

Okanagan Charter Commitments (WLIC)

Wilfrid Laurier International College (WLIC) is committed to providing an enriching experience in a supportive environment for international students throughout their experience with our college before they transition to Wilfrid Laurier University. WLIC was formed to grow and diversify Laurier's international student population, improve international students' academic outcomes, and broaden Laurier's international programs and services. WLIC pathways provide students with access to over 60 WLU programs.

Wilfrid Laurier international College is dedicated to supporting international students with their health and wellbeing and improving equitable access to learning and education within a framework of diversity, equity and inclusion that critically reflects on the environment and systems in which we operate.

We aspire to engage in proactive early intervention, the prevention of mental health issues, the promotion of holistic health and well-being, a culture of compassion and resiliency, as well as provide the conditions under which students, staff, and faculty can flourish.

Wilfrid International College is committed to working collaboratively with students, staff, community, and stakeholders to meet the calls to action outlined in the Okanagan Charter in the following 5 strategic areas:

- 1. Infuse Health into Everyday Operations** – lead activities, schedule events and develop policies with a focus on mental health and wellness.
- 2. A Safe Space to Share** – provide services, messaging, and opportunities for students to share.
- 3. Actively promoting Mental Health and Wellness** – provide tools, strategies, and programs designed to help people feel and stay well.
- 4. Engage the Student Voice** - leverage the unique opportunity as a post-secondary institution to provide transformative-education through a student-centred approach.
- 5. Staff Training** - support students, staff, and faculty with specific mental health and wellness training opportunities.



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