EDUCATION

Canada has free and compulsory elementary and secondary education. Education is the responsibility of the provinces, and although provincial school systems vary, the general nature of the education and the standards maintained are similar.

Canada now has 72 degree-granting universities with some 300,000 full time students and over 100 technical and community colleges with over 100,000 full time students. The oldest university is Laval University in Quebec City, originally founded in 1663. The largest is the University of Toronto with over 26,000 students; the smallest is Notre Dame University of Nelson, British Columbia, with about 700 students.

Canadian educational institutions provide training not only for Canadians but also for more than 10,000 foreign university students from 150 countries annually.