and Mt. Baldy Ski Resort. Most jobs in these fields paid between \$8.00 and \$12.00 per hour.

In addition to the hotel and hospitality industry, there are also many opportunities for students to work in farming, fruit picking and wineries. Jobs in these fields are seasonal and often higher paying based on how much labour is required. Other jobs also exist year round in the retail, recreation, manufacturing and service sectors.

VanWest College regularly runs a Job Skills elective course where students learn about resumes, cover letters, interview techniques and how to find jobs. The school also assists students with getting a social insurance number - in fact, the government office where this is done is located right across the street from VanWest and getting



The resort city of Kelowna, just 400 km from Vancouver, offers a unique immersion experience for both students and working holidaymakers.

a social insurance number can be finished in as little as 30 minutes!

Kelowna is largely a native English speaking community offering a true immersion experience to both students and working holidaymakers. You can be sure that students are using their English skills and learning every day while in school and on the job in Kelowna.

Please remember VanWest Kelowna when counselling your Working Holiday students.

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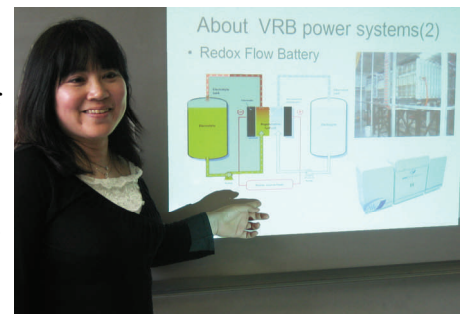
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English Skills for Future Success



Successful Engineering Internship Through VanWest College

Mariko Fukuda, an electronic hardware engineer from Japan, found success in her internship with VRB Power Systems. For 10 weeks, Mariko worked hard at translating technical documents from Japanese to English while learning important technical terminology and experiencing a Canadian work environment through VanWest's Professional Internship program.



Mariko explains the VRB-made Redox Flow Battery during her internship presentation at VanWest College.

VanWest College Staff Feature

Nozomi Kishi has been with VanWest College for more than 5 years, working hard as Program Assistant and Japanese Counsellor. Nozomi was an international student in Switzerland for several years and understands the needs of Japanese students. Nozomi is here to support our Japanese students during their time at VanWest College. Nozomi says, “充実した留学生活を送れるよう、学生の皆様をサポートいたします。一人で悩まずにまずは声をおかけください。”