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New Recruiter for Central Okanagan

The Registrar's Office is pleased to announce the position of Recruiter - Central Okanagan has been filled. Rebecca (Becky) Olson will join the Registrar's Office on March 4.

After graduating in April 2012 from Okanagan College's Bachelor of Business Administration with honours, Becky joined the Okanagan School of Business in the position of Research and Program Assistant.

Originally from Edson, Alberta, Becky moved to the Okanagan to attend Okanagan College. In her spare time she likes to snowboard and mountain bike and even has her private pilots' license!



Link to Student Forms Available in myOkanagan

Finding student forms is now easier thanks to a new link in myOkanagan. The link, called Registrar's Office Forms, can be found under OC Express-Forms within the Employee tab of myOkanagan.

Forms such as the Application for Graduation, Request for Course Equivalency, Request for Transfer Credit and more are found at this link. You can also access these forms by visiting okanagan.bc.ca/forms.

Winter 2014 Applications Open

Applications for Winter 2014 Academic programs, with the exception of Practical Nursing, are now being accepted.

Please note as well, that applications have been closed as of January 31 for the 2013 Fall intake of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Years 1 and 2) program.

Faculty Elections in myOkanagan

Elections for faculty seats on Education Council will be conducted online this March. Nominations for seats in each of the four College regions are open now until February 22. Faculty will now see a new Elections tab in their myOkanagan account, allowing them to print off nomination forms and vote online March 11 - 15.



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www.okanagan.bc.ca/registrar

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Education Council News

Education Council did not meet during the month of February but will resume its regular meeting schedule in March.

Scheduling

Office News



Summer courses for all programs are now available in ClassFinder, including AACP. The ESL schedule will be added in the next few weeks. Fall 2013 and Winter 2014 courses will be available in ClassFinder at the beginning of June for the Kelowna campus.

Paper pre-prints are due back to the Scheduling Office no later than February 20 and will remain open until February 27 at 4 p.m. Emails have been circulated to department chairs and coordinators with information about the scheduling process. If you need assistance, please contact Alison Beaumont, Scheduling Officer, at abeaumont@okanagan.bc.ca.

Remaining Schedules now Posted Online

All remaining 2013-14 schedules have been posted online. Visit okanagan.bc.ca/dates to view.

New Web Aliases for International

New easier, shorter URLs have

been set up for the International department on the College website. These shorter URLs will be easier to include on printed materials.

The following URLs are now active:

okanagan.bc.ca/int/studypermit

okanagan.bc.ca/int/location

okanagan.bc.ca/int/accommodation

okanagan.bc.ca/int/medical

okanagan.bc.ca/int/refunds

okanagan.bc.ca/int/english

okanagan.bc.ca/int/bycountry

New Tab in myOkanagan

Employees will notice a new tab available in their myOkanagan accounts. Visit the Reports tab for access to FTEs, Student Outcomes, Student Transitions, and many other reports.

Summer Session

Registration is now open for Summer Session I and II.

The fee payment deadline for Summer Session I this year is 4 p.m. April 5, 2013.

Final Exam Schedule

The final exam schedule for Kelowna is now available online. Please see okanagan.bc.ca/exams.

Students should check back regularly in case of any changes.

All other campus exam schedules will be posted online by February 22.

Submitting Transcripts Help

There is now some additional help within Become a Student for applicants attempting to submit their transcripts.

Go to Become a Student > High School/Adult Learner/Aboriginal > How to Apply > Submit Transcript. Specific instructions for how and when to send in an official transcript are included.



Employment Fair, February 6, 2013 in the Centre for Learning, Kelowna

February 2013

- 8-22** Education Council Faculty Nominations
- 26** Wellness Fair (the Pit)

March 2013

- 1** Last day to withdraw from a course without academic penalty, last day to change status from credit to audit
- 4** ABE Summer Session Registration for continuing students
- 10** Daylight Saving Time
- 11** ABE Summer Session registration for new students
- 11-15** Education Council Faculty elections (online in myOkanagan)
- 29** Good Friday (no classes)

Program Showcase

Trades Technology Teacher Education

If you have some trades experience and would like to work with students in a middle or secondary school, you may be interested in becoming a Trades Technology Teacher and Okanagan College is one of only two institutions in the province to offer this type of training.

"There have been students who have always wanted to become a teacher, but wanted a position that gave them a little more activity in their classes," says Nancy Ankerstein, Program Administrator. "A shop teacher provides that platform."

In the Trades Technology Teacher Education (TTTE) program, students are taught by trades and technologies instructors and a retired shop teacher providing them with a wide range of training. Completion of this program is just one of three steps required to obtain a Bachelor of Education. Once through the program, students must apply for admission to the Secondary Teacher Education Program at UBC-O and complete 30 additional academic credits to obtain their Bachelor of Education degree.

Throughout B.C. there is a demand for shop teachers, although the demand is lower in the Okanagan Valley, Vancouver, and Victoria. According to Ankerstein, graduates can often work as a Teacher on Call.

According to [WorkBC](#), the demand for secondary school teachers in specialized fields such as technical education is good throughout B.C.

For more detailed information, please visit the [department website](#) or the Okanagan College [Calendar](#).



Salary Expectations:

- Approximately \$33 per hour in B.C.

Places of Employment:

- Secondary Schools
- Shop Assistant

Recommended:

- Students are encouraged to learn a second teachable subject to make them more employable

Dianne Crommer

Education Council Secretary, Kelowna

Describe a typical day: A typical day in the Education Council Office would involve reviewing proposals to ensure all the required information is included. I always have a set of minutes to finish and an agenda to prepare. I follow up on revisions from the curriculum or Education Council meetings and correct the documents for internal distribution.

Favourite part of your job: I have the opportunity to work with staff from other departments and learn about all areas in the institution, giving me a broader perspective of Okanagan College as a whole.

Hobbies outside of work: I am currently part of a team in a get fit program so I try to be at the gym three to four times per week. I enjoy reading, cooking and try to do some sewing when time permits. I have been volunteering as an usher for the Kelowna Rockets for eight years. As a former Toastmaster, I volunteer to do the speech training for the Miss Kelowna Lady-of-the-Lake Candidates each spring.

Dream vacation spot: Hawaii is one of my favourite vacation spots. Other places I would like to visit include Ireland, Scotland, Italy and some of the Caribbean Islands.

How long have you worked at Okanagan College: I am about to complete my 25th year with the College. I spent over 17 years working in the Finance department and have been in the Education Council office for almost eight years.

Future plans: I want to travel more and retirement is becoming something I think about more than I used to.

