

Get Prepared Before the Semester Starts



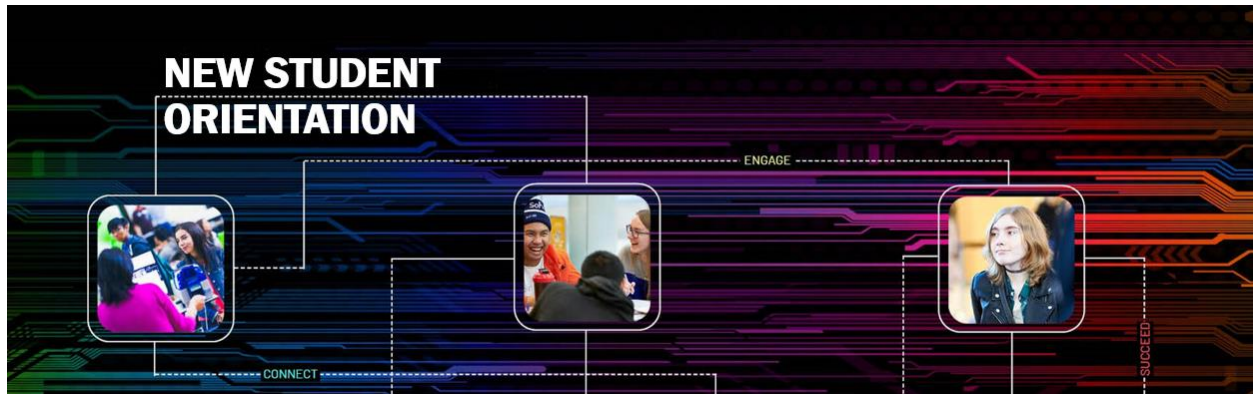
New Student Update Fall 2024 #4 – August 15

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!

In this New Student Update, you can find information about:

- New Student Orientation (Reminder)
- Getting your Student ID Card
- Loading your U-Pass
- Parking on Campus
- Health and Dental Coverage
- Douglas Students' App



New Student Orientation (Reminder)

Get ready for your first semester by attending a **Faculty-Specific New Student Orientation Session** to receive course information, take your first look at life on campus, connect with peers and have your questions answered. If you are unable to attend your Faculty-Specific New Student Orientation Session or if there is not one being offered for your faculty, attend one of the **General New Student Orientation Sessions** instead.

If you are an international student, you are advised to register for a New Student Orientation Session *after* your study permit status has been confirmed with Douglas College International (DCI). On top of the sessions mentioned, international students should attend a **New International Student Orientation Session** as well.

New Student Orientation Workshops are designed to set you up for success at Douglas College. Some are for all new students while some are for international new students only. Check out the workshop offerings and be sure to register for the ones that are of interest to you.

The full orientation schedule and registration links are available on the [Orientation webpage](#).



Getting your Student ID Card

Your Student ID Card is your official Douglas College picture identification. It is essential if you are utilizing services at the Library, accessing campus facilities outside of 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 Records**”, 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.



Loading your U-Pass

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.

Parking on Campus

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 the Fall Semester. [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 & Dental Plan to make coverage more accessible and affordable for students. The extended DSU Health & Dental Plan helps you maintain a high quality of health and ensures that you are covered when medical emergencies come up.

Students enrolled in 6 or more credits will have the Health & Dental Plan fee automatically applied to their tuition fees. Students enrolled in less than 6 credits have an opportunity from Sep. 16 to Sep. 27, 4pm to manually opt in online and pay the opt in fee prior to the deadline. There is also an opportunity to add dependents during the two-week period in September.

Students who have alternative equivalent extended health and dental plan coverage are eligible to opt out online through [myAccount](#) by Sep. 30. Please note that the BC Medical Services Plan (MSP), Travel Insurance 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 & Dental Plan, please email services@thedsu.ca or check out the [DSU Health & Dental Plan webpage](#).

Douglas Students' App

Download the [Douglas Students' App](#). It is a great way to connect with fellow students and stay up to date on upcoming campus events. On the app, you can chat with other students about courses, buy and sell textbooks, find housing accommodations and more. It is free to download and available for both Android and Apple.

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?

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