

KPU International Advising Newsletter – October 2026

Get the latest information from KPU International Advising!



Hello, KPU International Students! The Fall semester is already in full swing! It’s hard to believe a month has passed since classes began. By now, you may be settling into your courses, getting familiar with campus, meeting new people, and finding a routine that works for you.

October is here, bringing cooler days, Halloween fun, and lots of opportunities to get involved on campus. As you enjoy everything the month has to offer, remember to stay on top of your studies, connect with others, and make time to recharge. Here’s to a fun, productive, and memorable October at KPU!

Health Insurance



Health Insurance for International Students

When you register at KPU, you’re automatically enrolled in [GuardMe](#), which provides temporary **Health Insurance** coverage. However, international students must also apply for the [Provincial Medical Services Plan \(MSP\)](#) as soon as they arrive in Canada.

GuardMe coverage may not be available during scheduled breaks, so applying for MSP early can help avoid gaps in your health coverage. Without provincial coverage, unexpected medical expenses from illness, injury, or accidents can be costly. Once your MSP coverage is active, you may have the option to opt out of GuardMe.

Apply for MSP as early as possible to help maintain continuous health coverage throughout your studies. For details about health insurance and coverage, check the [Health Insurance Booklet](#) or contact intlstudentlife@kpu.ca.

Fraud Awareness Alert

Scammers are targeting students with fake tuition deals and fraudulent job opportunities.

Be cautious if someone offers to pay your tuition for a “**Discounted**” amount. Although the payment may initially appear to be successful, it could later be reversed, leaving you responsible for the full tuition balance.

Some scams also advertise **Fake employment** documents, credentials, or pay stubs for a fee. Remember, legitimate employers will never charge you for a job or ask you to purchase employment documents.

Never share your student ID, login information, or personal details with someone you do not trust. If an offer seems suspicious or too good to be true, take a moment to verify the information before making a payment or providing any personal information.



Work in Canada Workshop (WIC) 2026

Learn about **Working in Canada**, hear from guest speakers, and expand your professional network at the [Work in Canada \(WIC\) Workshop](#) 2026. This event is designed to help **international students** make the most of their Canadian university experience and prepare for career success. Explore important topics including on- and off-campus work rules, workplace rights and safety, networking and communication skills, and post-graduation support resources. You’ll also have the opportunity to connect with KPU on-campus employers, meet fellow students, and enjoy some delicious treats.

- **Date:** Friday, October 9th
- **Time:** 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM
- **Location:** Surrey Conference Centre (Cedar 1205)

[Register online](#) to Attend the full day or join for the morning or afternoon session.

October is Academic Integrity Month at KPU!

Academic integrity is about making choices that reflect honesty, fairness, respect, responsibility, trust, and courage in your academic journey. Throughout October, KPU is highlighting the importance of these values through a variety of events, workshops, and resources.

Learn more about topics such as academic integrity, restorative justice, and how **the role of ChatGPT and other Generative AI tools** are shaping teaching and learning. There will also be opportunities to participate, learn, and pick up some KPU swag along the way!

Explore the KPU [Academic Integrity homepage](#) and check out the [upcoming Academic Integrity events](#) to learn more and get involved.



Community Impact Career Showcase (CICS)

Looking to take the next step in your **Career**? Connect with public, private, and non-profit organizations at [CICS](#) and explore a variety of opportunities, including part-time and full-time positions, co-op placements, volunteer roles, and more. Whether you’re exploring different career paths, searching for your next opportunity, or just beginning to plan your future, this is a great chance to meet **Employers**, build connections, and discover ways to make a meaningful impact in your community. Registered attendees who connect with at least five employers will also have a chance to win one of the door prizes!

- **Date:** Tuesday, October 6th
- **Time:** 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- **Location:** Surrey Conference Centre (Cedar 1205)

Click [here](#) to register and, if you have any questions, contact the Career Development Centre Office at careers@kpu.ca.

KPU Thrive Month 2026

This October, KPU celebrates Thrive Month with this year’s theme, “**Finding Balance in a Busy World.**” Join us for events, workshops, and activities designed to help you pause, recharge, connect, and prioritize your well-being.

[Surrey](#): Thu, Oct 8 | 11:30 AM–1:30 PM | Spruce Atrium

[Richmond](#): Wed, Oct 14 | 11:30 AM–1:30 PM | Rotunda

[Tech](#): Tue, Oct 20 | 11:30 AM–1:30 PM | Outside Cafeteria

[Langley](#): Wed, Oct 28 | 11:30 AM–1:30 PM | West Buildings

Take time this October to pause, recharge, connect, and find your balance. Explore the full Thrive Month [schedule](#) and discover opportunities to prioritize your wellbeing.



Have Questions or Need Support? Connect With KPU International

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