

Reach Out

News from the Registrar's Office (Kelowna)

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Health Care Assistant Partnership Pathway

To address staffing needs in long term care and assisted living services, the Government of B.C. has introduced the Health Career Access Program (HCAP), through which applicants may be hired in a health care support worker (HCSW) position and receive paid training to become an HCA. Okanagan College's HCA Program was approved by the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training, and can now be offered as a part of the Health Career Access Program (HCAP), which delivers the HCA curriculum in an alternative format.

Students will begin with 26 weeks of online theory, two days per week in cohorts of 30, followed by seven weeks of full-time, in-person labs in groups of 10 at various campuses and centres. The final portion of the program will be four, two-week clinical placements.

The first two cohorts of 30 will begin the program on June 7, 2021. It is expected that the second intake will be two more cohorts of 30 students beginning on September 27, 2021.

The third intake will be just one cohort of 30 students and is expected to run as of January 5, 2022.

Questions about the program can be directed to admissions@okanagan.bc.ca.

Staff Updates

Cindy Liu joined the Registration team on April 20 to cover the remainder of Chelsea De Yaeger's maternity leave. Cindy's part-time 1 – 4:30 p.m. shift for Switchboard has been posted with a contract that runs from now until Oct. 31, 2021.

Lauren Shannon joins us as as the Shuswap-Revelstoke Recruitment and Events Assistant.

Lauren has called Salmon Arm home since 2005 and has personal experience as a student at OC beginning in 2014 in the Administrative Certificate Program. She then continued on to complete the Business Administration Diploma, and in April 2020 graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration specialization in Human Resources Management. Lauren's personal experiences and passion for education were driving forces behind her decision to apply to work at OC.



Lauren plans to focus on establishing relationships within the Salmon Arm and Revelstoke community while raising awareness of OC's programs.

Lauren would like to thank the staff she has already met, both in person and virtually, who have welcomed her with open arms.



Education Council News

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

April 2021

Program Revisions

Health Care Assistant

The English admission requirement will be updated to align with the B.C. Care Aide and Community Health Worker Registry.

Proposed date of implementation is May 2021.

May 2021

New Programs

- **LPN Orthopaedic**
- **Post-Baccalaureate in Human Resources Management**

Program Revisions

Criminal and Social Justice Diploma

An additional elective will be added to the program outline.

Entry Level Automotive Collision Repair/Refinishing Prep Technician

Program changes have been made by the ITA.

Proposed date of implementation is September 2021.

BBA Entrepreneurship Specialty

Interest was expressed in creating an experiential entrepreneurial credential. A specialty area will be created in the existing BBA template. Proposed date of implementation is September 2021.

BBA Finance Specialty

A new course will be added to the program. Proposed date of implementation is April 2021.

BBA Management Specialty

BUAD 336 will be added to the list of electives.

Proposed date of implementation is April 2021.

New Courses

- MATH 013 - Introduction to Calculus
- CMNS 136 - Technical Writing and Communications for SCMT I
- ECON 295 - Special Topics in Economics
- BUAD 112 - Introduction to Entrepreneurship
- BUAD 212 - Idea Generation
- BUAD 319 - Introduction to Management Consulting
- BUAD 354 - Financial Modelling for Equity Analysis and Valuation
- BUAD 371 - Organizations and Society
- BUAD 413 - Finance for Entrepreneurship
- BUAD 414 - New Venture Creation
- BUAD 416 - International Entrepreneurship
- BUAD 417 - Marketing for Entrepreneurs
- BUAD 499 - Entrepreneurship Experience

Course Revisions

- MATH 080 - Mathematics
- BUAD 264 - Management Accounting
- BUAD 336 - Service Design
- BUAD 365 - Cost Accounting
- BUAD 460 - Investing in Financial Institutions
- BUAD 461 - Applied Corporate Finance

The next regular Education Council meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2021.

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

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

May 2021

21	Last day to register for a distance education course
22	Last day to submit a grade appeal
24	Statutory Holiday (no classes)

June 2021

4	Last day to withdraw without penalty
18	Summer Session I classes end
21	Last day to submit final grades
26-28	DE midterm exams

Recruitment News

The recruitment team continues to connect with students through LibCal appointments, phone calls, e-mails, and virtual presentations. Recruitment and Student Services can also connect with prospective and current students through the newly launched Services for Students Live Chat feature on the website.

ExperienceOC virtual sessions run every Tuesday and Thursday from 6-7 p.m. until the end of May. These engaging sessions teach students what it would be like to be a student at Okanagan College. Vernon and Salmon Arm co-hosted a very successful Returning to Education presentation that was targeted to adult learners. Recruiters attended the virtual Education Career Fair on May 11.

2021-22 Tuition Fees

The tuition and fees for 2021-22 are now available on the web at www.okanagan.bc.ca/tuition and have been updated on the program pages. Please email Inga Wheeler at iwheeler@okanagan.bc.ca if anything does not look as it should.

OC Transfer Credit Search and BC Transfer Guide News

The Registrar's Office has launched a Transfer Credit Search tool which can be found at www.okanagan.bc.ca/transfercredit.

This public-facing web service pulls and displays all transfer credit articulation agreements from the BC Transfer Guide system which mirrors what the Guide will show for OC's incoming articulations.

This new transfer tool allows prospective students, as well as advisors, chairs and faculty, to search for transfer equivalencies without having to leave the College's website. Admitted students can then apply for transfer credit towards studies at Okanagan College.

The BC Council on Admissions & Transfer (BCCAT) announced this week that the BC Transfer Guide now includes transfer equivalencies that OC, and other post-secondary institutions, have with post-secondary institutions (PSIs) across the world, in addition to transfer agreements among BC Transfer System members. As a result, students from across Canada and the globe can search the BC Transfer Guide to identify transfer credit they will receive from the onboarded BC PSIs for learning obtained outside of BC.

This BC Transfer Guide expansion will reduce barriers and promote pathways to access quality, post-secondary education in British Columbia.

Okanagan College is one of seven institutions that have already added their pan-Canadian and international course-to-course transfer agreements to the BC Transfer Guide. The new OC Transfer Credit Search tool takes full advantage of this by showing articulations from within Canada and around the world.

Check out the BC Transfer Guide Expansion Project Update for further details.

Orientation Plans for Fall 2021 Underway

Plans to welcome back students to campus for the Fall 2021 semester are in full swing at the Penticton, Kelowna, Vernon and Salmon Arm campuses. This year's events will include both in person and virtual components.

As usual, each campus will be looking for volunteers to assist with the in-person event on September 8, 2021. Please contact the event organizer at your campus if you are available to volunteer:

Salmon Arm: Ishannon@okanagan.bc.ca
Vernon: vernoncampus@okanagan.bc.ca
Kelowna: cyoung@okanagan.bc.ca
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