



COUNSELLOR UPDATE

OKANAGAN COLLEGE 2021-2022





General Updates

NEW OKANAGAN COLLEGE WEBSITE

The new Okanagan College website was launched in July. There are several features built in to support the needs of users like prospective students and high school counsellors, including a robust Program Search that you can filter by program titles or topics, study area, campus, credential and delivery method.

We have provided an updated list of links in this package. The web team redirected links to new pages, but we recommend that you update bookmarks, as some links have changed in the transition.

IMPACTS OF COVID-19

Okanagan College takes the safety of students, staff and community seriously. This is why several protective measures have been put in place, in accordance with advice from public health regulations.

- Online learning for most academic programs
- Labs, shops and practicums include physical distancing measures in place

Okanagan College has also launched an Online Resource portal for students who are new to learning in a virtual environment.

STUDENT FOR A DAY AND CAMPUS TOURS SUSPENDED

As a preventative measure due to COVID-19, campus activity is restricted to current students and staff. Unfortunately, this means that we are not able to offer campus tours or student for a day at this time. As soon as we can offer these experiences again, OC staff will contact you. For students who are interested, we would be happy to set up a virtual meeting and speak to them directly. We are keeping track of students who are interested, and will follow up with them once tours and student for a day programs are able to operate in a safe manner.

CHANGES TO PSI-BC DELIVERY

The fall recruitment tour (PSI-BC) will take place as a virtual fair. Post-secondary institutions will be using a platform called EasyVirtualFairs.

RECRUITMENT SCHEDULING

Our recruitment and advising teams are now using an online scheduling platform to book appointments. Students can book an appointment directly with a recruiter or education advisor using the new LibCal tool. <https://okanagan.libcal.com/>

INFO SESSIONS

Over the summer, the recruitment team hosted a number of successful info sessions on Zoom. We hosted general program, program specific and campus specific sessions geared towards students from grades 10-12. For upcoming sessions and to view recordings, check out: www.okanagan.bc.ca/infosessions

NEW HEALTH SCIENCES BUILDING

Community support for health-care students has been amazing. In 2019-20, Okanagan College Foundation disbursed over \$1 million to students through 868 awards. Large community donations continue to roll in to the Our Students, Your Health capital campaign supporting the new Health Sciences Centre, set to open at the Kelowna campus this fall.



Program Updates

COMMON FIRST YEAR ENGINEERING CERTIFICATE | Kelowna (September)

First intake Fall 2021. Allows students to complete first year Engineering (Applied Science) at Okanagan College. Students completing the certificate are able to apply to the second year of an Engineering (Applied Science) degree at some B.C. universities. All courses must be taken at Okanagan College within a 12-month period.

KINESIOLOGY DIPLOMA | Penticton (September)

Previously named Human Kinetics Diploma. Revisions to curriculum align with university transfer credit. Co-op options are now available to students. Five concentration options: Fitness, Health Science, Recreation, Education, and General Studies. The Health Science option is designed as a pathway to a bachelor's in Kinesiology; Human Kinetics is a related field. The Education option is designed as a pathway to a bachelor's degree in a related field and subsequent application to a Bachelor of Education.

COMMERCIAL HELICOPTER PILOT CERTIFICATE | Kelowna (September)

First intake Fall 2021. This certificate follows Transport Canada-approved curriculum and prepares students for the Transport Canada Commercial Helicopter Pilots written and flight tests. This certificate blends commercial helicopter training skills with business courses, allowing graduates to enter the industry with more advanced education than a general pilot. This certificate is two full-time semesters over one year. Graduates that successfully complete the Transport Canada written and in-flight exams will be ready for full-time employment as commercial helicopter pilots.

Infrastructure and Computing Technology Diploma | Kelowna (September)

Previously named Network and Telecommunications Engineering Technology Diploma.

Rotating Programs

Human Service Worker Diploma – Vernon Fall 2021

Practical Nursing Diploma – Salmon Arm Fall 2021



2021-22 Contact Info and Web Addresses

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OC Web Addresses

Visit us to learn more

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OC Program Search - www.okanagan.bc.ca/Programs

Dual Credit - www.okanagan.bc.ca/DualCredit

Future Students - www.okanagan.bc.ca/Future-Students

Book your Student for a Day - www.okanagan.bc.ca/Visit

Book a Campus Tour - www.okanagan.bc.ca/Visit

Education Advising- www.okanagan.bc.ca/Advising

Salmon Arm Campus - www.okanagan.bc.ca/SalmonArm

Vernon Campus – www.okanagan.bc.ca/Vernon

Kelowna Campus – www.okanagan.bc.ca/Kelowna

Penticton Campus – www.okanagan.bc.ca/Penticton



Contact a Recruiter

We are here to help!



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