

The International Certificate...



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A way of recognizing and valuing the significant contributions, work, and experiences of an international nature that students have accomplished throughout their CBE journey.

Why pursue the International Certificate?

There are many reasons why students of the Calgary Board of Education would pursue the International Certificate:

- “This is the perfect opportunity to have my international work and volunteering experiences formally and officially recognized.”
- “This certificate will give me an edge in the job market and in my applications to post-secondary institutions.”
- “I want to *experience* the ‘globe’ not just read about it.”
- “I have a passion for international travel, volunteering, study, and work.”
- “I would like to get experience volunteering with an international organization such as Engineers without Borders, Child and Youth Friendly Calgary, OXFAM, Amnesty International, The Canadian Red Cross, or the YMCA.”
- “I’d like to meet other students with international interests - Networking!”

The International Certificate is designed to respond to the Calgary Board of Education’s Mega Ends and in particular **End Three - Citizenship**, which states, “Each student will be a responsible citizen by being an informed and involved member in local, national, and global communities.”

Fulfilling the Requirements: This a one to three year commitment and students will be expected to showcase their international work and study in an electronic portfolio.

Module #1 Languages

Completion of 125 hours of second language study. This could mean Spanish 10, American Sign Language, or an immersion experience.

Module #2 Course Work

Completion of Social Studies 10, 20, 30 at the -1, -2, or -4 level.

Completion of at least five credits of “internationalized” coursework.

Internationalization of three assignments within regular coursework.

Module #3 International Experience

Commitment of at least three months to an international experience. This includes preparation, planning, implementation, and reflection.

PLEASE NOTE: All of the above requirements may be completed with equivalencies.



Customize your Experience to fit with your Areas of Interest – The Possibilities are Endless!

- Plant a community garden for newly arrived Canadians.
- Volunteer or study overseas.
- Facilitate a Global Arts Exchange or organize a Fair Trade Fair.
- Host an international student or become an international student.
- Write autobiographies for senior citizens who came from abroad.
- Be an urban planner and design a city map pinpointing Calgary’s international sports facilities and highlight the international teams heading to our city.
- Design an International Art’s calendar profiling the International Art Events for the upcoming year.



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