

# Reach Out

*News from the Registrar's Office (Kelowna)*

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## Staff Updates

This month the office bids goodbye to two members of the team and welcomes three new faces!

Retiring at the end of December are **Allan Hickey**, Associate Registrar, Systems, and **Dawn Govan**, Scheduling Coordinator. Allan has been instrumental in the implementation of many projects in the Registrar's Office, most recently the Quali Curriculum Management project. Dawn has been successfully planning out the College's course schedule, a particularly challenging job during the pandemic. Both will be missed.

Stepping into the role of Associate Registrar is **Lianna Lillies**. Lianna is familiar with the Okanagan, having grown up in B.C., first in Kelowna, living in the Glenmore area, before moving to Nakusp. She completed post-secondary in Saskatchewan focusing on Business and Computer Information Systems. Lianna is currently working to complete an additional degree.



Having worked in higher education for almost 14 years, Lianna first

worked as a programmer in HR, Finance, payroll, and budget, before moving into management for Enrolment Services, with a staff of 10 that handled the entire student life cycle. Her last move was to lead the Enrolment Services Modernization project, successfully implementing the Banner 9 Student Self-Registration Application.

Lianna has two children, both living in B.C. and completing post-secondary degrees. Lianna's spouse is still in Saskatchewan getting the house ready to sell and will be moving here in the spring.

Lianna says, "I am very excited to be back so close to home and near many family and friends. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you over the next few months."

**Tiffany Clarke** joins the Registrar's Office as the new Scheduling Coordinator. Tiffany relocated from Toronto to the Okanagan in 2012 and completed the Administrative Assistant Certificate program here at Okanagan College – Kelowna Campus, in 2015. For the past six years she has worked as the Senior Departmental Administrator at UBC Okanagan, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

"I am thrilled to join the Registrar's Office team and the OC community once again!" she says.

In her free time, Tiffany is an avid hiker, animal lover and bookworm (trail and book recommendations are always welcome!)



## Staff Updates continued

**Vivian Moretti** joins the team as the Kelowna Recruitment and Events Coordinator after nearly a year working as a Division Assistant in OC's International department. Born in Brazil, Vivian is a mom of two busy little boys and has been living in Kelowna since January 2015. Before landing in Kelowna, Vivian lived in San Francisco, California from 2009 to 2014.



Vivian earned her Bachelor of Arts in History from Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina before taking on an amazing opportunity to work with quality training and client support for big tech and entertainment companies like Disney and Google (YouTube). In her spare time, Vivian enjoys baking with her sons, hiking, travelling, and dancing.

## Education Council News

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

### November 2021

#### Program Revisions

##### Bachelor of Business Administration - Entrepreneurship

The admission and graduation requirements for the Bachelor of Business Administration and the BBA - Entrepreneurship specialty will be updated.

Proposed date of implementation is September 2021.

### December 2021

#### Course Revisions

- PHYS 202 - Engineering Mechanics I
- PHYS 215 - Thermodynamics
- MATH 221 - Introduction to Linear Algebra
- STAT 230 - Elementary Applied Statistics
- STAT 311 - Modern Statistical Methods
- DSCI 300 - Data Wrangling and Visualization
- DSCI 310 - Mathematics Computation

The next regular Education Council meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2022.

Details of EdCo approvals can be found at [okanagan.bc.ca/edco](http://okanagan.bc.ca/edco). Please note, all new programs and all program changes require Board approval.

## December 2021

8-18	Final exam period
14	Fee payment deadline
22	Last day to submit grades
24-Jan 3	College closed

## January 2022

5	Academic classes begin
5-12	<u>Winter Welcome events</u> at each campus
14	Last day to register for a class, drop a course, or change registration status from audit to credit

## 2022-23 Academic Schedule

The 2022-23 Academic schedule has been approved and posted. To view it, visit [okanagan.bc.ca/dates](http://okanagan.bc.ca/dates) or access the PDF [here](#).



# Recruitment and Events Updates

## Penticton

Piper Yacheson, Penticton Recruitment and Events Coordinator, has accepted a Trades Administration position in Penticton but is continuing to support recruitment two to three days a week until a new South Okanagan recruiter starts in January. She continues to meet with prospective students and assist with campus events for current students. Piper is still receiving lots of requests for printed materials from local high schools. The Penticton Enactus team attended the Naramata market the last two weekends to engage with the community.

For Winter Welcome Back in January, there is a coffee and hot chocolate bar with treats planned for January 12 and the Recreation team is also working on planning out more events. Details can be found at [okanagan.bc.ca/orientation-penticton](https://okanagan.bc.ca/orientation-penticton).

## Kelowna

Kelowna welcomed a new recruiter in December. Read more about Vivian Moretti in the Staff Updates section above. Vivian is currently in training but will hit the ground running as Experience OC, school visits, and campus tours ramp up again in the winter semester.

Winter Welcome Week events are planned for January 5-7, 2022, beginning with hot coffee and muffins for students as they head to their first classes the morning of January 5. The big welcome back lunch takes place on Thursday, Jan. 6 with a Winter Around the World theme and free cups of mac and cheese for new and returning students. Therapy dogs will be here to visit with students on January 7 during a Puppies and Popcorn event and then students are invited to an evening of skating that night at the Capital News Centre followed by appetizers at the pub next door.

## Vernon

The Vernon Campus kicked the recruitment season off with a well-attended Counsellors Breakfast on October 8, followed by their Campus Open House & Spotlight Sessions on November 2. The open house event was attended by more than 125 people over the course of the evening and featured a program fair in the cafeteria and nine different program spotlight sessions around campus. Each session was well attended and just over 50 students took advantage of the admission fee waiver and applied for an OC program that evening. On November 8, Vernon recruiter, Tawnya Cameron, hosted the annual 15 First Year FAQs seminar. About 35 people attended the seminar.



In addition to campus event planning, Tawnya has been busy presenting to grades 10, 11 and 12 classes in all of the schools in her region, plus setting up info booths for high school parent/teacher interviews and during school lunch breaks, and running the OC booth at provincial post-secondary fairs.

In preparation for the winter semester, Tawnya is helping to plan the Winter Welcome on campus. This will consist of an information/welcome table for new students and campus tours on January 5, plus a winter welcome back event with free coffee, hot chocolate and treats on January 11.

## Salmon Arm

Salmon Arm is holding a virtual Returning to Education info session on January 25 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and an in-person Info session on January 27 at the Salmon Arm campus between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Participants will have a chance to speak to advisors and instructors, and find out about upcoming funding opportunities with WorkBC staff. For more info or to register for the Info Sessions, visit the Salmon Arm Facebook page or go to [okanagan.bc.ca/returningtoeducation](https://okanagan.bc.ca/returningtoeducation).

School tours are currently being scheduled for 2022 and several presentations for high school students have been done in the Shuswap-Revelstoke area with more scheduled for the new year.

Winter Welcome Orientation will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 5 and Thursday, Jan. 6 from 7:45-11 a.m. at the Salmon Arm campus. There will be a welcome table set up outside the front office with free coffee and cookies for all students and swag bags for new students along with drop-in times in the Library between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to learn how to log in and navigate through myOkanagan and complete the mandatory OC 101 Moodle courses.

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### WHAT'S NEW IN 2021

- May Pan-Canadian & international transfer agreements
- Jun Adult Basic Education (ABE) transfer search
- Nov Website redesign for accessibility & adaptivity UX improvements
- Dec English as an Additional Language (EAL) transfer search

### ONBOARDED



We always knew it, but now we really know it. Covid-19 and all it brought through 2020 showed us all how big and interconnected the world is – and that includes the post-secondary world.

Students these days are highly mobile, and we are making big changes to BCTransferGuide.ca to support students transferring to BC. We now include pan-Canadian and international transfer agreements, because—let's face it--people want to study and live in BC.

BC's post-secondary transfer network makes every credit count – and students (both in and outside of BC) can find out what credit they'll receive for previous learning on the BCTransferGuide.ca. Bringing together technology and vital transfer information is a huge win for us all; opening the way for BC's diverse learners to find the path that works for them and ultimately, participate in our communities.

And there's more! Adult Basic Education (ABE) courses are now searchable on BCTransferGuide.ca. We're excited to better support adult learners in finding accurate and current ABE information to help them move forward in their post-secondary journey.

Last but not least... we've redesigned the BCTransferGuide.ca to make it easier for students to use. The new site features a fresh look and feel, and is more accessible, adaptive, and responsive for a more satisfying user experience. We invite you to see for yourself!

What's next you ask? You can look forward to seeing English as an Additional Language (EAL) transfer search just around the corner. It's an exciting year for the BC Transfer Guide expansion!

We thank our post-secondary partners and the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training for continuing the work of facilitating student mobility and in reducing barriers and promoting pathways to access quality, post-secondary education in British Columbia.

If your institution would like to showcase their transfer equivalencies with post-secondary institutions worldwide, please contact [tcs@bccat.ca](mailto:tcs@bccat.ca)

## COMING SOON: EAL ON THE BCTG

Students will soon be able to easily search for English as an Additional Language course equivalencies between PSIs