

NBCC Admissions Process: Questions and Answers

How are applications processed through *First Qualified, First Accepted*?

Completed application packages must be received in order to identify the time-stamp. Applicants meeting admissions criteria will be accepted in the order in which they apply. Applicants who are waitlisted will move up the list as seats become available. We will no longer rank applicants based upon submitted grades in high-demand programs.

What happens if a stack of applications come in at once?

Time stamp is based on the last piece of information in the application package received. If a final piece of information comes in simultaneously on multiple applications, they all receive the same time stamp and they are sorted randomly.

I applied after *First Qualified, First Accepted* took effect and am currently on a waitlist. I would like to apply to a different program. Do I lose my time stamp if I change program options?

Yes, change of program choice results in a new time stamp.

Can I still apply to two programs each year?

Yes, applicants can apply to two programs. If you are waitlisted for your first program of choice, you can still be accepted into your second program of choice. If you are accepted into your first program of choice, then you are removed from your second program of choice.

If I apply to a program that starts in January and I don't get in, do I get waitlisted for the next September or January?

Applicants will be automatically waitlisted for the next academic year for the same program/location. For example, if you applied to and were waitlisted for the Practical Nurse program in January 2016 at NBCC Saint John campus, your waitlist position will automatically roll over to the following program in January 2017 at NBCC Saint John campus.

How long will it take to get into oversubscribed programs?

This will depend on how many students accept and withdraw from programs, along with how many people remain on the waitlists. We will have this information once we've gone through a few admission cycles with the *First Qualified, First Accepted* admissions process. To find out how many people are on a waitlist, contact College Admissions Service, 1-888-796-NBCC.

What does a completed application package include?

- ✓ Completed application form
- ✓ Payment of fee
- ✓ Proof of how you meet, or are in the process of meeting, the admission requirements (i.e. transcript)

You may also be required to provide: proof of language proficiency, mature student application form, portfolios, etc.



Can I still apply by mail?

Yes, however, online applications will be processed more quickly based on NBCC's new time-stamp admissions process.

Does this new *First Qualified, First Accepted* admissions process affect International applications?

No, the application process remains the same. International students can apply on **April 1 for the following academic year in order to allow them to access their VISA and CIC approvals on time.**

Are there any Special Admissions timelines?

The deadline to apply for Special Admission seats is January 1. (eg. January 1, 2015 for a September 2015 start).

Does this new *First Qualified, First Accepted* admissions process apply to applicants interested in contract training, continuing education, or part-time?

At this time *First Qualified, First Accepted* will only apply to applications to our regular programming. The guiding principle applies to all areas related to admissions however the process may differ based on the requirements in the individual contract.

What happens if an admission profile changes from one year to the next?

If admission criteria change from one year to the next, applicants who are waitlisted will need to meet the new requirements respectively; however, we will provide opportunity for applicants to acquire these new requirements by retaining their time stamp. We will require proof of enrolment within 30 days of our notice in order to remain on our lists.