

Study English and Work in Whistler for the 2010 Winter Olympics

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WHISTLER BLACKCOMB

ENGLISH CO-OP - "Whistler Olympic Fun" - Program

This English program offers you the opportunity to learn English through a combination of English classes and a paid work practicum with Whistler Blackcomb, during the 2010 Winter Olympics. The work experience component of this cooperative education program allows you to take the English skills and theory you learn in the classroom and practice it in a "real world" situation with native English speakers thus enhancing your language learning. The work practicum component of the course is an important and integral part of the program and makes up 50% of the program duration.

2010 Vancouver and Whistler Olympic and Paralympic Games

Be part of Olympic history by working and living in Whistler during the 2010 Olympics and Paralympic Games. Whistler is co-hosting the Games with Vancouver and Whistler will be the site of the downhill ski events, Nordic ski events, sliding events (bobsled, skeleton) and ski jumping events. The world will be watching Whistler next winter and this is your chance to be there and be part of the excitement.

Jobs

Before you arrive in Canada, you will be assigned to a job with Whistler Blackcomb. Your job assignment is subject to you successfully completing a phone or SKYPE interview with the employer. If successful in your interview, you will get a confirmed job offer and the option to live in staff accommodations for the entire program duration. If you are not successful in your interview, you can withdraw from the program or apply your fees towards the cost of our work and study program run in our Vancouver English school. Jobs offered by Whistler Blackcomb to participants in this program include lift operations, ticket sales and validation, retail sales, equipment hire, food & beverage, cleaning, parking, and customer service. Wages are \$9-12/hr and all staff get a FREE Season's List Pass. Whistler Blackcomb is offering an estimated 50 jobs for students in this program so apply soon, before the jobs are all taken!

Program Duration*: 20 or 24 weeks

Start Date: October 26 or November 23, 2009; End Date: April 11, 2010

Structure: 20 week program: English: 7+13 weeks (328 hrs); Employment: 13 weeks (325 hrs)
24 week program: English: 8+16 weeks (400 hrs); Employment: 16 weeks (400 hrs)

Program Includes:

- Bus transfer from Vancouver Airport to Vancouver city centre
- 1 night dorm style accommodation in a Vancouver youth hostel with breakfast
- Program orientation in Vancouver and assistance with Social Insurance Number application
- Bus transfer from Vancouver to Whistler after orientation
- 325 or 400 hours of English classes at Tamwood's Whistler campus
- Work assignment with Whistler Blackcomb—estimated hours: 325 or 400 hours of work
- Low cost staff accommodation provided by employer
- FREE full season lift pass for both mountains (will be cancelled if you quit or are fired from your job)
- Job Skills Seminar (5 hours) to prepare you for working in Canada and looking for work in the future in your own country or overseas.
- Access to free internet at Tamwood's Whistler school
- Weekly activities and social events organized by Tamwood (some extra costs apply)

* NOTE: Students will be assigned to a program start date and duration based on their job offer start date

Benefits of Tamwood

- Tamwood College is recognized as one of the most prestigious English Schools in Canada.
- 16 years of experience
- Membership in many national and international associations is a guarantee of top quality education. One of the few schools in Canada with a membership in the International Association of Language Centres (IALC)
- One of few schools in Canada authorized to offer the University of Cambridge Program Work Experience Certificate.

English Classes

Your classes will cover all the skills you need to speak, write and function effectively in English. We recommend you take "English for Customer Service" as one of your electives as this course is designed to give you the specific language skills and customer service skills you will need to use in your work practi-

Orientation and Job Skills Seminar

Your first day you will attend a full day work readiness and Canadian culture orientation in Vancouver. While you are taking your English classes you will also take part in the Job Skills Seminar. This 5 hour seminar covers topics like resume writing, and work place culture and office skills. All of these topics are relevant for a student about to enter the Canadian work place.

Program Options and Schedules

Your work and study term dates will depend on the job you are assigned to as different jobs have different start dates.

Option 1: Whistler Olympic Fun Full Time: 20 weeks

Dates*	Number of Weeks	Study Hours	Work Hours	Schedule for Classes
November 23 -December 4	2	72		6 hours/day classes + Orientation and JSS
December 7-February 12	10	120	250	12hrs/week evening classes
February 15-March 19	5	100		4 hours/day classes
March 22-April 11	3	36	75	12hrs/week evening classes
TOTAL	20	328	325	

Option 2: Whistler Olympic Fun Intensive: 24 weeks

Dates*	Number of Weeks	Study Hours	Work Hours	Schedule for Classes
October 26 - November 13	3	108		6 hours/day classes + 2 hours/week evening classes + Orientation and JSS
November 16-February 12	13	156	325	12 hrs/week evening classes
February 15-March 19	5	100		4 hours/day classes
March 22-April 11	3	36	75	12 hrs/week evening classes
TOTAL	24	400	400	

NOTES:

1. You must arrive no later than the Thursday before your course start date in order to attend the work program orientation and SIN office visit in Vancouver on the Friday before your course starts. You will be given bus transportation to Whistler on Friday afternoon, after your orientation in Vancouver.
2. Your job start date may be different to that stated above, so you should be prepared that you may have a break of one or two weeks between the end of your first study term and the start of your first work term.

Accommodation

All students in this program will be given the option to live in staff housing provided by Whistler Blackcomb. The cost for this accommodation is approximately \$350-500/month. The accommodation provided is apartment units with two or three rooms in each unit and two beds in each room. The residence buildings are located on Blackcomb Mountain. Meals are self catered and kitchens are provided in some units and common cooking areas are available for other units.

A damage deposit of \$215 and rent for first 30 days is required to check in.



Requirements to Graduate

In order to graduate from this program and receive their Tamwood Certificate, all students must:

1. Complete all scheduled English classes (only absences for medical reasons are allowed) and get a minimum grade on all English assessments tests of 60%
2. Complete assigned work practicum and get a positive performance evaluation from their supervisor (average rating of 6/10 or better)
3. Submit all weekly reports during the work practicum period
4. Submit a completed Employee Evaluation Form signed by their work practicum supervisor
5. Submit a completed Program Graduation Report

Visa Requirements

Students who take a course of study in Canada that includes a work term are entitled to obtain a work permit as long as the work they will do is a necessary part of their course and the work does not make up more than 50% of their program duration. To apply for the work permit, students must also apply for a Study Permit with a letter from Tamwood verifying that their program includes a work term and the dates and details of their program. The work permit names Tamwood as their employer since it is the school that will assign the student to their work placement and monitor them during their work placement. Students must apply for the Study Permit and Work Permit in their home country, before arriving in Canada.

Application Procedure and Fees

Email, do not fax, the completed application package and upload to Google Video or YouTube your video presentation (instructions will be provided to applicants on how to do this with the application form). After we receive your completed application package our program coordinator will speak to you on the phone to check your English level and discuss your program goals and expectations. A decision on your application will be made after the telephone interview. Your acceptance is conditional on you successfully completing an interview with Whistler Blackcomb and getting a job offer. Your program (intensive or full-time) will be determined based on your job offer dates.

Program Fees:

- Application Fee : C\$110
- Tuition Fee: 20 weeks/328 hours of study: \$4782
24 weeks/400 hours of study: \$5726
- Work Program Fee: \$1199
- Arrival Package (airport and Whistler transfers & hostel) \$150
- Text Book and Materials Fee: \$65
- Medical Insurance: \$2.5/day
- Extra nights in Vancouver Hostel: \$28/night + 5% GST

Accommodation Costs (payable monthly after arrival):

- Staff residence (twin room) \$88-125/week (depends on location)



ECONOMIC MODEL FOR STUDENTS

FULL TIME PROGRAM - 20 WEEKS AND 328 STUDY HOURS

<u>Study Costs</u>	Costs	
Tuition	\$	4,782
Reg Fee	\$	110
Textbook	\$	65
Work Placement Fee	\$	1,199
Arrival Package	\$	150
	\$	<u>6,306</u>

Living Costs

Accommodation	\$	2,000
Food	\$	2,000
	\$	<u>4,000</u>

Total Costs	\$ 10,306
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Wages

Hourly Wage/hour	\$	9.75	
Total Hours Worked		325	
Total Wages	\$	3,169	
Ski Lift Season's Pass	\$	1,600	
Total Earnings	\$	4,769	

Cost of Program after deduction of wages and benefits	\$ 5,537
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NOTES

1. Wages are min. \$9.25/hr and some jobs pay more
2. Food costs are an estimate and could be less or more depending on personal eating habits
3. Accommodation will likely be less (\$1760)
4. Other benefits include FREE ski/snowboard lessons when space available, low cost staff meals, free trips to Vancouver and free staff social events

ECONOMIC MODEL FOR STUDENTS

INTENSIVE PROGRAM - 24 WEEKS AND 400 STUDY HOURS

Study Costs

Tuition	\$	5,726
Reg Fee	\$	110
Textbook	\$	65
Work Placement Fee	\$	1,199
Arrival Package	\$	150
TOTAL FEES	\$	7,250

Living Costs

Accommodation	\$	2,400
Food	\$	2,400
	\$	4,800

Total Costs	\$	12,050
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Wages

Hourly Wage/hour	\$	9.75
Total Hours Worked		400
Total Wages	\$	3,900
Ski Lift Season's Pass	\$	1,600
Total Earnings	\$	5,500

Cost of Program after deduction of wages and benefits	\$	6,550
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