



 2025
INTERNATIONAL
VIEWBOOK

GET A WORLD- CLASS EDUCATION ON CANADA'S MOST BEAUTIFUL ISLAND.





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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Cape Breton University acknowledges it is located in Unama'ki, one of the seven districts of Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Mi'kmaq, Wolastoqiyik, and Passamaquoddy People first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with the surrender of lands and resources but, in fact, recognized Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.

THE PATH TO SUCCESS COMES WITH A VIEW.

Discover Your Future From A Whole New Perspective.

Cape Breton University (CBU) offers the perfect vantage point to create the kind of future you want, in any direction you can imagine.

With the support of a caring community, a growing and diverse campus and the unique perspective that comes with island life, there's simply nothing standing in your way.

Dedicated professors and unprecedented undergraduate research and experiential learning opportunities mean you'll be ready to take on a whole new world after graduation.

With a solid foundation like the one you'll receive at CBU, anything is possible. Here, you can see everything more clearly, including a successful future.



BIG FIDDLE

WATERFRONT
BOARDWALK

THE BEST
OF CANADA
ON ONE
ISLAND.



Take a
virtual tour!

WHY CANADA?

- World-Class Education: Canada has one of the strongest education systems in the world, consistently ranking among the top for academic excellence, innovation and student satisfaction.
- Public University System: The majority of universities in Canada are public in Canada, ensuring high educational quality standards and strong academic integrity.
- Global Recognition: Credentials from Canada are well-respected worldwide, which can open new doors and provide a competitive edge in today's global job market.
- Post-Graduation Opportunities: Various pathways are available for international students' personal and career development after graduation, including post-graduate employment and more.

WHY CAPE BRETON?

- Safe and welcoming communities with vibrant, friendly people create an ideal environment for living and studying.
- Beautiful scenery and pristine natural landscapes create boundless opportunities for sightseeing and other year-round outdoor activity.
- A diverse population with deep Indigenous cultural roots offers an enriching, immersive experience of art and tradition.
- Consistently ranked Canada's #1 Island and #1 in North America by travel media

WHY CBU?

- Home to more than 4,500 students from 80+ countries across the globe
- Designated international student support services, mentorship opportunities and cultural celebrations foster a supportive and inclusive student experience.
- Low student-to-faculty ratio offers enhanced one-on-one classroom attention and personalized learning to aid in student success.
- Strong emphasis on hands-on, experiential learning and research for practical knowledge and skill development.
- Unique, career-ready program offerings for today's in-demand fields
- North America's first energy self-sufficient campus which emphasizes environmental responsibility and sustainability.



HELLO WORLD.



Did you know that CBU is home to 2,300 international students representing more than 80+ countries? So, even if you're travelling from afar, you'll soon meet lots of people who are also making Cape Breton their new home away from home.

A TRULY GLOBAL COMMUNITY

Discover a place where lifelong bonds are formed, hard work and potential get noticed and a diverse learning environment helps a community thrive.

See You In Canada.

Cape Breton has a population of approximately 100,000 people spread across awe-inspiring land and seascapes just waiting to be explored. With friendly people, a small, tight-knit campus and a peaceful pace of life, you'll feel grounded in the safety and serenity of CBU and its surrounding communities.



With an airport this close, you practically land on campus.

With connections to major Canadian airports (Toronto and Montreal), the J.A. Douglas McCurdy Sydney Airport (YQY) is just a five-minute drive from campus. Whether you are flying in or out, you'll be there in no time.

So, what's the weather like?

Well, it's Canada. So, be prepared to enjoy cold, snowy winters as well as warm, pleasant summers.

If you are arriving during the wintertime, we recommend packing warm clothing such as hats, gloves, boots and jackets. Can't find suitable attire/options where you live? Don't worry, there are many clothing retailers here where you can purchase whatever you need to keep you comfortable all season long.



SPRING
from 0°C (32°F)
to 20°C (68°F)



SUMMER
from 20°C (68°F)
to 25°C (77°F)



FALL
from 0°C (32°F)
to 20°C (68°F)



WINTER
from -5°C (5°F)
to 0°C (32°F)

EXPLORE OUR PROGRAMS

Innovative programs for a changing world.

UNDERGRADUATE

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

- Bachelor of Arts ♦
- Bachelor of Arts Community Studies ♦

Areas of Study

- Anthropology ●●●
- Applied Theatre ●●●●
- Communication ●●●●
- English ●●●
- Folklore ●●●
- French ●●
- Gaelic* ●
- Gaelic Language & Cultural Sustainability** ●
- Gender & Women's Studies* ●
- History ●●●
- Mathematics ●●●
- Mi'kmaq Studies ●●●
- Music ●●●
- Philosophy ●●●
- Political Science ●●●
- Psychology ●●●
- Religious Studies ●●
- Sociology ●●●
- Sport and Physical Activity Leadership* ●●●

Bachelor of Arts and Science in Environment ♦

* Available only within the Bachelor of Arts program.
 ** Available only within the Bachelor of Arts Community Studies program.

SHANNON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Bachelor of Business Administration ♦

Areas of Study

- Accounting ●●
- Marketing ●●
- Supply Chain Management ●●

Bachelor of Hospitality and Tourism Management BBA + BHTM Dual-Degree

- Major
- Minor
- Concentration
- Certificate
- ♦ Co-op

CBU.ca/programs

SCHOOL OF NURSING

- Bachelor of Science, Nursing
- Direct Entry | Advanced Standing | LPN to RN Pathway
- *Limited seats available per year

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH

- Bachelor of Health Sciences (Public Health)
- Direct Entry | Advanced Standing
- Bachelor of Science, Nutrition (Transfer)
- Joint degree program with other accredited universities; years 1-2 completed at CBU.

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Bachelor of Science

Areas of Study

- Biology ●●
- Chemistry ●●
- Mathematics ●●●
- Psychology ●●●
- Petroleum ●●

Did you know? Each discipline within the Bachelor of Science program offers a clear **pre-med track** for students wishing to pursue medical school after graduation.

Bachelor of Engineering (Transfer) / Engineering Diploma

Joint degree program with other accredited universities; years 1-2 completed at CBU.

Bachelor of Engineering Technology

Areas of Study

- Chemical ●
- Electronics & Controls ●
- Environmental Studies ●
- Petroleum ●●



GRADUATE

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION in Community Economic Development

- Emergency Management ●
- First Nations ●
- International Business ●
- Marketing ●
- Public Policy ●
- Strategic Leadership ●
- Sustainability ●
- Tourism ●

MASTER OF EDUCATION (Educational Technology)

MASTER OF EDUCATION in Critical Curriculum Studies

MASTER OF EDUCATION in Holistic School Health & Well-Being

MASTER OF EDUCATION in Sustainability, Creativity and Innovation

DIPLOMA IN Educational Technology

CERTIFICATE IN High School Mathematics Education

FIND THE PROGRAM FOR YOU



CBU.ca/programs



The best of campus at your fingertips.



Library

The place where much of your research and studying will likely take place. Many students choose to take full advantage of all CBU's library has to offer, including citation help, effective tips for searching the library's catalogue, cozy study spaces and the many other resources available.



Home Away From Home

When you live in on-campus residence, you have the benefit of feeling at home in one of our secure and spacious residence buildings, just steps away from class.

Boardmore Playhouse

The centre for performing arts at CBU, the Boardmore Playhouse presents full-length plays, one-act play festivals and bi-annual Shakespeare and Broadway productions. Whether you're a performer or theatregoer, the Boardmore is the place to visit for anything performing arts related.



Soccer Field and Track

A state-of-the-art facility ready for you to experience, whether on the field or in a crowd. Take your best orange gear to the stands and cheer on the CAPERS varsity soccer teams and track and field athletes.



Cape Breton Medical Campus

The Cape Breton Medical Campus, developed in partnership with Dalhousie University, is Nova Scotia's second medical campus set to train 30 new doctors each year to address healthcare needs within Cape Breton. Featuring a 10,000-patient collaborative care clinic and an expanded Nancy Dingwall Health & Counselling Centre, the facility offers world-class education, training, and research in rural medical practice.



Sullivan Field House

The place to catch the excitement of a CAPERS varsity basketball game while showing off your Caper pride! So many memories await you here in the Sullivan Field House.



CIBC Student Welcome Centre

One of the newest additions on campus, the CIBC Welcome Centre is a central hub that provides a bright and comfortable space to welcome students, faculty, staff, special guests and community members to campus. It's often used as a cozy study space or a spot to have lunch with your classmates.



Kehoe Forum

CBU's Kehoe Forum, previously The Canada Games Complex, was built for the 1987 Canada Games. It is a multifaceted sports hub featuring a hockey rink serving as the home of Women's Hockey, as well as a new fitness centre. Serving both high-level athletic training and community events, its comprehensive facilities support students, faculty, and the broader community alike.



Unama'ki College

Where you'll find the vibrant heartbeat of Indigenous education at CBU. For more than 40 years, Unama'ki College continues to offer an environment that embraces knowledge, wisdom and traditions of the Mi'kmaq.



Nancy Dingwall Health and Counselling Centre

A dedicated hub for student health and well-being, CBU's Nancy Dingwall Health and Counselling Centre is a collaborative on-campus health centre led by a caring team of professionals offering confidential medical care and wellness services to those in need.

Our door is always open.

Explore 360° views of campus anywhere in the world.

Visit our virtual tour: [CBU.ca/tour](https://www.cbu.ca/tour)



WELCOME HOME.

When you live in one of CBU's residences, you'll have the benefits of home just steps away from class.



With three unique and secure residence options, all you have to do is move in.

Cabot Residence

- Apartment-style dorms which include four private bedrooms, two bathrooms, and a shared living space.

Alumni Hall

- Choose from a traditional two-bed dorm room or five-bedroom apartment-style living.

Harriss Hall

- Equipped with a spacious restaurant-style dining hall and stocked kitchen, if you'd prefer to cook for yourself!



CBU offers a variety of on-campus accommodations, including single and private dorms, traditional dorm rooms and trendy apartment-style living.

CBU.ca/residence



Important information to know:

- CBU residences are accessible by assigned electronic key only
- Must be accepted to CBU prior to applying for residence
- CBU student **email address required** to apply for residence



360° Residence Tour

RESIDENCE APPLICATION FEE.....	\$25
RESIDENCE CONFIRMATION DEPOSIT.....	\$700
ANNUAL PRICES range from	\$2,330 - \$4,090 <small>per semester</small>
MEAL PLANS range from.....	\$500 - \$3,325 <small>per semester</small>



OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING.

CBU is surrounded by close-knit communities that offer grocery stores, fitness centres, urgent care facilities and pharmacies. These communities are home to local residents and students like yourself.

Housing plays a vital role in your student experience. Students should budget approximately \$1,000* per month for housing and associated costs (food, heat, lights, internet, etc.).

* Amount shown is an approximate estimate and may vary based on dwelling type and other individual or personal factors.

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING IS LIMITED.
Start your search early, visit CBU.ca/housing

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS*

If you're entering CBU direct from high school, here are the eligible programs and equivalency requirements:

	ENGLISH	MATH	SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC COURSES	MINIMUM OVERALL AVERAGE
Bachelor of Arts	X			4 other courses	65%
Bachelor of Arts and Science in Environment	X	X	X*	2 other courses	75%
Bachelor of Arts Community Studies	X			4 other courses	65%
Bachelor of Business Administration	X	X		3 other courses	65%
Bachelor of Hospitality and Tourism Management	X	X		3 other courses	65%
Bachelor of Engineering (Transfer)	X	X*	2 Science*	1 other course	65%
Bachelor of Engineering Technology	X	X*	2 Science*	1 other course	65%
Bachelor of Health Sciences (Public Health)	X	X	1 Chemistry 1 Science*	1 other course	65%
Bachelor of Science	X	X	2 Science*	1 other course	65%
Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition (Transfer)	X	X*	2 Science*	1 other course	65%
Bachelor of Science, Nursing	X	X*	2 Science*	1 other course	70%

*Admission requirements may vary by mode of entry and program type. Please visit [CBU.ca/admission-requirements](https://www.cbu.ca/admission-requirements) for more information.

* Bachelor of Arts and Science in Environment: Science courses must be in biology, chemistry or physics.

* Bachelor of Engineering (Transfer): Chemistry, physics and pre-calculus are recommended.

* Bachelor of Engineering Technology (Electronics and Controls): physics is recommended.

* Bachelor of Engineering Technology (Petroleum and Environmental Studies): physics and chemistry are recommended.

* Bachelor of Health Sciences (Public Health): science from biology, geology or physics (physics recommended).

* Bachelor of Science: for mathematics, pre-calculus is recommended. Two sciences from biology, chemistry, geology (or environmental science) or physics.

* Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition (transfer): biology, chemistry and pre-calculus are recommended.

* Bachelor of Science, Nursing: two academic courses can be chosen from biology, chemistry or physics. Biology and chemistry are recommended.



English Language Requirements

WE'RE HERE TO HELP.

University is an exciting chapter in your life, but it can also come with its own unique set of challenges and uncertainties. But you don't have to go it alone. Our teams are here to guide you each step of the way with a variety of student services and supports to help you thrive in all aspects of your university journey.

ACADEMIC SUPPORTS

Academic Advising - Individualized guidance with course selection, registration and degree planning

Math and Science Centre - Drop-in tutoring services for introductory math, science and business courses

Success Coaching - Personalized skill-development and academic coaching

Writing Centre - One-on-one academic writing assistance

CULTURAL & ACCESSIBILITY SUPPORTS

Unama'ki College - CBU's Indigenous cultural hub and resource centre

African Nova Scotian/African Canadian Support Services - Dedicated mentorship, tutoring, advocacy and community-building resources

Jennifer Keeping Centre for Accessible Learning - CBU's accessibility hub for equitable learning and disability-specific resources

HEALTH & WELL-BEING SUPPORTS

Nancy Dingwall Health & Counselling Centre - CBU's collaborative on-campus healthcare facility for integrated, confidential care

Campus Life & Recreation - CBU Fitness Centre, campus sports, recreation, cultural activities, creative resources and community events

CAREER & EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS

Career Services - CBU's dedicated centre for career development and work-integrated, experiential learning resources



The University recognizes the importance of mental health initiatives, and its investment in student-led initiatives has shown me that overall well-being is a priority at CBU.

- Tal Parsons
Bachelor of Arts graduate '22,
Bachelor of Social Work graduate '25



GET THE EXPERIENCE YOU NEED.

Complementing your degree with workplace experience will help set you up for success before and after graduation. CBU's Career Services team works closely with students to build practical, hands-on skills outside of the classroom to bolster a competitive edge in today's job market. You know, the real-world experience we all need to go further, faster.



EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING at CBU

Co-operative Education (Co-op)

Co-op provides an excellent opportunity for students to combine academic study with **paid, full-time work experience**, allowing you to test-drive career interests while earning academic credit toward your degree. You'll gain valuable job-ready experience, develop practical workplace skills, and begin to build your professional network, giving you a competitive edge for future pursuits.

Co-curricular Record (CCR)

An official University document recognizing student achievements and involvement outside of the classroom such as volunteer work, student leadership and campus engagement. Once developed, your CCR becomes a great complement to your resume.

Work Study

On-campus employment opportunities are available for students in good academic standing, allowing you to work under the supervision of faculty or staff across the University as you progress through your studies.

MORE STUDENT SUPPORTS:

- Peer Success Coaching
- Chaplaincy
- Childcare
- Housing Accommodations

CBU.ca/experiential-learning-programs



ENGLISH LANGUAGE Training Partner

Learn about our Cape Breton Language Centre (CBLC) which offers English for Academic Preparation to international students who wish to enter university but lack the required English proficiency.

www.cblcentre.ca



BEGINNER LEVEL	INTERMEDIATE LEVEL	PATHWAY LEVEL	PRE MBA LEVEL
LEVELS 1-4	LEVELS 5-6	LEVEL 7	LEVELS 7-8
8 Weeks per level	8 Weeks per level	8 Weeks per level	16 Weeks total
This level will help develop the skills necessary to be successful in CBU classes with students whose first language is not English		Prepare students for CBU's Undergraduate Programs	Prepare MBA potential students: CBU entrance exam preparation and extra business background courses

*Consult your recruiter about the current delivery mode.

CAMPUS LIFE & RECREATION

Studying is a big part of your CBU journey, but it isn't the only part. Whether you're looking for a fun activity or a way to contribute to your overall wellness, there's something on campus for everyone. We have a robust campus recreation program that includes competitive **intramural sports**, **high-level club sports**, **various outdoor recreation opportunities**, **creative arts** and much more!

Creative Arts

At CBU, we're spoiled with excellent creative arts opportunities available to our campus community. There are always exciting performances at the **Boardmore Theatre**, and our **Art Gallery** is a creative hub with a full schedule of thought-provoking exhibitions. If you consider yourself a history buff, the **Beaton Institute** is the official repository for our Island's historical records and serves as a cultural heritage archive contributing to local, regional, national and global research.



Sullivan Fieldhouse

Nestled at the heart of Cape Breton University's campus, the Sullivan Fieldhouse serves as a dynamic hub for both varsity and recreational sports. For the recreational enthusiast, it provides a versatile space for intramural leagues, fitness classes, and open gym sessions, allowing students to engage in a variety of activities. Conveniently located between the Capers Commons and the Kehoe Forum, it's easily accessible to all students, making it a focal point for campus life and student engagement.



Cape Breton Health & Recreation Complex

The Cape Breton Health & Recreation Complex, affectionately known as "The Dome" by students and community members alike, is a vibrant epicenter of health, fitness and community engagement at Cape Breton University. Renowned for its comprehensive fitness facilities and indoor sports courts, The Dome also stands as the heart of soccer in Cape Breton. It hosts a wide range of soccer programs, from competitive university leagues to community and youth activities, making it a pivotal venue for soccer enthusiasts across the region.

CBU.ca/rec



Kehoe Forum

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Disc Golf Course

A first within Canadian post-secondary institutions, CBU's disc golf course offers an 18-hole layout that weaves through the scenic trails surrounding the campus.



At CBU, we're dedicated to supporting our student-athletes. Our CAPERS athletic teams are comprised of student-athletes from across the globe, representing Cape Breton University in men's and women's **basketball**, **soccer**, **women's hockey** and **track and field**. Formed in 1982 under the U Sports Association, the CAPERS have seen great successes throughout their legacy as nationally ranked champions and continue to demonstrate athletic excellence in their pursuit. Recently, the CAPERS hosted three U SPORTS championships from 2022-2023 in women's soccer and basketball, with the men's soccer team most recently being titled the **2023 U SPORTS National Champions!**

GoCapersGo.ca



CAPERS Men's Soccer Team!
2023 U SPORTS National Champions



An investment in your future.

Education is an investment that has an incredible return. Just ask one of our 33,000+ alumni.

Undergraduate (per year)

Tuition:	\$9,501
Int. Diff	\$10,971
Medical	\$1,283
Fees	\$950
Total	\$22,705

MBA in CED (per year)

Tuition:	\$29,242
Int. Diff	\$17,554
Medical	\$2,566
Fees	\$1,465
Total	\$50,827

Please note: These are estimates only and are subject to change.

Scholarships and Bursaries

Cape Breton University is proud to offer a variety of scholarships and bursaries to assist our students in the pursuit of their educational goals. \$2.6 million in scholarships and bursaries are offered to students entering CBU each year.

www.cbu.ca/scholarships
[CBU.ca/scholarships](http://www.cbu.ca/scholarships)

APPLYING TO CBU

BEFORE YOU APPLY

1. Get to know Cape Breton Island
2. Choose your program and review eligibility
3. Review deadlines
4. Finance your education
5. Prepare to apply

HOW TO APPLY

1. Create a Future Student account and fill out the application
2. Submit the application and pay the application fee
3. Upload your documents and 3rd Party Authorization Form
4. Check for updates on your admission decision and access your Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL)

ACCEPT YOUR OFFER

1. Review your acceptance letter and payment deadline
2. Pay your deposit to confirm your seat

WHAT'S NEXT?

1. Set up your student accounts using your CBU Outlook email (You will be assigned a CBU email address after you accept your offer)
2. Download proof of payment and apply for a visa
3. Receive your academic advising information in your CBU email
4. Register for your courses
5. Plan your accommodation
6. Join our pre-arrival sessions to prepare for your departure
7. Bookmark important dates and get ready for Week of Welcome!
8. Meet your classmates and follow us on social

[CBU.ca/admissions](http://www.cbu.ca/admissions)





An Island of Opportunity.

As you gain skills and build friendships at CBU that will last a lifetime, you'll also discover a new home on Cape Breton Island, one of the most beautiful islands in the world.

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