

## Winter 2026 NVRC pottery studio seasonal pass – lottery registration open until Nov 12

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# Winter 2026 pottery studio seasonal pass registration open until November 12

Lottery registration for winter 2026 pottery studio seasonal passes opens today! The deadline to register for the lottery is Wednesday, November 12 at 11:59pm.

The winter session will run from January 7 to April 4, 2026. We are doing the registration now so that registrants will know whether they got a pottery pass before registration for winter pottery classes opens in early December.

## Who is the seasonal pass for?

NVRC's pottery studio seasonal pass provides access to the Parkgate or Delbrook pottery studio for individuals with appropriate levels of NVRC

pottery experience who want to work on their own projects in a positive, relaxed and non-instructional environment. Visit <a href="https://nvrc.ca/pottery">nvrc.ca/pottery</a> for details.

## How to register

- **1.** From October 22 to November 12, enter your name into the lottery for either the Delbrook or Parkgate pottery studio (you must choose one studio). You can <u>enter online</u>, by calling 604-987-7529 or by speaking to front desk staff at an NVRC facility.
- **2.** Once registration closes, staff will confirm that all registrants meet the eligibility requirements (see below) to get a seasonal pass. This process takes approximately one week.
- **3.** On November 19 our registration software will run the lottery and randomly assign registrants to a seasonal pass or to the waitlist for their selected studio. This lottery process is carried out instantly and automatically, ensuring complete impartiality.
- **4.** Look out for an email from <a href="mailto:pottery@nvrc.ca">pottery@nvrc.ca</a> on November 19, with your lottery results. This email will tell you whether you got a seasonal pass or if you are on the waitlist.
- **5.** If you get a pass, you'll have until 6pm on Wednesday, November 26 to confirm your spot. To confirm, you will need to submit payment (we'll provide instructions with your lottery results) and sign up for a studio orientation (if required). If you don't confirm by November 26, your spot will go to the person at the top of the waitlist.

Seasonal passes cost \$231.54 per season (\$77.18 per month). For help registering, read the <u>step-by-step guide</u>.

## Eligibility requirements for the pottery studio seasonal pass

To be eligible for a seasonal pass, you must:

- Be 19+ years old.
- Able to work independently in the studio.
- Be a previous member of the Parkgate or Delbrook pottery studio or have completed at least two pottery classes\* at NVRC within the past three years.

Pottery experience from outside NVRC is not accepted.

#### Studio orientations

Passholders are required to attend a studio orientation the first time you get a seasonal pass, and then once every two years if you've been attending the studio regularly, or once a year if you haven't.

The purpose of the orientation is to confirm that participants can consistently and safely use equipment, maintain cleanliness, and demonstrate the necessary skills to work independently in the studio. The first hour of the orientation is a pottery skills and knowledge test. In the second hour, we will

<sup>\*</sup> Must be adult or youth classes; six weeks or longer.

review the studio guidelines and go over start-of-season administrative details. Former members of the Delbrook and Parkgate pottery studios only need to attend the second hour of the orientation.

Orientation dates for winter 2026 are provided below and instructions on how to register will be emailed out with the winter 2026 seasonal pass lottery results on November 19. If you completed an orientation in 2025 for the summer or fall seasonal pass, you do not need to attend another one for the winter 2026 pass.

#### Orientation dates & locations

Choose whichever date and location works best for your schedule:

- Sat, Nov 29, 2025 | 1:30-3:30pm | Delbrook Pottery Studio
- Sat, Dec 6, 2025 | 10am-12pm | Parkgate Pottery Studio
- Tues, Jan 6, 2026 | 12:30-2:30pm | Delbrook Pottery Studio

Instructions on how to register for the orientation will be emailed out with the winter 2026 seasonal pass lottery results on November 19. Orientation is now standardized, so you do not need to attend orientation at the same studio you have a pass for.

## **Gradual increase of passholders**

As part of the transition from a membership model to a seasonal pass model, NVRC will gradually increase the number of passholders in the studios over the course of the first year of the seasonal passes (July 2025-July 2026). We are increasing numbers gradually so we can monitor kiln and studio space, as well as make certain studio modifications (such as new shelving) to support a larger volume of works in progress, working towards a target of 60-75 seasonal pass holders per location per season. For the winter 2026 season, we are keeping the numbers at 45 studio passes at Delbrook and 50 at Parkgate.

#### Winter 2026 passholder studio schedule

The studio schedule for passholders will be shared in early January, before the start of the winter session. There will be a variety of daytime, evening and weekend hours. Studio schedules are influenced by many factors, including class schedules, operational needs and staff availability.

## Spring 2026 season

Registration and orientation dates for the spring 2026 seasonal pass session will be shared by email and at <a href="https://nvrc.ca/pottery">nvrc.ca/pottery</a> in early 2026.

For more information about NVRC's pottery studios and programs, visit <a href="nvrc.ca/pottery">nvrc.ca/pottery</a>. If you have any questions, please email <a href="pottery@nvrc.ca">pottery@nvrc.ca</a>.

Thank you,

## **NVRC Pottery Team**



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