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**North Island College Discontinues Bachelor of Fine Arts External Program  
with Emily Carr University of Art and Design**

After careful evaluation, North Island College has decided to discontinue the Bachelor of Fine Arts External Program with Emily Carr University of Art and Design to focus on its own Fine Arts programming and other key program priorities.

Both institutions are committed to working together to develop a transition plan to ensure currently enrolled students achieve completion of their intended programs. Each student will meet with an Academic Advisor to discuss degree completion options.

North Island College and Emily Carr University of Art + Design will no longer be accepting applications from prospective students for the Bachelor of Fine Arts External program offered at NIC's Comox Valley campus.

Emily Carr continues to develop academic partnerships and learning experiences for students in communities throughout British Columbia and will continue to do so on Vancouver Island.

North Island College will continue to offer a range of Fine Arts programs and will be working to develop new programming to meet the evolving needs of the region.

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