





have already impacted international student numbers, and prospective students are hesitant to apply given the reduced provincial allocations, and the uncertainty surrounding their ability to work post-graduation. This, in turn, has negative effects not only on international students but also on domestic students limiting the programs that can be offered.

VCC and other public colleges are integral to ensuring that our workforce is prepared to meet the evolving needs of the economy, and these reforms threaten to undermine that vital contribution. The shortage of qualified workers in healthcare and skilled trades is well documented, with Canada needing to fill over 700,000 skilled trade positions by 2028. R

