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OUC Transcript Fee Change

There has been a small change to the fees for OUC transcripts. Former OUC students requesting a transcript will pay \$20 for the first one, and \$10 for any additional transcripts requested at the same time.

Changes to Welding

There is a new B.C. Apprenticeship training model for welder certification. Changes include a name change from Welding Level C to Welder Foundation Certificate along with a new training delivery standard. To learn more about changes to the training, visit www.itabc.ca or this [link](#).

Staff Updates

Congratulations to Lulu Hall who attended the Winter Convocation in Kelowna January 11, 2014 where she received her diploma in Criminal and Social Justice. Lulu is a member of the admissions team at the Kelowna campus.

The Penticton campus is happy to welcome back Jill Smith as their Recruiting and Events Coordinator. Jill previously worked as the Penticton Recruiter until September 2013. Welcome back Jill!



The Registrar's Office would like to welcome Danai Kusikwenyu as International Education Advisor. Danai moved to the Okanagan from Kitchener-Waterloo in Ontario where she worked as the Coordinator for International Experience Programs at the University of Waterloo. Danai holds an English Language and Literature honours degree from Memorial University of Newfoundland.

Another member of the Kelowna campus Registrar's Office team celebrated a milestone birthday in December 2013. Sandra Mendoza celebrated her 65th birthday with friends, family and staff from the College on December 20, 2013 during a surprise dinner at Olympia Greek Taverna in Kelowna.

Okanagan College Entrance Awards

Please encourage students graduating in 2014 from a secondary school within the Okanagan College Region (Revelstoke to Princeton) and entering Okanagan College this September to apply for the Okanagan College Entrance Awards.

The application deadline is 4 p.m. **March 7, 2014**. For further information, visit this [link](#).



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Education Council News

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

Program Revisions

Management Skills for Supervisors

The name of the certificate will be changed to Leadership Skills Certificate. Courses will be revised to meet businesses' and organizations' emerging leadership training needs. Proposed date of implementation is February 2014.

Early Childhood Education

The infant/toddler certificate content and the existing diploma courses will be combined to ensure the special needs courses are included. This will give graduates a broader knowledge of child development and they will be qualified for three licenses to practice rather than just two.

Proposed date of implementation is September 2014.

New Courses

- MATH 127 - Math for Network and Telecom Engineering Tech I
- ECDE 113 - Child Development 3 - 12 years
- ECDE 114 - Planning for Early Childhood Education
- ECDE 116 - Observing and Documenting Children's Development
- ECDE 117 - Observing and Documenting Children's Development Practicum

Course Revisions

- BUAD 325 - Business and Canadian Government Policy
- BUAD 362 - Advanced Financial Accounting

- BUAD 366 - Advanced Managerial Accounting
- BUAD 380 - Strategic Management II
- ESP 080 - ESL for Specific Purposes
- MATH 139 - Mathematics for Information Technology
- ECED 101 - Interpersonal and Personal Communication Skills
- ECED 112 - Introduction to the Child
- ECED 117 - The Early Childhood Profession
- ECED 123 - Families
- ECED 125 - Practicum II
- ECED 126 - Group Process
- ECED 129 - Guiding and Caring
- ECED 131 - Health, Safety and Nutrition
- ECED 212 - Program Planning
- ECED 215 - Practicum III
- ECED 218 - Professionalism
- ECED 223 - Administration
- ECED 224 - Inclusive Practice Theories
- ECED 225 - Inclusive Practice Strategies
- ECED 226 - Working with Families and Community
- ECED 228 - Practicum IV
- ECE 231 - Developmentally Responsive Environments for Under Three's
- ECE 232 - Practices in Infant Toddler Care

Course Deletions

- ESP 010 - ESL for Specific Purposes
- ESP 040 - ESL for Specific Purposes
- CHEM 115 - Introductory Chemistry for Water Engineering Technology I
- CHEM 125 - Introductory Chemistry for Water Engineering Technology II
- CHEM 214 - Quantitative Chemical Analysis I
- CHEM 224 - Quantitative Chemical

Analysis II

- ECED 113 - Planning for Early Childhood Education
- ECED 118 - Practicum I
- ECED 128 - Principles of Diversity
- ECED 213 - Reflective Practice

The next regular Education Council meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2014.

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.

January 2014

- 31** Chinese New Year event in the Atrium - 3 - 6 p.m.

February 2014

- 10** Family Day (College closed)
- 11 - 14** Mid-semester study break
- 13** Experience OC - Kelowna campus

Scheduling Office News

Exams

Exam pre-prints were sent out January 6 and were required back by January 17. The final exam period for Winter 2014 runs from April 14 -28, 2014.



2014-15 Schedule

Preparations for the 2014-15 academic schedule are under way. The College has adopted a coordinated approach to scheduling and 2014-15 will be the first schedule to utilize that methodology. A simulation of coordinated scheduling was completed in November of 2013 using data from the 2013-14 schedule. The results of that simulation were published online and distributed to department Chairs and regional scheduling representatives. Much feedback was obtained from Chairs, Deans, and scheduling representatives through email, one-on-one meetings and attendance at departmental meetings. Taking that feedback into consideration, the decision was made, in conjunction with the scheduling

committee and senior management, to move forward with a coordinated scheduling approach.

How is Coordinated Scheduling different?

In the past, course days and times have been assigned manually by department Chairs and rooms have been assigned by the system to meet those requirements, taking into consideration the needs of the courses and available space. Once the Kelowna schedule was built, regional scheduling representatives would build their specific campus schedule.

Coordinated scheduling uses scheduling software to assign the day, time and room for a course using the following rules built by Chairs and regional scheduling representatives:

- Pattern Requests - the amount of time and how many times a week a course meets. For example, a class may meet twice a week for one and a half hours;
- Course Combinations - groups of courses that must be scheduled conflict free to meet the needs of students;
- Course Requirements - the type of room needed and the relationship between lab and lecture components of a course;
- Instructor and Professor Scheduling Requests.

A huge amount of information has been gathered since the simulation was released and we are working to consolidate the new course combinations and course rules received so they are included in the 2014-15 schedule. As with past schedules, once the schedule is published, Chairs, Deans and

regional scheduling representatives will still be able to request changes to the schedule via the online scheduling request process.

Advantages to Coordinated Scheduling

- Create conflict-free schedules for students, increasing student choice;
- Reduce manual scheduling for department Chairs;
- Make informed decisions on changes to the schedule, taking into consideration students, teaching staff and room resources;
- Increase room utilization, enabling space to be freed up for additional programming;
- Schedule all campuses simultaneously.

Experience OC



Once again, Okanagan College will welcome more than 600 Grade 11 students to the Kelowna campus on Thursday, February 13, 2014 for a taste of what it's like to be a student here. Students will attend sessions in the morning or afternoon. This event takes place annually during the College study break each February.

Please contact Cassandra McFarland with any questions at cmcfarland@okanagan.bc.ca.

Cassandra McFarland

Recruitment and Events Assistant, Kelowna

Describe a typical day: I am a liaison between the College and high schools in the region, coordinating opportunities for high school students to experience college life whether that is through attending a class or campus tours. I also assist adult learners in their efforts to successfully pursue their post-secondary education.

My busiest time of the year is September through November when I take part in PSIBC (Post-Secondary Institutions of British Columbia). PSIBC is an amazing opportunity to visit the different high schools within British Columbia with recruiters from other post-secondary institutions in B.C. During this three-month period we do in-class presentations and participate in mini fairs.

I am also responsible for coordinating recruitment events at the campus – one of the most well-known campus events is Experience OC where Grade 11 students come to the College for the day, take a few classes and get the full college experience.

Favourite part of your job: I get to meet so many amazing people. Whether that's the other recruiters on the road or the students and teachers we meet along the way, each person has an interesting story to tell and I'm so fortunate to meet all of these great people!

Hobbies outside of work: I love yoga, writing, making crafts and collecting minions (characters from the Disney Pixar movie Despicable Me).

Where were you born/raised: In the middle of nowhere Alberta – a.k.a. Carmangay. It's a hamlet with all of 300 people. But then I went to high school in a town with 3,000 people called Claresholm – known for having the busiest 7-11 in Canada. Regardless of what this might suggest about me, I know nothing about farming, horses, herding cattle or any of that fun stuff. Hence why I am the only child who isn't still in Alberta.

Family: I suffer from middle child syndrome. I have a younger sister and an older brother. My sister is a nurse in Calgary and my brother is the News Director for a radio station in Calgary. My parents are farmers. I'm the only one in B.C.

Dream vacation spot: I really want to go to Ireland. My dad's side of the family is Irish and I feel like I would fit in there quite well with my love of a good lager.

How long have you worked at Okanagan College: Since September 2013.

Future Plans: I wouldn't mind getting my old blog published into a book so I can become rich and famous and retire by say...30. I went to an angel card reader once who told me I would become an author and I would have an epiphany by the time I turn 30 regarding how to achieve this goal...so I'm optimistically holding onto that dream.



Kick Off to the Winter Semester



Students were treated to a free lunch and a chance to learn more about the services and clubs available on campus at Kick Off to the Winter Semester January 7, 2014.