

## Post-degree Certificate in Climate Change Policy FAQs

### *(1) Is this program for me?*

The program is designed for mid-career professionals, graduate-level students, and science and/or policy practitioners, among other disciplines.

### *(2) What are the admission requirements? Do I have to have a Science background to take this certificate?*

Applicants must meet ONE of the following criteria:

- Completion of a four-year (or comparable) Arts *or* Science undergraduate degree from a recognized post-secondary institution
- At least 5 years of relevant professional experience.

Applicants who do not meet these requirements will be considered for flexible admission and need to demonstrate the following:

- An acceptable alternative to an undergraduate degree
- A rationale explaining why they meet the expected skill set, based on their resume.

English is the primary language of instruction and communication at Yukon College.

English language proficiency is expected. International students will be required to show International English Language Testing (IELTS) with a general score of 6.5 or higher (in Academic Testing. No lower than 6.5 in each section) for this program.

### *(3) What are the important dates affiliated with this program?*

For the deadlines for application, registration and first day of classes, please see:

<https://www.yukoncollege.yk.ca/admissions/important-dates>

### *(4) What's the course format? How long will it take?*

The CCPC is a 10 months (part-time) program, with fall intake only. Four courses will be available online, and an in-person two-week field school in Yukon.

Online courses will be taught through Yukon College's Moodle platform. Materials will be delivered on a weekly basis and students can work at their own pace. Further details will be established within each class. There will be discussion forums, assignments, and readings to be completed. Each course will have final exams or a final project as part of the overall evaluation.

### *(5) What are the fees associated with this program?*

\$500/per credit (or \$1,500/course - each course is three credits) and a \$1,350 ancillary fee for the field school. (as of Spring 2020)

*(6) What sets this program apart from other climate change programs?*

It's a compact part-time online program/certificate providing a bridge between climate science and those involved in policy development with particular focus on Yukon and the circumpolar north.

*(7) When can you start this program?*

Next intake is September 2020. Considering the circumstances, winter intakes can be granted on a case-by-case assessment.

*(8) How do I apply?*

Contact the Climate Change Policy Coordinator/Instructor Dr. Katrine Frese via e-mail ([kfrese@yukoncollege.yk.ca](mailto:kfrese@yukoncollege.yk.ca)) or phone at (867) 456-8528 for program advising. She will conduct a preliminary assessment of your completed course work and unofficial transcript and guide you through the application process. Perspective students can apply online at <http://www.yukoncollege.yk.ca/programs/apply>

*(9) How long does it take to complete the program?*

10 months, on a part-time basis. Ideally, courses should not be taken over two or more years to complete the certificate.

*(10) I don't want to take the whole program. Can I take a course here and there?*

Students can take up to two courses individually, without aiming to complete the certificate. This excludes the field school component.

*(11) What careers are available to me after this certificate?*

Climate change outreach	Environmental consulting/Monitoring
Climate change education and awareness	Environmental programs
Climate change and environmental policy development	Natural resource management
Energy policy and planning	Policy analyst
Food, water, energy security	Natural hazard management
Urban planning	Conservation
Communications and marketing	Teaching

*(12) Are we partnering with any agencies?*

The program has been developed with support from the Yukon Government Climate Change Secretariat, Executive Council Office (Senior Science Advisor), the Northern Climate Exchange, Yukon Research Centre and various other professionals. Delivery of the courses includes a multitude of guest lecturers, many of whom are professionals in a variety of relevant fields and enterprises, bringing real-world experience to the courses. Students will benefit greatly from the diversity of views. See the [Notice in the Northern Review, 49 \(2020\)](#) for biographies of all 2019/2020 lecturers.

(13) *What kinds of courses does this program offer?*

Course topic areas focus on environmental and socio-economic topics in a variety of contexts, including:

- Climate change science
- Climate change adaptation and mitigation
- Policy process
- Indigenous worldviews
- Governance
- Strategic planning
- Leadership
- Communication
- Education
- Yukon First Nations core competency

Further details, including course outlines, can be found at the Climate Change Policy page on our Yukon College website outlining the following courses:

- [Climate Change and Policy Literacy](#)
- [Policy Responses & Options](#)
- [Strategic Planning for Climate Change Adaptation & Mitigation](#)
- [Leading Sustainable Change - from knowledge to action](#)
- [Climate Change Policy Field School](#)

(14) *I'm not living in Canada, can I still take this program?*

The Post-Degree Certificate in Climate Change Policy is a one year, part-time online program involving a brief in-Canada component consisting of a 2-week field school. As such, Yukon College will admit an international student to the program who meets the admission requirements as outlined above. The international student, however, will need to apply for a study permit to cover the 2 week in-

Canada field school. For more information on how to apply for a student permit please see:

- <http://www.cic.gc.ca/ENGLISH/study/index.asp>
- <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/study.asp>
- We strongly encourage students to apply for the student permit as soon as possible, ideally prior to registering for the program.

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