



Admissions Guide

2026

Dawson

— COLLEGE



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dawson.college/admissionsguide

Welcome to Dawson

Choosing a CEGEP and a program of study is a big decision — we're here to help you explore your options, discover your strengths, and feel excited about what comes next.

Whether you're interested in science, the arts, technology, business or something else entirely, Dawson offers you the space and support you will need to succeed — academically, personally and socially.

Dawson is the largest English-language college in Quebec, and we're proud to welcome students, teachers and staff from all backgrounds. Your culture, identity and experiences aren't just accepted here — they're celebrated.

This guide will give you the information you will need to apply to the program of your choice. You'll also get a glimpse of college life at Dawson, including the sports and activities you can participate in.

We're more than just a college. We're the place where the journey to your future begins.

You will have many opportunities to explore Dawson to help you make program choices, and learn about activities and the school itself. Here's how.

Fall and Winter Open House

Tuesday, October 14 and Thursday, October 16, 2025, from 4 to 8 PM

Wednesday, February 4, 2026, from 4 to 8 PM

Future students can speak with program coordinators, students and advisers, and tour the school. Check the website for detailed information and sign up for the Open House newsletter.

dawson.college/openhouse



Student for a Day

Some programs offer future students a chance to experience in person a typical class or special activities. Sign up at Open House or check out your options on the webpage of the program of your choice to see if there are special activities you can join.

dawson.college/studentforaday



Advising Drop-In

You have questions? You can come to the College during drop-in hours (schedule is posted weekly online) for answers to your specific program questions.

dawson.college/advising



Videos Online

You can watch the **How to Apply** video that gives you important information and tips on applying or any of the **program videos** on program webpages.

dawson.college/admissions

dawson.college/programs



Self-Guided Tour

QR codes are displayed throughout the College—just point your smartphone and learn about the building's highlights, past and present. You'll be starting with Station #1 at the Metro level.

dawson.college/tour



Living Campus

Learn how Dawson became a leader in sustainable innovation and conservation.

dawson.college/livingcampus



Theatre Performances

Dawson's Theatre students put on plays in the campus theatre from comedy to tragedy, and everything in between.

dawson.college/theatre



Sporting Events

Dawson has 15 intercollegiate teams that play intramural games or against other teams in the RSEQ league, from Division 1 men and women's basketball to rugby, soccer and volleyball, many of them played in the Tony Proudfoot Gym.

dawson.college/athletics



Art and Design Vernissages

In May every year, the Applied Arts programs, such as Graphic Design, Illustration, 3D Animation and Computer-Generated Imagery, Interior Design, Photography, Product Design and Visual Arts, present the work of graduating students over several evenings. The public is welcome to attend.

dawson.college/vernissage



Applying to Dawson

This process specifically applies to daytime pre-university and technical programs. For Continuing Education evening programs, please visit dawson.college/credit

1 Choose your program

Decide which program is right for you. Please note that all programs admit new students in the Fall semester, and most pre-university programs admit new students in the Winter Semester.

dawson.college/programs



2 Review requirements

Check the admission requirements in this guide for the program of your choice, including information for international and out-of-province students.

dawson.college/requirements



3 Submit your application

Create an online account, complete your application, upload the required documents and pay the fee at

dawson.college/applynow



Deadlines

- March 1 for the Fall semester
- November 1 for the Winter semester

4 Receive your decision

Keep an eye on your application status in the Application Centre.

5 Confirm your acceptance

If you receive an admission offer, be sure to confirm your acceptance before the deadline.

Review your admissions package thoroughly for instructions on the next steps.

English and French Placement Tests

As part of the DEC requirements from the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, all students must successfully complete Ministerial English and French courses.

Students who have graduated from a Quebec high school or Quebec adult education centre **and** have taken their Secondary V Ministerial Exams in English and French in the last three years do **not** write placement tests.

If you have not graduated from a Quebec high school or Quebec adult education centre, you **must** write English and French Placement Tests.

dawson.college/placementtests



Student fees

See all relevant information regarding student fees.

dawson.college/fees



For more information, contact

Dawson College Registrar's Office

Room 2D.6

Monday to Friday, from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Tel: 514 933-1234

admissions@dawsoncollege.qc.ca

Student Life



Student life at Dawson is rich with opportunities to get involved, make friends, and participate in para-academic and extracurricular activities. There is life beyond the classroom! Here are some examples of activities and don't forget to check out the Dawson Student Union (DSU) website and Campus Life pages on the Dawson website.

dawson.college/dsu

dawson.college/campuslife



Dawson College Model UN

Sharpen your debating skills and explore global issues at local and international Model United Nations conferences.

Neuroscience Research Group

Dive into real scientific research alongside experienced mentors from Dawson and local universities.

Coffee 'n Code

Learn programming and Python for AI projects and web development in a supportive community.

Living Campus Team

Get hands-on with urban agriculture and gardening, nurturing our on-campus green spaces and award-winning sustainability initiatives.

Blue Ring

Become an ambassador for the College by volunteering. Blue Ringers get a special mention on their transcript.

Events and Lecture series

Enjoy art exhibitions, theater productions, and guest lectures and panels, expanding your horizons outside the classroom.

Get involved with a student club!

Discover a wide range of clubs offered by the Dawson Student Union, catering to various interests and communities. Here are some examples:

Etcetera

Find a supportive and inclusive space within Dawson College's LGBTQIA+ club.

Dawson Debate Union

Hone your oratory skills, refine public speaking, and sharpen critical thinking through engaging debates on personal viewpoints.

The Dawson Esports Association

Connect with fellow gamers, share tips, and enjoy gaming together at Dawson's largest club.

The Plant newspaper

Enhance your writing and reporting skills at The Plant, Dawson's monthly student-run newspaper.

Explore more!

dawson.college/studentgroups





Athletics



With 15 competitive teams, Dawson has one of Quebec's biggest athletics programs. As a Blues athlete, you'll join a community of driven students pursuing excellence both in sports and academics.

Get access to pro coaching, a gym, academic support, and athletic therapy treatments. Over the years, our athletes have secured scholarships in Canada and abroad, with some becoming Olympians. Elevate your game with Dawson Blues!

Follow the Blues on social media!

 Facebook
@DawsonCollegeBlues
 Instagram
@dcblues_athletics

Learn more!
dawson.college/athletics



Dawson Teams

Basketball

- Men's Division 1
- Men's Division 2
- Women's Division 1
- Women's Division 2

Hockey

- Women's Division 1

Soccer

- Men's Division 2
- Women's Division 1

Volleyball

- Men's Division 2

- Women's Division 2

Badminton

- Mixed Division 3

Rugby

- Men's
- Women's

Rowing

- Mixed Team

Baseball

- Men's

Cross Country Running

- Mixed Division 2



Admission Requirements

All Dawson programs require that you have a DES (Diploma of Secondary Studies) or academic background judged equivalent. Consult detailed application instructions at dawson.college/admissions



1-Year Preparatory Programs

	Prerequisites	Other Requirements	Application deadline
081.PR Pathways • Science and Technology Prerequisites		H	March 1
081.OR Pathways • Orientation			March 1
081.67 Journeys: A First Peoples College Transition Program A one-year bridging program for First Nations, Inuit and Metis students		G	March 1

2-Year Pre-University Programs

	Prerequisites	Other Requirements	Application deadline
200.B1 Science			
200.C1 Science, Computer Science and Mathematics	1, 5, 6		March 1
200.HE Enriched Health and Life Sciences*	1, 5, 6	I	March 1
200.PE Enriched Pure and Applied Science*	1, 5, 6	I	March 1
200.HR Health and Life Sciences	1, 5, 6		March 1 • November 1
200.PR Pure and Applied Science	1, 5, 6		March 1 • November 1
300.A1 Social Science			
300.GA General Studies	7		March 1 • November 1
300.GB Commerce	1		March 1 • November 1
300.GE Education, Family and Childhood	7		March 1 • November 1
300.GH International Business	1		March 1 • November 1
300.GK Law, Society and Justice	7		March 1 • November 1
300.GM Social Change and Solidarity	7		March 1
300.GP Psychology	7		March 1 • November 1
300.GS Society and Technology	7		March 1
500.A1 Arts, Literature & Communication			March 1
500.G1 Arts & Culture			March 1 • November 1
500.G2 Literature			March 1
500.G3 Languages		E	March 1
500.G4 Cinema-Communications			March 1 • November 1
500.G5 Studio Arts			March 1 • November 1
500.G6 Interactive Media Arts			March 1
510.A1 Visual Arts		A	March 1
700.B0 Liberal Arts	7		March 1

* Please note that qualified applicants not admitted to Enriched Science will be considered for regular Science with all other applicants

3-Year Technical Programs		Prerequisites	Other Requirements	Application deadline
Biological Sciences				
140.CO	Biomedical Laboratory Technology	2 or 8, 5, 6	A, C, D	March 1
142.DO	Radiation Oncology	1, 4	A, C, D	March 1
142.GO	Medical Ultrasound Technology	3, 7	C, D, F	March 1
144.A1	Physiotherapy Technology	6	C, D, F	March 1
142.HO	Diagnostic Imaging Technology	4, 7	A, C, D, F	March 1
180.AO	Nursing	4, 5	C	March 1
Physical Sciences				
210.AB	Laboratory Technology/Analytical Chemistry	1, 5		March 1
221.BO	Civil Engineering Technology	1, 4		March 1
241.AO	Mechanical Engineering Technology	2 or 8, 6		March 1
243.FO	Electrical Engineering Technology	2 or 8		March 1
Social				
388.A1	Social Service		A, B, F	March 1
391.AO	Community, Recreation & Leadership Training		A	March 1
410.G0 Administration and Management Technology				
410.GA	Accounting and Financial Management			March 1
410.GM	Marketing and Digital Communication			March 1
420.BO	Computer Science Technology	2 or 8		March 1
Arts				
561.C1	Professional Theatre (Acting)		A	March 1
570.CO	Product Design	3, 7	A, F	March 1
570.EO	Interior Design		A, F	March 1
570.FO	Professional Photography		A, F	March 1
570.G0	Graphic Design		A	March 1
574.AA	Illustration		A, F	March 1
574.CO	3D Animation & Computer-Generated Imagery		A	March 1

Prerequisite Courses

Code	Course title	High school course
1	Sec V Technical & Scientific or Science Math	564-506 or 565-506
2	Sec IV Technical & Scientific or Science Math	564-426 or 565-426
3	Sec IV Science & Technology or Applied Science & Technology	555-444 or 557-416
4	Sec IV Environmental Science & Technology or Environmental Science	558-404 or 558-402
5	Sec V Chemistry	551-504
6	Sec V Physics	553-504
7	Sec IV Cultural, Social & Technical Math	563-414
8	Sec V Cultural, Social & Technical Math	563-504

Other Requirements

Code	Description
A	Interview / Portfolio / Drawing Test / Audition Please consult the individual program webpages for details
B	Two letters of recommendation
C	Placement at the English 101 level (or higher) required; testing may be required
D	Placement at French 602-100 level (or higher) required for applicants who are completing or completed Quebec High School. For applicants whose education is/was completed outside Quebec, B2 level in 4 components French proficiency test is required
E	Placement at French 602-101 level (or higher) required for applicants who are completing or completed Quebec High School. For applicants whose education is/was completed outside Quebec, B2 level in 4 components French proficiency test is required
F	Letter of intent or Video Statement Please consult the individual program webpages for details
G	Letter of intent introducing yourself and including self-identification as an Indigenous person
H	Applicants to the Science and Technology Prerequisites stream must be missing at least one prerequisite for one of our science programs, or a medical or engineering technology program
I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An overall average of at least 85% A minimum of 85% in at least two of the Secondary V science prerequisite courses and a minimum of 80% in the third

A photograph of two students sitting on a metal bench in a lush garden. The student on the left is wearing a red jacket and the student on the right is wearing a red shirt and blue jeans. They are both looking towards a large, leafy tree in the background. The garden is filled with green grass, yellow flowers, and various trees.

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See details about How to Apply

dawson.college/admissions



Find essential information for future students

dawson.college/futurestudents



Learn more about Law 14 and what it means for you

dawson.college/law14

