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Call for Nominations (7 Faculty, 1 Support Staff)

Nominations are now open for Education Council and the Board of Governors. For the August 1, 2015 - July 31, 2017 term, there is one seat on Education Council available for an eligible instructional or non-instructional faculty member from each of the College regions: South Okanagan-Similkameen, Central Okanagan, North Okanagan and Shuswap-Revelstoke. There is also one seat on the Board of Governors available for an eligible instructional faculty member from any College region as well as a seat for one support staff from any College region.

Also needed in a by-election to Education Council, are two portfolio faculty representatives. One eligible instructional or non-instructional faculty member from each of the following departments from any of the College regions: Science and Technologies (term runs July 1, 2015 - July 31, 2016) and Health and Social Development (term runs immediately - July 31, 2016.)

Nominations will close on February 20 with elections to take place from March 9 - 13, 2015. View the Elections tab in your myOkanagan account to find nomination forms and to vote beginning on March 9.

Learn more about the Education Council at [About EdCo](#). Find out more about the Board of Governors [here](#).

Early College Update



EARLY COLLEGE



Early College is a collaborative effort between the Central Okanagan School District (SD23) and Okanagan College. It is designed to meet the needs of students who possess the academic potential and determination to successfully begin college while they are completing high school.

Early College students will earn high school credit on the Kelowna campus in their Grade 11 year, and are expected to begin college classes in Grade 12. The program is structured to provide successful, challenging, and meaningful experiences for students identified as having competent abilities and who are not yet reaching their potential. There may

be also dual credit (concurrent enrolment) opportunities for students entering their Grade 12 year in fall 2015. Students should contact their school counsellor for more information.

Fall 2015 will be the first intake of this innovative program and if you receive any inquiries, please refer prospective student and parents to the school district's website for Early College: www.sd23earlycollege.com as it contains lots of information. The application process is managed through the school district, not OC. The application deadline is the end of February.



Okanagan College
Registrar's Office

www.okanagan.bc.ca/registrar

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Education Council News

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

Program Revision

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Years 1 and 2)

OC faculty have worked in collaboration with the School of Nursing at UBCO to revise the nursing program to meet current and future changes in nursing.

New Courses

- NRSU 101 - Nursing Lab Practice I
- NRSU 110 - Applied Research in Nursing I
- NRSU 111 - Foundations of Health
- NRSU 112 - Introduction to the Profession of Nursing I
- NRSU 113 - Relational Practice I
- NRSU 120 - Applied Research in Nursing II
- NRSU 122 - Introduction to the Profession of Nursing II
- NRSU 123 - Relational Practice II
- NRSU 126 - Health Assessment
- NRSU 136 - Nursing Practice I
- NRSU 201 - Nursing Lab Practice II
- NRSU 202 - Nursing Lab Practice III
- NRSU 210 - Pharmacology I
- NRSU 213 - Relational Practice III
- NRSU 220 - Pharmacology II
- NRSU 223 - Relational Practice IV
- NRSU 226 - Health and Healing I
- NRSU 227 - Health and Healing II
- NRSU 228 - Community Health
- NRSU 229 - Mental Health
- NRSU 236 - Nursing Practice II
- NRSU 237 - Nursing Practice III
- NRSU 238 - Nursing Practice in Community
- NRSU 239 Nursing Practice in Mental Health

The next regular Education Council meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2015.

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

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

Summer Registration

ClassFinder is now available for academic courses available this summer. Students wanting to register for summer courses may do so beginning on February 16 for continuing students and February 23 for new students.

Tax Receipts

T2202A tax receipts will be available February 28 for the 2014 tax year. To access receipts, direct students to login to their myOkanagan accounts > Student tab > Online Services > T2202A Tax Form.

Calendar Content Review

We are asking department chairs to review Calendar content and submit any minor changes (those not requiring approval by Education Council) to Carlyn Young by March 2, 2015.

A final PDF version of the 2014-15 Calendar will be published at the end of March. Following this, the 2015-16 Calendar will be published. Any program and course changes will always be included in the online Calendar as it is updated on a monthly basis. You can review your content online at okanagan.bc.ca/calendar.

February 2015

- 6-20 Education Council and Board of Governors nominations open
- 16 Academic Summer registration begins for continuing students
- 19 Chinese New Year - student event in the Atrium
- 23 Academic Summer registration begins for new students

March 2015

- 6 Spaghetti Bridge Competition and Skills B.C. Competitions
- 7 Student Day at Big White
- 8 Daylight Saving Time starts
- 9-13 Education Council and Board of Governors elections
- 15 Transfer credit request deadline for Summer 2015



Students were treated to a visit from the St. John's Ambulance dogs and sage bundles during the February Stress Buster event.

Scheduling Office News

Scheduling Office Staffing

There are changes happening in the scheduling office! Alison Beaumont who has been with the scheduling office since October 2012, will be moving to pastures new (well two doors down) to Financial Aid and Awards. Her official start date is May 1, 2015. There will be a transition period in March and April as Alison works with Cheryl Brabandt prior to her retirement. A replacement is being sought and there will be an update as further information is known.

Alison played a key role in the introduction of a coordinated approach to scheduling which was used for the first time in 2014-15. We are sure you will join us in wishing her every success in her new role.



Final Exams

The winter final exam period is April 17 - 25, 2015. The Final Exam preparation is well underway for the Winter 2015 Final Exam schedule for Kelowna with an expected release prior to February 12. Penticton, Salmon Arm and Vernon exam schedules will follow soon after.

2015-16 Scheduling

The 2015-16 scheduling process is now underway. Alison and Ronda are now working towards the Draft 1 schedule, preparing and scheduling the Academic Schedules for Kelowna, Penticton, Salmon Arm and Vernon.

Here are some keys dates for the production of the 2015-16 Academic Schedule:

Electronic Pre-prints have been completed

February 16 to March 30: Schedule preparation

March 30: Draft 1 schedule published for review by Deans, Department Chairs and Scheduling representatives.

April 30: Draft 2 schedule published for review by Deans, Department Chairs and Scheduling representatives.

May 29: Schedule published online in myOkanagan Timetable and ClassFinder

Program Showcase

Sheet Metal Worker Foundation Certificate

Outside of the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island, Okanagan College is the only post-secondary school with training for sheet metal workers, those who fabricate, assemble, alter and install a variety of sheet metal products. In addition, up-to-date equipment, experienced instructors and hands-on training add to the many reasons to train at the College.

Jerrold Marsh, a current student, says the program has, "a nice mix of theory with fabrication skills." Program instructors are, "knowledgeable, personable, ready and willing for individual guidance and help and passionate about the trade."

Graduates of the program can find jobs as residential sheet metal workers, commercial and industrial sheet metal workers, stainless steel fabrication, artistic design using sheet metal as a media or even entrepreneurship, according to Antonio Henriques, an instructor in the program. "In B.C. there are jobs available both locally and many available with camp postings," says Henriques. Pay can range from \$63,000 to \$300,000 annually, dependent on location and the job.

Those who would excel at this occupation would have good hand-eye coordination, a good work ethic and enjoy making things and seeing the progress at the end of each day.

Graduates of the program are able to seek employment as an apprentice sheet metal worker and will receive credit for Level One Technical Training as well as 350 work-based hours towards completion of their apprenticeship. For further details, visit the [College Calendar](#).

