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### Registrar's Office Projects Update

Now that the onboarding to EducationPlannerBC is complete, with a few minor outstanding items, the Registrar's Office is preparing for a busy year. Here are some of the main implementations coming up:

**Transcript Exchange:** It will allow us to receive (and send) high school and post-secondary transcripts from B.C. high schools and post-secondary institutions electronically and information goes directly into Banner.

**Curriculum and Calendar Management (CCM):** This Education Council project involves implementing Quali's integrated curriculum and calendar management solution at OC.

**Transfer Credit:** We will start the implementation of the Transfer Credit Module in Banner while also expanding our use of BCCAT's system-wide transfer technology services.

A Registrar's Office project website is in the works and will be live shortly. It will provide more information on these and some of the other projects that are being worked on.

### EducationPlannerBC is Here!

Okanagan College has joined universities and colleges across the province in using EducationPlannerBC – the B.C. application system for prospective students.

EducationPlannerBC is a web platform/website that enables students to search for post-secondary educational programs, compare admission requirements and apply directly to B.C. public post-secondary institutions of their choice through a common online application platform. This change to the application system has been mandated by the provincial government and is intended to improve the students' application experience.

Students can begin the process at [www.okanagan.bc.ca/apply](http://www.okanagan.bc.ca/apply). Once they have completed their application via EducationPlannerBC, OC applicants will still logon to myOkanagan to view requirements and deadlines. International student applications will remain unchanged.

To learn more about EducationPlannerBC, visit their project website. For questions, please contact Inga Wheeler in the Registrar's Office.



EducationPlannerBC

**Reminder!**

**Applications Open October 1 at 8:30 a.m.**



Okanagan College  
Registrar's Office

[www.okanagan.bc.ca/registrar](http://www.okanagan.bc.ca/registrar)

### Staff Updates

There have been a few staff changes at the Penticton campus this summer.

Shortly after completing her practicum with the Office Administration program, Robyn Sawchyn was hired to work in the administration area to support the administration team in the office. Gillian Coombs will be on extended leave for most of the summer.

Lara Payne has accepted the position of Campus Operations Coordinator in the Regional Dean's Office, Penticton.

### Recruitment and Event News

#### Salmon Arm

Kristine and Dani have been busy working on Orientation and the fun events happening on campus at the beginning of the Fall semester. Some of the activities include axe throwing, beach day, and an ice cream social. They are also developing Colour Wars events throughout the year!

Recruiters have also been out in the community in Revelstoke promoting the Tourism Management Diploma Program. Kristine will be at the Roots and Blues Festival this month. She will also be attending the Salmon Arm Farmer's Market on August 24 and 31, the Enderby Farmer's Market on August 30, and the Salmon Arm Fall Fair from September 6-8.

#### Penticton

Alison Roberts-Zschocke has taken on the role of Recruitment and Events Assistant while Liana Swedahl is away on maternity leave. Congratulations to Liana as she

welcomed her baby boy on July 31.



Alison is a familiar face on the Penticton campus as she was previously working in the administration office. Alison is learning the ropes and is busy wrapping

up the final details for Penticton's Kick Off event on September 3. This year promises to be a memorable Orientation event for new students featuring numerous inflatable games, prizes, a free BBQ, beverage garden and two live bands.

Despite the quiet summer season on campus, there have been a steady number of prospective students from across B.C. coming to the College for campus tours. The Fall 2019 semester is shaping up to be a busy one in Penticton with more students registered than ever before and an ever growing community of International students!

### Office Administration Programs Update

Students enrolling in the Office Administration Programs (OAC, ADAC, ACBOOK) by Distance Education will now be able to register month by month into courses. Separate CRNs have been created for Sep, Oct, Nov - Jan, Feb, Mar, and Apr.

The Registrar's Office is recommending students not register more than one month in

advance as they must be sure they can start the course in the month they are enrolled. There is unlimited capacity in each CRN, so advance registration is not advantageous.

### August 2019

- 20-21** Connections
- 28-29** Smart Start success sessions (Kelowna)
- 29-30** International orientation
- 30** Beach Day student event (Kelowna)

### September 2019

- 3** Campus-wide orientations (all campuses)
- 4** Classes begin (most programs); Student Cafe (Kelowna); OCSU Taco in a Bag (Penticton); Movie and Carnival Night (Kelowna)
- 5** Bevvies and Board Games student event (Penticton)
- 6** Beach Party (Penticton); Pub Night (Kelowna)
- 9** Ice Cream Social (Kelowna)
- 13** Last day to register for a course; last day to receive a refund for course drop
- 17** Pre-Powwow Seminar
- 19** Youth Exhibition Powwow
- 24** Services Fair (Kelowna)
- 26** Services Fair (Kelowna)
- 30** Orange Shirt Day to commemorate residential school survivors

### Fall Recruitment Preview

Wondering what the recruiters will be up to this fall? Here's a sneak peek at recruitment plans:

September 23-27: Kelowna and Okanagan South and Northwest (PSI-BC\*)

September 27: Vernon Counsellor Event

September 30–October 4: Revelstoke/Salmon Arm/Vernon and Prince George/North (PSI-BC)

October 4: Kelowna Counsellor Event

October 7: Penticton Counsellor Event

October 7 - 11: East Kootenays (PSI-BC)

October 15: Salmon Arm Counsellor Event

October 15 - 18: West Kootenays and Prince George/Central (PSI-BC) and Out-of-Province Alberta

October 17: Salmon Arm Open House

October 21: Vernon Open House

October 21 - 25: Out-of-Province Alberta

October 23: Penticton Open House

November 3: Kelowna Career Fair and Open House

November 12 - 15: Kamloops/Merritt (PSI-BC)

November 25: Kelowna Education and Career Fair at the Rotary Centre for the Arts

December 2: Abbotsford Education and Career Fair

December 6: Vancouver Education and Career Fair

\*PSI-BC is a consortium of primarily public post-secondary institutions in B.C. Its primary purpose is to coordinate a fall schedule of visits to B.C. high schools to provide Grade 11 and 12 students and High School Counsellors with information on public post-secondary options in B.C.

### Donations for Students

The International Department will once again be looking for gently used items to give away during fall events in Kelowna. These items will find a second home with students who may have left behind items or not known what they would need when they moved to Canada. Items needed include: warm clothing, bedding and bathroom items, blankets, kitchen items, school supplies, new toiletries and school bags. Please do not drop off summer clothing.

Items can be dropped off in the International Office **after September 23**. Any items leftover following the event will be donated to the Salvation Army and the Women's Shelter in Kelowna.

### Continuing Studies Program Update

Continuing Studies Certificate program students will be block registered in all courses. Full program fees will be assessed and are due three weeks prior to the program start date. Programs that cost more than \$3,500 will be allowed two instalments as per the [fee payment information](#). To improve communication, all CS certificate students receive payment information when they are sent an offer of admission through the College's CRM email system.

### \$5,000 Tuition Voucher

It's back! This fall when OC recruiters hit the recruitment road they'll have that ace in their pocket in the form of a \$5,000 tuition voucher draw prize. Any individual who takes a College tour, attends a recruitment event or attends Student for a Day, will be given an entry form.