

Great teaching • Great programs • Great future

When you love what you do, it shows!



Capilano College is a great place to learn

People love living on the Sunshine Coast and Capilano College is working hard to enhance that passion by providing quality educational services.

We're contributing on so many different levels – in the classroom, through community involvement, hiring locally and promoting literacy initiatives.

While we adapt to emerging growth industries, such as health care, tourism and motion picture production, the College will continue to meet the demand for more traditional programs, such as liberal arts, preparatory studies and early childhood education, to name just a few.

We have been on the Sunshine Coast for almost 30 years. We have grown and changed along with the communities we serve, and we look forward to working together to create new opportunities to increase access to education.

The College recognizes that by creating new and innovative programming that brings people from elsewhere, such as the new Mountain Bike Operations program and the Documentary and Small Unit Production program, we in turn are creating opportunities for local residents to learn in their own community.

The bottom line is that no matter where you're from, what your educational needs may be, or your desired method of program delivery, you will continue to find that Capilano College is a great place to learn.

Jean Bennett
Sunshine Coast Campus Dean

Scuba dive instructor is living his dream

Cameron Stewart, a graduate from the Professional Scuba Dive Instructor program offered at Capilano College's Sunshine Coast campus, is now swimming the azure seas of Turkoise, Turks and Caicos as a Club Med scuba instructor.

"I've seen some amazing creatures," says the former Surrey resident. "Sharks, moray eels, sea horses, whales, dolphins and all sorts of rays – things I had only seen in books or on TV."

The 23-year-old former construction worker says he was working within a month of graduating from the eight-month certificate program, which he began in September 2004.

"I taught kids to scuba dive through Simon Fraser University's summer camps program," he explains. "I love what I'm doing and would totally recommend Capilano College's Scuba Dive program. It gave me the chance to do something I really enjoy and meet a lot of great people, as well."

Graduates of this program have the option to go back to school and use their Scuba Dive Instructor program credits towards a Capilano College Outdoor Recreation or Tourism diploma or Tourism Management degree.

For more information on the Professional Scuba Dive program, visit www.capcollege.bc.ca/programs/scuba, call **604.885.9310**, or e-mail dive@capcollege.bc.ca.



Cam Stewart was working within a month of graduating from the Professional Scuba Dive Instructor program at Capilano College.



A career with Hart

From an early age, Robert's Creek resident, **Suzanne Hart**, knew she wanted to work in health care. In the spring of 1991, the mother of five made a move towards that goal by acquiring her Grade 12 at Capilano College's Sunshine Coast campus.

"From there it was one step at a time," she says of her journey towards completing her first two years of university transfer courses. "It was a struggle, but I wanted my children to see that learning was for life."

In 2003, Suzanne was one of 55 people out of more than 400 applicants who were accepted into the University of British Columbia's accelerated nursing program, and in November 2005 she crossed the stage of the Chan Centre to receive her bachelor of science in nursing. Today, the 49-year-old is a full-time registered nurse working in the acute medical ward at North Vancouver's Lions Gate Hospital.

"Anyone can do these things," she says humbly. "It's just defining what your goal is and taking the opportunities that are presented. Sometimes it's only 10 minutes here and there, but you can achieve all your goals over time with patience and perseverance."



The excellent reputation of the College's Documentary and Small Unit Production program is attracting students from across the country.

Program takes storytelling to a new dimension

Capilano College's innovative new 16-month Documentary and Small Unit Production diploma program is training students from across Canada to become producers of digital films.

"We even teach them about financing – how to write grants or how to raise venture capital," says program coordinator, **Dave Gordon**. "After all, they are, in effect, becoming small business owners."

The program, offered at the Sunshine Coast campus, can accept up to 24 students annually and already has applicants for next January's intake.

"They come from numerous cultures, age groups, sexes, from different parts of the world – everyone is so different," says Dave, who has spent most of his working life in the motion picture industry. "The one unifying thing about them is that they all have at least one or more stories to tell."

Students will learn the tools of the trade on the latest equipment and from top industry professionals.

"I'm proud of the faculty," Dave explains. "Proud that they maintain connections in their world and proud that they're all great teachers, too."

For more information, visit www.capcollege.bc.ca/programs/film/documentary, or call **604.885.9310**.

Students make a difference in their community

Each year, students in the 16-week Trades Entry certificate program play a meaningful role in the Sunshine Coast community while learning a variety of in-demand applied trades.

A guiding principle of the program is community stewardship. Students learn hands-on skills by building a structure that contributes to society in some way.

"Community partnership is very important, especially from the standpoint of what kind of a project we work on," explains program instructor, **Jim Rossi**. "We receive a lot of renovation requests, but we prefer that our students do new construction."

Students range in age from 16 to 50 with many taking the program to either get a start in the trades industry or simply to learn how to do some home renovations. A component of the program is a 120-hour work practicum.

"We're always looking for people who require work placement students on the Sunshine Coast," Jim says, adding, "it's a great way to fill a need with a skilled worker."

The next intake of students will be January 2007. For more information on the program, please visit www.capcollege.bc.ca/programs/sunshine, or call **604.885.9310**.



Students in the Trades Entry program at the Sunshine Coast campus work on a Habitat for Humanity project.

Lifelong learner finds Eldercollege an interactive experience

She claims she's one of the two people on the Sunshine Coast who isn't a gardener. Instead, Sechelt resident, **Anne Carr**, spends much of her time learning through Capilano College's Eldercollege programs.

"Eldercollege gives senior people somewhere to go to be challenged, share experiences and learn," she says. "It's a wonderful interactive experience."

The 135 people who regularly participate in Eldercollege courses are a community of individuals with a zest for learning and exploring life.

"We get to a certain age and we're still growing – emotionally and intellectually," Anne explains. "For example, I've never been a board member before or stood in front of a group of people and led a class, but now I'm doing both."

Most Eldercollege courses run for four sessions and last about four to six weeks. While the standard age to join Eldercollege starts at 55, there are some lectures that are open to people of all ages.

"We want to be a part of the community," says Anne, who graduated from the University of British Columbia in 1998 with a Bachelor of Arts. "It's good for all generations to interact."

For more information on Eldercollege courses, visit www.capcollege.bc.ca/continuing/sechelt/elder, or call **604.885.9310**.

ABE instructor a dedicated member of his community



College instructor, Dr. John Field, is well-known on the Sunshine Coast for his conservation efforts.

If you asked Capilano College science and biology instructor, **Dr. John Field**, what his two main passions are, he would probably answer education and conservation. A Sunshine Coast resident for more than 20 years, John has been actively involved in both, and both have reaped the rewards from his dedicated enthusiasm.

"As an educator, I feel most satisfied when people take with them a new or heightened enthusiasm for wild living things," explains the teacher who has worked in the Adult Basic Education department at Capilano College's Sunshine Coast campus since 1991. "And as a naturalist and conservationist, nothing beats the feeling of accomplishment when the long-term survival of a natural place is secured."

Considered a local natural history expert, John has worked with several local conservancy organizations and is a founding member of the Friends of Caren, a group that successfully lobbied for creation of Spippius Provincial Park in the Caren Range on the Sechelt Peninsula. "Most of my community volunteer efforts relate to environmental protection or simply enjoying nature," he says. "Capilano College has been very supportive of my community volunteer activities."

For more information about Adult Basic Education courses at Capilano College, please visit www.capcollege.bc.ca/programs/sunshine, or call **604.885.9310**.



Sunshine Coast resident, Anne Carr, is a perfect example of a lifelong learner.



We welcome you to Capilano College!

These are the frontline employees who share the goal of providing exceptional service to everyone who visits Capilano College's Sunshine Coast campus. They are passionate about education and they are doing something on a daily basis that makes a positive difference in people's lives. They are, from left to right: divisional department assistant **Becky Wayte**, campus supervisor **Suzanne Perreault** and receptionist **Sandi Ward**. Missing from the photo is divisional department assistant, **Elinor Swanson**.

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