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Program Graduate and
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Why choose Douglas College's Self Employment Program?

Well-Respected Educational Institution

- One of the largest public colleges in British Columbia, established 40 years ago.

National and International Award Winner

- 2006 award winner of the Program Excellence Award from the Association of Canadian Community Colleges.
- North American Innovative Practice in Business and Industry Award from the Learning Resources Network (LERN).

Fast Start

- You can have your business up and running in as little as three weeks.

Continuous Intakes

- New classes start every two weeks.

Winning Track Record

- 14 years and more than 2,800 businesses started.

All Applicants Interviewed

Living Allowance for up to 48 Weeks

Alumni Support

- Business directory, networking events, entrepreneur awards.

College Support

- Douglas College student card.
- Transit discounts and other benefits.

www.douglascollege.ca/selfemployment

To get started

Attend an Information Session to learn more about the program.

The program is offered at two locations

Information sessions are held each week.

To find an information session in your area

Visit www.douglascollege.ca/selfemployment

New Westminister campus: call 604 527 5020
or email: sepgv@douglas.bc.ca

Coquitlam campus: call 604 777 6012
or email: sep@douglas.bc.ca



Douglas College David Lam Campus

A1410–1250 Pinetree Way
Coquitlam, BC, V3B 7X3



Douglas College New Westminister

Room 0624–700 Royal Avenue
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Where successful entrepreneurs begin



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What do you dream of doing?



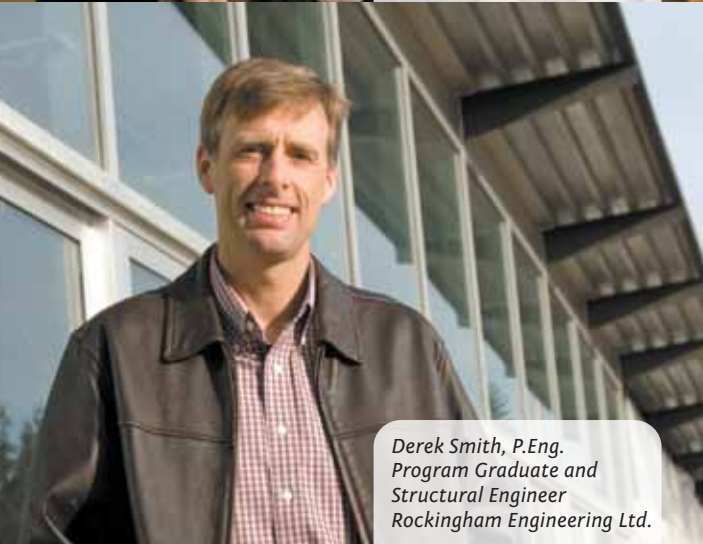
Sharon Chai
Program Graduate and
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www.bamboobino.com

Where successful entrepreneurs begin

Entrepreneurs have vision, passion, determination and the willingness to explore new opportunities.

The Self Employment Program offers practical training, business advice, one-on-one mentoring and group support to help you develop the skills and knowledge you need to start and operate a successful business. Financial assistance is also available to those who qualify.

The success of Douglas College's Self Employment Program lies with its people. Self Employment business advisors are entrepreneurs who contribute their individual areas of expertise to assist you in building a solid foundation. Since 1995, more than 2,800 businesses have been launched through the Self Employment Program.



Derek Smith, P.Eng.
Program Graduate and
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How the Program Works

Phase 1: Business Plan Development 6 weeks

- Prepare a comprehensive and practical business plan using our unique, modular planning process.
- Receive individual consultation and feedback on your business plan.

Phase 2: Business Skills Training 4 weeks of seminars

Learn how to implement your business plan.

Phase 3: Ongoing Coaching and Mentoring - 38 weeks

Work at your business plan while you:

- Receive realistic advice and support from your personal business advisor.
- Join in Round Table sessions for networking and inspiration.
- Attend Success Circle meetings for brainstorming, focus and support.

Eligibility

Eligibility is based on guidelines set out by the Ministry of Housing and Social Development.

Personal Requirements

- Have an active Employment Insurance (EI) claim, or
- Have received EI in the previous 36 months, or
- Have been on a maternity/parental claim in the past 60 months, and
- Be legally entitled to work in Canada.

Note: You may also be eligible if you are receiving severance pay or have a disability.

Business Requirements

- Start a business that is NEW to you.
- Have a viable business idea.
- Be prepared to make an investment in your business.
- Provide proof of majority ownership of the business (at least 51%) if in a partnership.



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Alumni

After graduating stay in touch through:

- Bi-monthly business networking events.
- Entrepreneur of the Year Awards night.
- Newsletter featuring input from alumni.

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