

Reach Out

News from the Registrar's Office (Kelowna)

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Staff Updates

There are a number of changes in the Registrar's Office. Here's a brief update:

Curt Loyd

Student Information Coordinator

Curt has left OC late August to take on a great opportunity at UBC Okanagan in the Scheduling Office. Currently the position is vacant and Inga and Allan are doing what they can to ensure online applications, BRM campaigns and messages, and some reporting are continuing, so please direct questions to one of them.

Ardeth Anderson

Admissions Advisor

Ardeth is retiring in January but her last day in the office was Sept. 11, 2020. Her programs have been 'distributed' to the other staff. Betty and Cynthia are picking up the transfer credit part of Ardeth's job. The position is technically not vacant until January.

Heather Brown

Client Services Assistant (Admissions)

Heather is on leave and other staff have been doing a wonderful job to ensure things run smoothly without her. We hope Heather will be able to return soon.

Chelsea De Yaeger

Client Services Assistant (Registration)

Chelsea recently had filled the maternity leave of the Graduation Assistant. When it was time for her to return to her registration role, she went on maternity leave herself. Her registration position is currently being filled by Adrienne Cook.

Gail Brown

Manager, Enrolment Services

Gail will be retiring from OC in early December. She joined OC four years ago and the wealth of knowledge and skills she brought, and is still bringing, to the role will surely be missed by many.

Student Elections

An election will be held this October for two student seats on the Board of Governors and four student seats on Education Council.

If you know of any students who may be interested, nomination forms and information is available in thier myOkanagan accounts on the Elections tab.



September 2020

Education Council News

Below is a brief update on items approved at Education Council in September. Please view the Items Approved or Minutes for details.

Program Revision

Associate of Arts Degree

A new emphasis will be added: Creative Writing.

Date of implementation is August 2020.

Course Revisions

- LSIN 012 - Basic Computer Skills
- LSIN 016 - Writing Your Life
- LSIN 017 - Workplace Awareness I
- LSIN 018 - Workplace Awareness II
- LSIN 019 - Workplace Awareness III
- LSIN 022 - Rights and Responsibilities of an Adult
- LSIN 034 - Banking, Budgeting, and Bill Paying
- LSIN 099 - ASE Special Topics

- ENGL 116 - Introduction to Creative Writing I
- ENGL 126 - Introduction to Creative Writing II
- ENGL 216 - Intermediate Workshop in Creative Writing - Poetry
- ENGL 217 - Intermediate Workshop in Creative Writing - Fiction
- ENGL 218 - Intermediate Workshop in Creative Writing - Drama
- ENGL 219 - Intermediate Workshop in Creative Writing - Creative Non-Fiction
- ENGL 281 - Intermediate Workshop in Creative Writing - Screenwriting
- ENGL 307 - Creative Non-Fiction Writing for Canadian Markets
- ENGL 311 - Writing Drama
- ENGL 383 - Creative Writing Fiction
- ENGL 408 - Topics in Creative Writing
- ENGL 409 - Writing the Novel

Course Deletions

- LSPM 031 - PACE Applied Skills 1
- LSPM 032 - PACE Applied Skills 2
- LSPM 033 - PACE Applied Skills 3
- LSPM 034 - PACE Applied Skills 4
- LSIN 009 - Visual and Verbal Literacy for the Real World
- LSIN 024 - Safety and Driver Training
- LSIN 026 - Community Awareness
- LSIN 012A - Basic Computer Skills A

The next regular Education Council meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2020.

Details of EdCo approvals can be found at: www.okanagan.bc.ca/edco.

Please note that all new programs and all program changes require Board approval.



Fall Recruitment Update

The OC recruitment team is gearing up for a busier than usual fall season this year. With all travel cancelled, recruitment has moved virtual, primarily using Easy Virtual Fairs. To start, OC will set up a virtual info booth at Post-Secondary B.C. (PSBC) events, complemented by Zoom for live presentations. This new format has allowed the team to sign up for many more PSBC visits than normal all over the province.

The first set of presentations kicked off with a province-wide high school counsellors update from September 23-25. This will be followed by local PSBC visits during the weeks of October 5 and 14. These virtual visits will continue through to December. In addition, there will be virtual visits in Alberta (Out of Province University Fairs) and at Education and Career Fairs in B.C.

As it stands, Campus Information Nights and Career Fair in Kelowna will be combined into one pan-institutional OC Information Night this year, tentatively set for November 8. Details to come soon regarding this event. The four recruiters are also discussing counsellor updates in their regions. In addition to these events, each recruiter is currently planning several high school presentations in each of their local regions to grades 10-12 classes. Some of these will be virtual and some may be in person.

Fall Orientation 2020

October 2020

This year orientation looked a little different at each Okanagan College campus. Even though events were smaller in scale, new students were still welcomed warmly at each campus with welcome backpacks and the chance to win a mini fridge, donated to each campus by the Okanagan College Alumni Association.

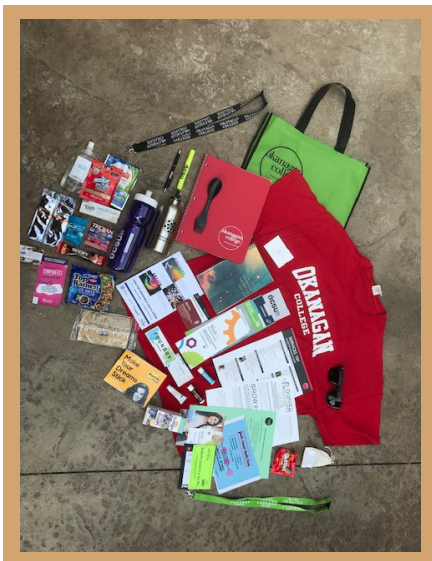
12	Thanksgiving Day (no classes)
21	<u>Wellness Wednesday - Flourish</u>
24-26	Mid-term exam period
30	Last day to withdraw without penalty

Salmon Arm welcomed about 65 students with welcome backpacks and a food truck serving crepes in the morning and tacos in the afternoon. Staff and departments from across campus were available to greet students and field questions.

At the Vernon Campus, approximately 150 students registered for a time slot to visit campus briefly and pick up an OC swag bag, ask some of the staff and faculty questions and then receive a bag of hot mini donuts. The bag included an OC ball cap, coupons from local businesses, a seed pack from the garden, OC branded items, campus and student services information, an apple from Davison Orchards and a bottle of SunRype juice.

Approximately 500 Kelowna students picked up welcome bags - by car and by foot - filled with branded boxes of Kraft Dinner, SunRype products, sunglasses and lanyards. Other orientation week events students were invited to attend included a virtual escape room and trivia night, and a morning movie at a local theatre (following all COVID health protocols).

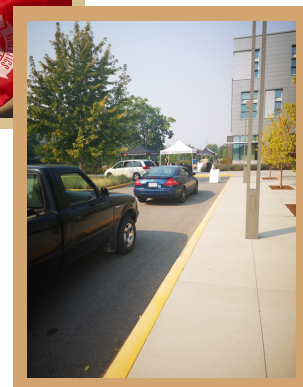
About 180 students attended the Penticton campus meet and greet event on September 8 and were given a swag bag filled with OC branded gifts, SunRype products, information from local service providers and a gift card for a local cafe. Students and staff took precautions to ensure proper social distancing was possible and that everyone would stay safe. Representatives from student services were available to introduce students to the programs and services they offer. Over \$1,000 in prizes were randomly drawn as was the mini fridge donated by the Alumni Association.



Penticton welcome back packs stuffed to the brim with items!



Kelowna welcome back packs ready to be picked up at the walk/drive through event Sept. 8.



Drivers patiently wait their turn to get a welcome bag at the roundabout on the Kelowna campus.