Seneca
This way to Seneca

This checklist is for applicants who have received their Letter of Acceptance (LOA) from Seneca for the Summer (May) 2024 term.

Section 1 of 2: Pre-Departure

If you need help with any of the steps outlined here, contact us at **theservicehub@senecapolytechnic.ca**.

Travelling to Canada for School?

This document details what you need to know before you travel. Please also visit our **THIS WAY TO SENECA: ARRIVAL** resource to help you prepare for your arrival in Canada.

For the latest updates about travel to Canada please visit the **Government of Canada website**.

International Students Enrolling in the May 2024 Term

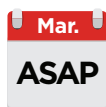To be eligible for a post-graduation work permit (PGWP), you must:

- Complete at least 50 per cent of your program inside Canada and meet all other PGWP requirements
- It is highly recommended to select and attend in-class course options where available. These include, hybrid, flexible, and in-person
- Time spent studying outside of Canada after Sept. 1, 2024 will be deducted from the length of your PGWP.

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IMPORTANT TO-DO'S

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To complete as soon as possible before your first day of class on May 6, 2024:

> **NOTE:** This section contains **important changes** introduced by IRCC on Jan 22, 2024. If you submitted a study permit application to IRCC before Jan 22, 2024 you do not require a Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL) to study in Canada.

☐ If your application was accepted you would have received an email requesting you to login to Student Home and confirmation of your program choice.

☐ When your program choice is confirmed you would have received your Letter of Acceptance (LOA) and fee statement. Your LOA is filled with important dates and information.

☐ To confirm your seat you must pay your first semester fees by the due date indicated in your fee statement.

☐ After processing your payment it is necessary to inform Seneca of your current Study Permit application status. Login to Student Home and follow the Tipsheet to update your study permit information. If you have not applied for a study permit yet due to IRCC changes (PAL) announced on Jan 22, no action is required.

☐ After making your payment and updating your current study permit status, Seneca will send you a Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL), if required for your study permit application. The PAL confirms that you have a space to study in Ontario. For more information about the PAL please refer to our FAQs.

☐ After obtaining your LOA and PAL you can apply for a study permit.

☐ Remember to keep us updated on the current status of your study permit application, by following the Tipsheet.

☐ Some programs require that you complete a Skills Assessment Test. The test must be completed before can proceed with building your timetable.

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Preparing for Class
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Late March 2024

☐ If you have paid your fees in full and your account is in good standing, you may be able to complete your INTENT TO ENROL.

☐ You must complete your INTENT TO ENROL on STUDENT HOME to qualify for enrolment and to create your class schedule. Instructions can be found online.

> **NOTE: You cannot enrol unless your account is in good standing AND you have completed your Intent to Enrol.**

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Enrolment opens

☐ On April 10, 2024, you can select a class schedule. Instructions can be found online. When possible, select courses that have an in-class component (e.g. in-person, hybrid or flexible). If your courses are only available online, the time you spend studying in Canada will still count towards the length of your Post-Graduate Work Permit (PGWP) provided it accounts for no more than 50 per cent of your studies.

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International Virtual Orientation

☐ **Attend INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL ORIENTATION**
Don't miss this important introduction for international students. If you cannot attend, watch the recorded version online. You can also join us for on campus for Campus Welcome Days on May 1st and 2nd.

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Campus Welcome Days

☐ Join us on campus on May 1st or 2nd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to meet other students, receive a campus tour and enjoy food and activities from the Seneca Student Federation (SSF).

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All Student Virtual Orientation

☐ Join all new students at Seneca on May 3 for a virtual orientation. Your program will host a Program Orientation. Visit this website to find your program session.

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CLASSES BEGIN

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Before You Travel

Before you travel to Canada, please know that as an international student you need the following:

- Study Permit or valid Port of Entry Letter of Introduction
- Passport with a valid VISA or eTA (electronic Travel Authorization)
- Seneca LOA, and PAL
- Proof that you have enough money to support yourself and any family members who come with you to Canada

> **NOTE: You will not be allowed to enter or begin your studies in Canada without the necessary authorized documentation.**

> **NOTE: Keep Seneca informed: submit a copy of your Letter of Introduction in Student Home.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ➤

Important Details on Travel

To help us best support you, please make Toronto, Ontario your first port of entry in Canada.

Travel rules and arrival procedures can be found in our Arrival document.

Pre-departure checklist:

- Refer to this Government of Canada site for full arrival details.
- You must provide your travel plan through the **Seneca MOBILE App** available for Apple and Android.
- Seneca provides transportation to your place of residence or accommodations by private taxi, at no cost, based on the travel plan you submitted through the **Seneca MOBILE App** available for Apple and Android.

03 Technology

☐ All students who are attending Seneca need to ensure that their technology (hardware, software and network access) meet all requirements for accessing Seneca online. These requirements can be found online. Visit the ITS website for resources on getting access to technology at Seneca.

04 Downloads

Please add these downloads to the mobile phone or tablet you will be using in Canada. You will need access to these apps prior to travelling to Canada and when you arrive in Canada.

☐ **Seneca's App Suite**

　☐ Seneca has an app suite to help you stay up to date on the latest Seneca news and access resources including your class schedule, grades, fees and more through **SENECA MOBILE**. You can also submit your travel plan and schedule airport pickup.

　☐ For students with in-person learning activities on campus, **SENECA NAVIGATE** will help you find classrooms and washrooms easily thanks to detailed maps of Newnham and Seneca@York campuses.

　☐ **SENECA SAFE** enables you to receive important safety alerts directly to your smartphone if an on-campus emergency occurs.

☐ **ArriveCAN App**

The ArriveCAN App was created by the Canadian government to help you minimize wait times and delays upon arrival and to help you share your travel plan with customs and immigration.

☐ **Seneca Virtual OneCard**

The Virtual Seneca OneCard is your student I.D. You will present it to access various campus facilities such as library resources or the inter campus shuttle. You can also use it to make purchases on-campus, manage your student account and more.

☐ **The MORCARE Medical App**

Access to health care and dental services in Canada may be quite different from what you are used to at home. A summary of services can be found online and you can download/print your MORCARE Medical Card at the Seneca International website.

> **NOTE: New students will not be able to access your medical card until after Day 10 of classes.**

> **NOTE: Wi-Fi is available at the airport. If you do not have a Canadian SIM, you will still have access to online services.**

05 Mandatory Forms

☐ The **Seneca MOBILE App**, available for Apple and Android, includes forms, instructions and requirements for travel to Canada.
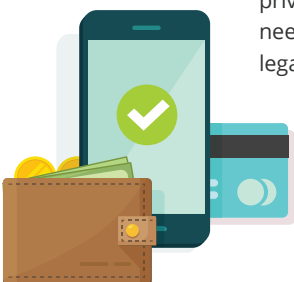
06 Book Your Seneca Transportation from the Airport

☐ Seneca provides complimentary transportation from the airport to your place of residence or accommodations by private taxi at no cost based on your travel plan submitted through the **Seneca MOBILE App** available for Apple and Android. To confirm your pick up, your travel plan must be submitted at least 72 hours prior to arrival.

07 Plan Your Finances

☐ Have a plan for how you will manage your finances, pay for groceries, rent, etc.

☐ Visit our Finances in Canada website for helpful information on banking, working in Canada, fraud awareness, and personal tax filings.

☐ Seneca campuses are cashless. For students coming on campus, you will be able to use your debit, credit or the Seneca OneCard for purchases and payments.

☐ You may be eligible to work on or off-campus if your study permit includes this privilege. Before starting work, you will need a Social Insurance Number (SIN) to legally work in Canada. Apply online.

08 Plan for Groceries, etc.

☐ Upon arrival, it is important to plan on how you will obtain groceries and essentials. Most grocery stores and pharmacies will deliver to your front door. Check online to find an option in your neighbourhood.

☐ Additional resources can be found on the **Seneca MOBILE App** available for Apple and Android.

09   Plan Your Travel

- ☐ Remember, if you are travelling to Canada, you will not be home for months — plan and pack carefully. View the Life in Canada video for an introduction to living in Canada and helpful tips on what you can expect when you arrive.
- ☐ Plan and arrange for accommodations.
- ☐ Review important things to bring in your carry-on luggage:
  - Study Permit or Port of Entry Letter of Introduction
  - Passport with a valid VISA or eTA (electronic Travel Authorization)
  - Seneca LOA, and PAL
  - Proof that you have enough money to support yourself and any family members who come with you to Canada
  - Remember to submit your travel information through the **Seneca MOBILE App** available for Apple and Android.

> **NOTE: Be sure you have in your carry-on any snacks, medication, toiletries and any other items you may need. You will not be able to go out to shop if you are required to quarantine. You may be able to arrange for deliveries but allow for delays.**

10   Keeping Seneca Informed of Your Travel Plans

- ☐ Seneca requires all travelling students to download and submit your travel information through the **Seneca MOBILE App** available for Apple and Android.

  FROM THE AIRPORT - OR SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER ARRIVAL
  Please confirm your arrival through the **Seneca MOBILE App** available for Apple and Android.

- ☐ Seneca has many virtual events for international students to help stay connected. Join Student Services to participate in events and activities to get to know Canadian culture and meet new friends.