

Additional Services (optional)

Homestay accommodation can be arranged **with or without meals**. Airport transfers can also be provided. Simply let us know your preferences at the time of registration at shorttermkpu@kpu.ca.

Entry Requirements

- 1 English Language Proficiency Test**
Participants should have a minimum English level of **IELTS: 5.5** or **Duolingo Test: 65**
- 2 Medical and Travel Insurance**
Must include health, life, and disability coverages
- 3 Legal Age of Participants**
Proof of guardianship is required for any students under the age of 19



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Technical Apparel Summer Academy

An Immersive
Two-Week Journey
into High-Performance
Apparel Design

July 20 – 31

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 Metro Vancouver, BC, Canada





KPU's Signature Design-Focused Short-Term Programs

The Technical Apparel Summer Academy is a hands-on intensive program that introduces students to the dynamic world of technical apparel design. Over two immersive weeks, participants learn how high-performance outerwear is created – while building their own fully functional waterproof jacket from start to finish.

Working inside the industry-leading Wilson School of Design production labs, students gain experience with professional equipment, performance materials, and specialized construction techniques. The program includes expert demonstrations, guided equipment training, open studio lab time, and lectures on industry practices. Participants also visit several of Vancouver's globally recognized technical apparel companies through curated factory and industry tours.

Key Benefits

- Hands-on learning with experienced faculty
- Business visits, networking events, and field trips
- Customizable program options
- In-person
- 5 KPU campuses across Metro Vancouver

Program Fee

Starting from CAD \$1530
(subject to program structure and cohort size)

This fee covers lectures, production labs, industry tours, required materials and equipment, as well as orientation and a campus tour.

No prior sewing experience is required!

All materials, equipment, and transportation for industry tours will be provided.

Participants Will Learn To:

- Identify and select key materials, trims, and components used in waterproof technical garments
- Safely operate industrial sewing equipment and apply construction techniques for technical apparel
- Construct a complete waterproof jacket from a pre-designed pattern, including seam sealing and sew-free pocket installation
- Analyze the operations of leading technical apparel companies through guided tours
- Collaborate to develop a basic technical package
- Conduct introductory user and fabric performance tests and interpret results
- Manage workflow, time, and materials in a fast-paced studio environment

Students Need to Bring:

- Notebook or sketchbook
- USB drive or cloud storage
- Closed-toe shoes and studio-appropriate clothing
- Personal sewing kit (scissors, stitch ripper, pins/clips) ***Optional**

All programs are customized to meet your needs and can include hybrid learning (in-person/online).



What Could the Program Look Like?

Sample 2-Week Schedule

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	KPU Orientation Event: Welcome to KPU!	MORNING Intro to Waterproof Jackets AFTERNOON Construction Demos	MORNING Production Lab AFTERNOON Industry Tour #1	MORNING Intro to Technical Packages AFTERNOON Production Lab	MORNING Production Lab AFTERNOON
WEEK 2	MORNING Intro to Fabric Testing & Equipment AFTERNOON Production Lab	MORNING Intro to User Testing AFTERNOON Industry Tour #2	MORNING Production Lab AFTERNOON Production Lab	MORNING Final Production Lab AFTERNOON	MORNING Final Showcase Workshop & Seminar

The schedule is subject to change.