

KPU International Advising Newsletter – June 2026

Get the latest information from KPU International Advising!



Hi KPU International Students! You picked a great summer to be in Vancouver — the **2026 FIFA World Cup** is coming to the city! Along with the matches at BC Place, Vancouver will also host the [FIFA Fan Festival](#) from **June 11 to July 19**, featuring live game screenings, entertainment, cultural celebrations, and activities for fans throughout the tournament. Whether you are new to KPU or preparing for graduation, we hope you enjoy the energy and excitement happening across the city this summer. Follow KPU International on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) for student updates, events, resources, and more throughout the semester.



Health Insurance Reminder for International Students

Did you know that all international students are automatically enrolled in [GuardMe health insurance](#) upon registration? GuardMe provides temporary coverage; however, students are required to [apply for the provincial coverage - Medical Services Plan \(MSP\)](#) as soon as they arrive in Canada. Please note that GuardMe coverage may not be active during scheduled breaks. If you do not have MSP coverage, you may be at significant financial risk if you require medical care due to illness, injury, or an accident. Once your MSP coverage is active, you have the option to opt out of GuardMe. We strongly encourage all students to apply for MSP as early as possible to ensure continuous health coverage. To learn more, check out the [Health Insurance Booklet](#) or contact intlstudentlife@kpu.ca.

Fraud Awareness Alert

Scammers are targeting students with fake tuition discounts and fraudulent job offers!

Be cautious of anyone offering to pay your tuition at a **“Discount.”** Even if the payment appears successful, it can later be reversed, leaving you responsible for the full amount.

Some scams also involve fake job credentials or pay stubs sold for high fees. Legitimate employers will never ask you to pay for documents or job opportunities.

Never share your student ID, login credentials, or personal information. If something feels suspicious, verify before you act.



Academic Integrity Matters

Whether you are writing discussion posts, completing quizzes, working on group projects, using sources in presentations, or preparing written work, it's important to maintain honest academic practices.

[Draft Coach](#) is a **free** resource available to all KPU students that can help improve grammar, citations, and overall writing quality while also helping reduce the risk of unintentional plagiarism. Taking the time to review your work carefully and use available supports can strengthen both your confidence and your academic skills.

Feel free to contact academic.integrity@kpu.ca should you have any questions about academic integrity.

Co-op is Easier for International Students

According to [IRCC International Student Work Placement Information](#): **Starting April 1, 2026**, eligible post-secondary students no longer need a separate co-op work permit for mandatory work placements. This means less paperwork and an easier path to gaining valuable work experience while studying at KPU.

FYI, COOP 1101 is open to all KPU students and helps you build career skills through resume writing, interview preparation, job search strategies, and more.

Questions? Connect with [KPU International Student Advisors](#) through drop-ins or appointments.



World Cup Watch Party

World Cup 2026 is almost here! Join us at Grassroots Café on the Surrey campus to watch Canada take on Bosnia & Herzegovina and celebrate the World Cup together with fellow students.

Bring your friends, enjoy the match, and take part in games, prizes, and campus fun as we kick off the World Cup spirit at KPU.

- **Date:** Friday, June 12, 2026
- **Time:** 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
- **Location:** Grassroots Café, Surrey Campus

Food Pantry & Peer Wellness

Stop by the [Grab & Go Student Food Pantry and Peer Wellness Information Booth](#) at KPU Surrey, to pick up shelf-stable food items and miscellaneous vegetables. No questions asked, just take what you need!

- **Date:** Tuesday, June 9 & 30, 2026
- **Time:** 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM
- **Location:** Maple 160 (Peer Resource Space), KPU Surrey

You can also visit the [KPU Wellness](#) page to learn more about supports and resources available to help with your overall health and wellbeing during your time at KPU.



Have Questions or Need Support? Connect With KPU International

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