

NSU#4 - Orientation, Student ID, U-Pass and more



New Student Update #4 – August 13, 2026

Hello,

Now that you are registered for your classes, it's time to make sure you are well prepared for your first semester. September will be here before you know it!

Key dates & deadlines:

- Aug. 24: Tuition fees payment deadline
 - Aug. 25 – Sept. 4: Faculty/ General New Student Orientation Sessions
 - Aug. 28: Parking ePermits open for purchase
 - Sept. 1: International Student Orientation Session
 - Sept. 7: Deadline for completing *DCUE 0100 - Academic Integrity* on Blackboard
 - Sept. 17: Bursary application deadline
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Faculty/ General New Student Orientation Sessions (Reminder)

Attend a new student orientation session to explore available services, connect with faculty and peers, and navigate our campuses. Choose the one offered by your faculty.* If its schedule does not work for you or if there is not one being offered for your faculty, attend a general one.

- **Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration (CBA):**
New Westminster | Sept. 1 | [Register now](#)**
- **Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) and
Faculty of Language, Literature and Performing Arts (LLPA):**
New Westminster | Aug. 31 | [Register now](#)**
- **Faculty of Science and Technology (S&T):**
Coquitlam | Aug. 25 | [Register now](#)**
or New Westminster | Aug. 31 | [Register now](#)**
- **General Sessions - parents and supporters are welcome:**
Coquitlam | Aug. 26 | [Register now](#)**
or New Westminster | Sept. 4 | [Register now](#)**

* If you are unsure which faculty you are in, check out the [Find Programs webpage](#).

** Registration using desktop devices is highly recommended for better user experience.

If you are an international student, apart from the Faculty/ General New Student Orientation Sessions mentioned above, you should also attend the **International Student Orientation Session** on Sept. 1 at 2–5pm. [Register now!](#)

Check out the [Orientation webpage](#) for more details about New Student Orientation.



Financial aid support

Enrolment Services advisors are available to assist you with applying for loans, bursaries and scholarships. Applications for bursaries for the Fall Semester are open from Aug. 17 to Sept. 17. Visit the [Awards, bursaries and scholarships webpage](#) for more information. If you are a B.C. resident and plan on applying for B.C. student loans, check your [StudentAid BC eligibility](#) and, if necessary, get the required information from your parent/guardian to apply. For questions about loans or other financial aid matters, [contact Enrolment Services](#). You can also check out the [Douglas College Financial Literacy Guide](#) for more resources.



Getting your Student ID Card

Your Student ID Card is your official Douglas College picture identification. It is essential for accessing Library services, entering campus facilities outside regular hours, using your U-Pass and more.

You can [request your Student ID Card](#) in person at Enrolment Services at either the New Westminster or Coquitlam Campuses or online by logging in to your [myAccount](#), selecting “**Student Profile**”, and then “**Student ID Cards**” on the left of the page. When submitting the request, you will need to provide a copy of your government-issued photo ID (driver's license, BCID or passport) as well as a photo of yourself that will be printed on your Student ID Card. Pre-ordered cards can be picked up after 3 business days at the campus of your choice or mailed to your address. If you are picking up your card in person, remember to bring a physical copy of your government-issued photo ID, as a digital copy will not be accepted. To beat the lines at the start of the semester, you are encouraged to request your card early.



U-Pass BC and parking on campus

Students registered in 3 or more credits of on-campus courses will be charged the U-Pass fee in their tuition for that semester. If you are included in this group, you will want to load your U-Pass onto your Compass Card. Check out the [U-Pass BC on Compass Card webpage](#) for instructions. Make sure you load your U-Pass each month. You can do this as early as the middle of the month prior. To help you remember, set up text or

email notifications in your [U-Pass BC portal](#). For questions, please contact upassbc@douglascollege.ca.

If you are thinking about driving to Douglas, it is important for you to learn how our parking services function so you can study without having to worry about your vehicle. Check out the [Parking webpage](#) to learn where you can park at our campuses and how to buy an ePermit for Fall Semester beginning Aug. 28. [Electric vehicle charging stations and covered bike parking facilities](#) are also available on the two campuses.



Health and dental coverage

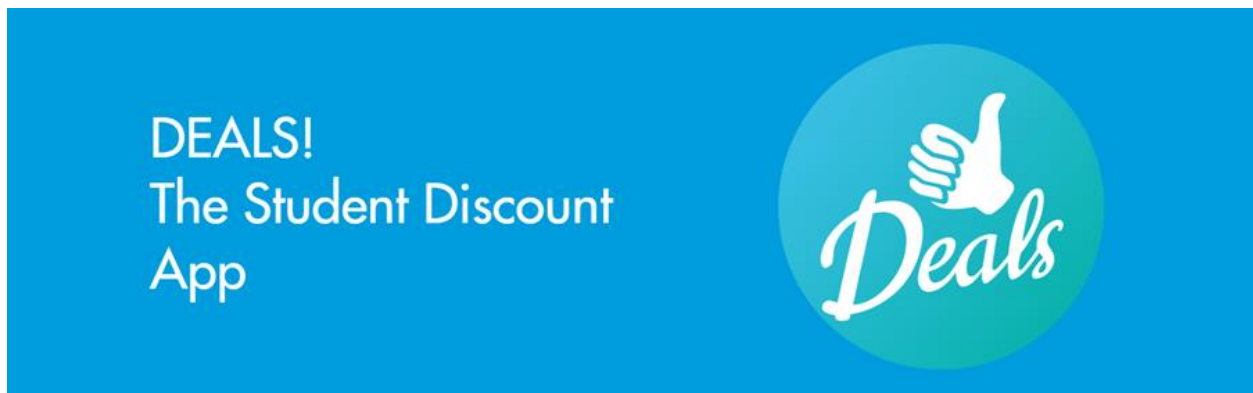
The [Douglas Students' Union \(DSU\)](#) administers a health and dental plan to make coverage more accessible and affordable for students. The extended health and dental plan supports you to maintain a high quality of health and ensures that you are covered if medical emergencies come up.

Students enrolled in 6 or more credits are automatically assessed the health and dental plan fee in their tuition fees. Students enrolled in less than 6 credits have an opportunity from Sept. 16 to 29 at 4pm to manually opt in online and pay the opt in fee prior to the deadline on the [mystudentplan website](#). There is also an opportunity to add dependents via the same link during the mentioned period.

Students who have alternative equivalent extended health and dental plan coverage are eligible to opt out online through [myAccount](#) by Sept. 30. Please note that the BC

Medical Services Plan (MSP), Travel Insurance, Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP) and GuardMe are not extended health and dental plans and therefore do not qualify as equivalent coverage.

For questions or more information about the DSU health and dental plan, please email services@thedsu.ca or check out the [DSU Health & Dental Plan website](#).



The Deals App

Save money at local shops, restaurants and more through the [Deals App](#)! The DSU connects with businesses in the area to get local and provincial discounts for you. Find out what discounts are available by downloading the app for free on [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#).

Stay informed!

If you want to revisit previous New Student Updates, please visit the [Orientation webpage](#) and refer to the column on the right.

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Questions?

Answers to some frequently asked questions are available at the bottom of the [Orientation webpage](#) under the “**Questions**” section.

If you have further questions, please email studentlife@douglascollege.ca. If you are an international student, please submit your questions through the [Douglas College International contact form](#).