

Immigration and Citizenship Law G.Dip

Applying to and Navigating Graduate Studies

Why study IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP LAW?

Immigration is at the heart of Canadian culture and industry. Over seven million foreign-born individuals call this country home, and over the next several years, we will welcome many more. Developed by leading immigration practitioners and academics from across Canada, the Graduate Diploma in Immigration and Citizenship Law (GDipICL) sets a new standard for immigration practitioners.

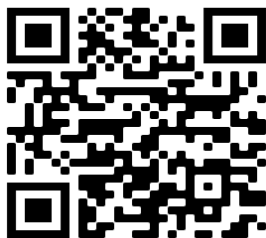
This program is designed for individuals who are looking to enter Canada's immigration sector, as well as those seeking to enhance their skills and understanding of the immigration system to advance in their existing professions.

Why QUEEN'S?

Delivered online at Queen's University, one of Canada's leading universities, the GDipICL program is the only English-language pathway to be eligible for the College of Immigration and Citizenship Consultants' Entry-to-Practice Exam (EPE).

Queen's University is a dynamic, academically acclaimed research and teaching institution with world-class researchers in immigration law and migration theory.

Our team of course instructors contribute a range of backgrounds, expertise and perspectives to the program, ensuring students receive the highest level of academic excellence.



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Program Details WHO IS IT FOR?

The Graduate Diploma merges theory and practice to prepare students for a number of vital roles in the immigration sector, as well as functions that support organizations on immigration and citizenship matters. These include:

- Prospective Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultants (RCICs)
- Paralegals
- Advisors and recruitment specialists at educational institutions
- Human resources professionals
- Leaders in immigrant settlement organizations
- Staff working with members of federal, provincial, and territorial legislatures
- Immigration and border policy analysts and program specialists in government agencies
- Support staff with law firms and immigration consultancy firms

Program STRUCTURE

The GDipICL program offers two study plans for September and January admission cycles: full-time and part-time. Full-time students will complete 9 courses over 3 consecutive terms in under 12 months, while part-time students will complete 9 courses over 6 consecutive terms in 24 months.

Applicants select their preferred study plan via the application. Study plans are preset for all students and students are enrolled in courses automatically.





STUDY, interact and collaborate

The Graduate Diploma is designed and delivered entirely online, with live tutorials that feature direct interaction with instructors who are leading experts in the field, as well as digital collaboration platforms to encourage peer-to-peer learning through simulations and discussion forums.

Students will acquire foundational knowledge, build their professional skills, and navigate this rapidly evolving sector in a dynamic, experiential learning setting.

Developed by internationally recognized immigration law experts and seasoned practitioners, this program integrates substantive academic knowledge with practical skills required for success in 21st century practice.

Courses

- ICL 810 Foundations of Canadian Immigration Law (6-week foundational course)
- ICL 820 Ethics and Professional Responsibility
- ICL 830 Temporary Entry
- ICL 840 Economic Immigration
- ICL 850 Family Class Immigration
- ICL 860 Refugee Protection & Trauma-Informed Client Service
- ICL 870 Enforcement – Inadmissibility, Detention and Removal
- ICL 880 Citizenship
- ICL 890 Immigration Practice Management

Completion Requirements

Students must complete all nine courses with a minimum grade of B- to graduate.

Tuition

Tuition for the program is assessed on a per-term, per-course basis. You can find the most up-to-date fee information on the Office of the University Registrar [website](#).

Financing

Queen's Law has partnered with Windmill Microlending and RBC to offer students tuition financing opportunities tailored to your needs (subject to application approval). Visit our [Tuition and Financing page](#) for more details about these funding organizations, tuition amounts per course, flexible payment options, the GDipICL Bursary, and more.

Admission REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's degree with a minimum of a B average or equivalent.
- Two references, including one academic reference if you have attended a post-secondary program within two years of applying.
- If English is not a native language, prospective students must meet the English language proficiency requirements in writing, speaking, reading, and listening.
- A personal statement of interest outlining your motivation to apply for the program and how your previous training and/or experience makes you the right candidate for the program. The statement must be written by the applicant, no more than 400 words and completed within the application.

Note: Queen's University is committed to enhancing diversity in graduate education, which includes ensuring mechanisms for applications from prospective students who may not have had opportunity and advantage equal to others to be considered. Visit our [website](#) to learn how to apply as an Access candidate.

Applicants are encouraged to apply early, as application dates are firm.

Before you APPLY

1. Take the [GDipICL Self-Assessment](#).
2. Gather all required documents:
 - Transcript(s) for all post-secondary education, whether completed, attempted, or in progress.
 - Valid language scores, if required (see our [admissions page](#) for details).
 - Contact information for two suitable referees (see our [admissions page](#) for details).
 - A personal statement of interest (maximum 400 words) written by the applicant explaining your motivation to apply for the program and how your previous training and/or experiences make you the right candidate for the program.
3. Confirm you meet all admission requirements using the [admissions page](#) on our website.
4. Apply through the [School of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs](#).

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