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OFF-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

The Faculty of International Education will be closed at 3 PM on December 21st and will open on January 2nd for 8 AM

If you arrive between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm outside the closure dates, Monday to Friday, and do not have accommodation arranged, please take the airport shuttle or a taxi to the Centre for International Education at Vancouver Island University (VIU). We are located at:

**Centre for International Education, Vancouver Island University
Building 255 (at the end of Fourth Street)
900 – Fifth Street, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5S5
Tel: 250-740-6315 Fax: 250-740-6471**

Airport/Ferry SHUTTLE BUS

Door to door, 24/7 service

1-888-758-2133

Local: 778-441-2133

www.nanaimoairporter.com

If you arrive outside of office hours please take the shuttle bus or a taxi to one of the accommodation choices listed below and travel to VIU once the campus reopens.

SHORT TERM ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

(Rates subject to change)

Coast Bastion Inn 11 Bastion Street (Reservations required)

Tel: 250-753-6601 Toll Free: 1-800-716-6199

www.coasthotels.com/hotels/canada/bc/nanaimo/coast_bastion/overview

Marinaside Resort/The Palms Hotel & Condominiums 1250 Stewart Avenue (Reservations required)

Tel: 250-591-0880 Fax: 250-591-0881 E-mail: reservations@themarinasideresort.com

Website: www.themarinasideresort.com/

SHORT & LONG TERM ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

(Rates subject to change)

The Painted Turtle Guesthouse 121 Bastion Street (Reservations recommended).

Tel: 250-753-4432 Toll free: 1-866-309-4432 Email: stay@paintedturtle.ca or www.paintedturtle.ca

Accommodation includes: wireless Internet, shared kitchen/bath, coin laundry, weekly housekeeping.

Now offering student activities, special events and more services.

Variety of room types for all budgets including: Small, 4-person dorms with two (2) bunk beds. Female, Male & Mixed rooms. Private Queen bed rooms for single or double occupancy. Private twin share rooms with Queen bed & single bed. Family & Group rooms with Queen bed and bunk bed. Up to 4 person occupancy.

Waterfront Suites & Marina 1000 Stewart Avenue (Reservations required)

Tel: 250-753-7111 Email: info@waterfrontnanaimo.com or www.waterfrontnanaimo.com or

All rooms include: bedding, Internet, utilities, full kitchen, coin-op laundry, housekeeping.

Parking \$40/month.

Rates: Single/double \$79-\$89/night \$380-\$450/week \$950-\$1150/month

Travelodge 96 Terminal Avenue North (Reservations required). For summer months, please call or email directly for the best rates. Tel: 250-754-6355 Toll Free: 1-800-667-0598

All rooms include: bedding, TV, internet, telephone, fridge, microwave, coffee maker, private balcony, daily room cleaning and coin operated laundry. **(Includes continental breakfast)**
Hotel is non-smoking. Amenities include dry sauna, restaurant discount, 24 hour reception.

LONG TERM ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

(Rates subject to change)

Great West Student Residences 438 Wakesiah Avenue (Reservations required)

Tel: 250-591-7707 Fax: 778-441-0012 www.greatweststudentresidences.com

Email: info@greatweststudentresidences.com

All rooms include: Wi-Fi, kitchen, private bathroom, and are **fully furnished. Utilities included.** Each floor has a common room and large outdoor deck. Large communal kitchen located on main floor. Free bike storage. Parking \$25/month. Students must be 19. Special needs considered by request. Video security. Live-in manager. Smoking outdoors in designated area.

Rates: Single Suite (1 Bedroom)

\$3500/semester

Shared Suite (2 bedroom)

\$3000/semester (per student)

Places4Students:

[Places4Students](#) is a leading, online listing service which specializes in providing rental housing options for students. All their listings are in real-time; accessible 24/7; descriptive with photos, amenity icons, floor plans and include mapping from each rental property to campus; Smart Search features and much more! **Services are provided to students for FREE.**

Please be aware that VIU takes no responsibility for the quality or accuracy of the sites listed above. Be sure to fully understand any contract before you sign it and ensure each person has copies of all written documents.

VIU OPERATED AND MANAGED PROGRAMS

VIU operates and manages their own on campus residence and Homestay Program. There are application deadlines for both programs, with limited spaces. Be sure to apply on time, or check regarding availability.

VIU Homestay Program: For international students wanting to practice their English skills and have the support and guidance from a local, Canadian family. Apply at least 6 weeks before the start of classes at: <https://international.viu.ca/homestay>, or ask to be added to the wait list (\$850 for Homestay with meals and \$500 for without meals).

VIU Student Residences: The on campus residence VIU is located directly across the street from the Centre for International Students. Fees range from \$2350-\$3350 for the semester. For more information or to apply please visit: <https://residences.viu.ca/>

*Not sure what to look for when searching for off-campus housing.
Wondering what your rights and responsibilities are when renting?
What questions do I ask my landlord?*

Come talk about housing with our Off-Campus Housing Coordinator or Manager. Book an appointment in Building 255 (Centre for International Education) or email ie.housing@viu.ca or homestay@viu.ca

Looking for More Options?

There are several external resources can also help you find the right place in the right location.

- ✓ [RentFaster.ca](#)
- ✓ [RentSeeker.ca](#)
- ✓ [Usednanaimo.com](#)
- ✓ [Airbnb](#)
- ✓ [Vancouver Island Students' Union \(VIUSU\) App:](#) A way to connect with other university students who might have a roommates or have rooms for rent.