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### Fall 2016 Information Sessions

This fall, recruiters at all four Okanagan College campuses will be offering information sessions to future students, parents and anyone interested in learning more about programs and services at the College.

Recruiters will present a new session this year, the Freshman 15, aimed towards those entering post-secondary and covering the top 15 points that parents and students should know before starting post-secondary.

Find further information at [okanagan.bc.ca/infosessions](http://okanagan.bc.ca/infosessions).

### New Look for Emails Coming Soon

The Student Information Team is working hard to respond to students' needs now that we will be communicating with them exclusively through email. In an effort to keep up, a new template is being developed that will be mobile friendly. The new, user-friendly template will be rolled out over the next few months as existing templates are converted to the new look.

Other benefits of this new template include the ability to add FAQs and customized, campus-specific contact information to the bottom of the emails. This will support students and cut down on phone calls to admissions staff.

If you are interested in seeing the new template, please contact [Curt](#) or [Carlyn](#) and we'd be happy to show you!

### International Education Week at the Kelowna Campus



From November 14 - 18 the Kelowna campus will come alive with sounds, tastes and performances from around the world during International Education Week, a week that has been created to celebrate and learn about the diversity of our students.

Each day of the week, staff and students are invited to enjoy food and drink samples, interactive activities and performances from the following regions: Americas and the Caribbean, Asia and Australasia, Africa and the Middle East and Europe. The final day

will be a finale featuring an international fashion show and a sampling of beverages from around the world.

Please join us in the Atrium of the Centre for Learning each day. Schedules will be posted on the Athletics, Recreation and Student Life [page](#).

### Staff Update

The Registrar's Office is pleased to welcome Ronda Vilene back to the office in the position of Scheduler. Ronda is with us until the end of Melissa Clift's maternity leave in August 2017.



Okanagan College  
Registrar's Office

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#### Education Council News

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

#### Program Revisions

##### Pharmacy Technician Certificate

Admission requirements will be updated to align with the National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities' (NAPRA) language proficiency requirements.

Proposed date of implementation is December 2016.

##### Health Care Assistant Certificate

The program description and several courses will be revised to align with the 2015 Health Care Assistant Provincial Curriculum.

Proposed date of implementation is November 2016.

##### Sustainable Construction

Management Technology Diploma  
The program will be restructured and condensed from a three-year to a two-year program with changes to courses, including additions, deletions and revisions.

Proposed date of implementation is January 2017.

#### New Courses

- SCMT 110 - Surveying for Construction
- SCMT 121 - Procurement Process
- SCMT 216 - Conflicts in Construction
- SCMT 226 - Leadership and Innovation
- SCMT 228 - Renewable Energy Technologies
- SCMT 232 - Sustainable Business Case

- SCMT 234 - Sustainable Design and Development
- SCMT 244 - Regenerative Design
- SCMT 251 - Project Planning
- SCMT 252 - Project Delivery

#### Course Revisions

- HCA 103 - Personal Care Skills
- HCA 105 - Home Support and Assisted Living
- HCA 106 - Caring for Individuals with Cognitive Challenges
- SCMT 112 - Introduction to Quantity Surveying
- SCMT 113 - Introduction to Estimating
- SCMT 114 - Introduction to Sustainability
- SCMT 123 - Construction Management-Scheduling and Cost Control
- SCMT 124 - Sustainable Construction
- SCMT 132 - Introduction to Sustainability Assessment
- SCMT 212 - Advanced Quantity Surveying and Estimating
- SCMT 214 - Green Building Principles
- SCMT 221 - Construction Management-Lean Construction
- SCMT 222 - Sustainable Construction Technologies
- SCMT 223 - Sustainable Construction Design and Practice
- SCMT 224 - Greening Existing Infrastructure

The next regular Education Council meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2016.

Details of EdCo approvals can be found at: [www.okanagan.bc.ca/edco](http://www.okanagan.bc.ca/edco).

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

### Career Fair

Okanagan College will host the 35th annual Career Fair Sunday, November 6, 2016 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Applications officially open on November 1, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

During Career Fair attendees will have a chance to win \$500 towards tuition for any Okanagan College program! Contact Michelle Lowry for further information at 250-862-5473 or [mlowry@okanagan.bc.ca](mailto:mlowry@okanagan.bc.ca).

### 2017-18 Schedule

The 2017-18 Academic schedule is now available online at [okanagan.bc.ca/dates](http://okanagan.bc.ca/dates). Stay tuned while all other departments work on their schedules.

### October 2016

- 20** Sixth Annual Muffins and Cupcakes fundraiser in the Pit
- 26** Penticton Counsellors Breakfast
- 28** Last day to: withdraw from a course without academic penalty, change registration status from audit to credit
- 31** Kelowna Counsellors Lunch, Halloween Howler free student event, deadline to apply for Winter Convocation

### November 2016

- 1** Vernon Program Open House
- 2** Penticton Info Night
- 6** Career Fair 2016
- 9** Salmon Arm Campus Open House
- 11** Remembrance Day (College closed)
- 14-18** International Education Week events in the Atrium

## My First Year Pilot Retention Project

Student Services, the Library and the Registrar's Office are collaborating on My First Year, a pilot initiative for first year Arts, Science, BCIS/CIS and Technology students in Kelowna. The goal of the program is to inform students about the support services the College offers and to work toward improving grades, retention and graduation rates.

Beginning on October 19, students will receive a phone call through an automated system to ask if they need help in a number of areas. Caller ID will show the call coming from Okanagan College and students will answer yes or no to the questions they are being asked. They can choose not to participate.

The areas of support we will be asking about are:

- Course planning and academic advising
- Financial assistance and/or information about bursaries and scholarships
- Research skills and how to use the library
- Disability support
- Help with writing, math or science
- Personal or family help

Depending on the answers the student gives, we will then follow up by calling them to see if we can, for example, set up an appointment with an advisor or an accessibility coordinator.

An associated "My First Year" website is currently being built and the phone call will also advise students to visit the website for more information on the above support services and others such as IT Services and Aboriginal support.

For questions about this pilot project, please contact James Coble, Ross Tyner or Inga Wheeler.

## Save the Date!

The Registrar's Office will hold its annual Muffins and Cupcakes fundraiser in the Pit on October 20 between 9 and 11 a.m. Make sure you come early to get your hands on the best treats! Competition in the office is fierce during this annual event to find out whose delectable creations will be snapped up first! The suggested donation per item is \$1-2. Proceeds raised will go towards emergency funding for student awards.

## OC Holiday Season Party

The OC Social Committee invites all employees at Okanagan College to attend the annual OC Holiday Season Party, taking place this year at Rusty's Steakhouse and Lounge on Dilworth Dr., December 10 beginning at 6 p.m.

Enjoy a traditional holiday meal including dessert, dance to the tunes of Blue City Trio, featuring OC's own Tom Esson, participate in a draw for prizes, a 50/50 and challenge someone to a game of pool at one of two reserved tables.

All of this is included in your ticket price of just \$35. Those who purchase prior to November 10 will be entered in a draw to win one of FIVE \$25 bar tabs which you can use during the party.

Purchase a ticket from the following: Dawn Douglas or Katerina Hay (Advancement & Alumni), Angie March (Regional Dean's Office), Gerry Born or Tanya Tarlit (Co-op Office), Carlyn Young (Registrar's Office), Margaret Johnson (Executive Office), Jo-Dee Hecko (Faculty, ST&H), Lynda Dreaper (HR).

Lots of parking is available at the venue and there is also an option to get a safe ride home for an additional cost.

