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MUFFINS & CUPCAKES Fundraising Success!



On October 27th, the Registrar's Office and Student Services Staff held their inaugural **MUFFINS & CUPCAKES** fundraiser for the United Way. Staff baked up a storm and set up in the Pit for two hours of fundraising success.

Thank you to all the Okanagan College staff and students who helped raise more than \$300!

Prospective Student Portal Goes Live

Beginning this month, myOkanagan will have a new and improved look. Over the next few weeks, employees and faculty members who have a student and/or applicant tab will see the changes that are coming. Students will now see a more attractive and informative myOkanagan with videos, photos, news and more.

Progress is continuing for incorporating prospective students into myOkanagan, a project also known as the Prospective Student Portal (PSP). Prospective students can now sign up to receive more information through the sign-up [web form](#) which is now active. The web form can be accessed from any of the [Become a Student](#) secondary pages. Campus recruiters will continue to gather names from prospective students, add them to the PSP and use this technology to stay in touch.

Prospective students who sign up will be sent an email, created through the Client Relationship Management (CRM) system, with their ID number and instructions on how to login to their myOkanagan account. Emails will automatically be sent out to new registrants through an email campaign. The first email campaign will give new registrants their 300 number and instructions on how to login. The second email campaign will be for applicants. After they have applied and are set up in Banner, they will be sent their login information via email which will include their 300 number.

Prospects who never login to their myOkanagan account will still receive relevant information through direct emails from the CRM. Personal email addresses will be used for prospects and applicants. Their default email address will be switched to their myOkanagan email address later in the admissions process.

Practical Nursing 2012-2013 Applications

Applications to **Practical Nursing** for fall 2012 open December 1, 2011.

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Education Council News

Below is a brief update on items approved at Education Council in November. Please view the *Items Approved* or *Minutes* to see details.

Course Revisions:

- COSC 150 - Basic Digital Circuits and Microprocessors
- NTEN 126 - Basic Digital Circuits and Microprocessors

New Programs

Pastry Arts Certificate

This 40-week program will include all the skills necessary to work as a professional Baker/Patisserie. The program will include the making of breads, cakes, and pastries and will focus on the farm-to-table opportunities afforded by the Okanagan region.

Implementation is scheduled for September 2012.

Collision Repair Technician Certificate

In this 41-week program, students with little to no previous experience will gain the necessary skills to seek employment in collision repair.

Proposed implementation date is February 2012.

Plumbing and Piping Trades Certificate

This 25-week program will supply students with the skills to seek employment as an apprentice Plumber, Domestic/Commercial "B" Gasfitter, Steamfitter/Pipefitter or Sprinkler System Installer.

Proposed implementation date is February 2012.

Practical Nursing Diploma

The Practical Nursing Certificate program is now a 70-week diploma program. Admission requirements will remain the same as the certificate program for winter 2011, but there will be new admission requirements for the fall 2012 intake.

Courses were approved at the October meeting and any changes will be posted in the calendar for informational purposes.

Until the Board approves the changes, please note that all new programs and all program changes require Board approval.

Other Items:

The 2012-13 academic schedule is available for viewing at: www.okanagan.bc.ca/dates.

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

The next regular Education Council meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2011.

New Staff in the Registrar's Office

There are two new staff members in the Registrar's Office. A welcome was extended to Kim Naumann who joined the team as Communications Technician (auxiliary until March 31, 2012). Kim will be working on adding visual elements to myOkanagan, the PSP, and Become a Student among many of her other duties. Kim moved to the Okanagan after working in television production in California and is excited to be a part of Okanagan College.

The Registrar's Office also extends a welcome to Carlyn Young in the position of Student Information Assistant. A large part of Carlyn's position will involve maintaining the Calendar and contributing to the PSP, CRM, and web efforts. Before joining the College, Carlyn was home raising two rambunctious boys and working as the Communications Coordinator for the Rotary Centre for the Arts.

Exam Schedules

The final exam schedules for fall 2011 are now available online at:

www.okanagan.bc.ca/exams.

Salmon Arm Staff

Margaret Scharf has joined the staff in Salmon Arm where she is working on course advising. Margaret replaces Shannon Kiehlbauch who is on maternity leave.

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- 11** Remembrance Day - College closed

December 2011

- 5** Last day of regularly scheduled classes
- 7-17** Final exam period
- 15** Winter 2012 fees due at 4 p.m.