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### CS Admission Changes

Effective October 15, 2018, assessment of applications and registration for Kelowna Continuing Studies (CS) certificate programs will move to the Office of the Registrar. This move was to ensure that all programs at the Kelowna campus are processed in the same manner. Most importantly, this will move the CS programs in Kelowna onto the CRM admissions system.

CS applicants currently in progress will be notified by email of the change and given new contact information. Please direct any phone calls regarding CS certificate programs to Admissions at extension 5417 or Registration at extension 5414 if they have already applied. If they have not yet applied and have a general inquiry, please direct calls to the CS Office at extension 5480.

The Continuing Studies office will continue to be responsible for:

- Program administration and delivery;
- Recruitment and advising for potential applicants; and
- Testing for: typing, computer fundamentals, math proficiency, English Language testing (CELP/IP).

There is no change for Continuing Studies programs at other campuses.

### New Look for Academic Schedule

If you visit the [Important Dates](#) page on the website you'll notice it has been given a facelift. In particular, the academic schedule has a very different look.

Previously, schedules were created and converted into PDF documents. In this format, they were not searchable. Now, they are inputted directly onto the OC website, which means they will show up in a search query. For example, you can now search Family Day 2019. The PDF will still be available for those who want a printed copy, but please be mindful that changes do occur.

Also, please keep in mind there may be small changes made in the future so check back occasionally to make sure you don't miss an important update.

The 2019-20 and 2020-21 academic schedules are posted. Program schedules for 2019-20 should be ready before year end and will be posted as soon as possible.

Visit [www.okanagan.bc.ca/dates](http://www.okanagan.bc.ca/dates) to see the new look!

### \$5,000 Tuition Voucher

This fall when OC recruiters hit the recruitment road they'll have an 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 interacts with recruitment staff will be given an entry form. For full details visit this [link](#).



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# Reach Out

## News from the Registrar's Office (Kelowna)

### October 2018

#### 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.

#### New Courses

- LSIN 099 - ASE Special Topics
- GEOG 207 - Introduction to Biogeography

The next regular Education Council meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2018.

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.*

### Staff Updates

The Registrar's Office is sad to say goodbye to Melissa Clift who will be pursuing an exciting new opportunity as a Program Assistant in the Science, Technology and Health portfolio. Melissa has been working in the Scheduling Office for many years and she will be missed.

Melissa will join the STH team on October 15.

### Career Fair

Okanagan College, Kelowna campus, will host the 37th Annual Career Fair on Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This year those attending will be eligible to enter a draw to win a \$5,000 tuition credit. Find all the details about this annual event [here](#).

### IEW in Kelowna

Students and staff at the Kelowna campus are invited to

attend International Education Week events November 12 - 16. During the week the campus will celebrate

the diversity of our College community with food and drink samples from



around the world, exchange and international student panel discussions, and games and hands-on art projects from the various cultures.

Events will run as follows: November 13 from 1 - 3 p.m. in the atrium of the Centre for Learning with the Taste of Nations and games, November 14 from 1 - 3 p.m. in the Pit with the World Cup and student panel discussions, November 15 from 1 - 3 p.m. in the atrium of the Centre for Learning with Global Sweets and Treats and hands-on arts and crafts, and November 16 from 5 - 8 p.m. for a Canadian tailgate party in the parking lot at Immaculata prior to the home opening men's and women's Coyotes basketball games.

### Recruitment and Events Salmon Arm

Kristine Wickner, Recruiter in Salmon Arm, will take a six-month partial leave and work part-time from November to May. We are currently looking for a replacement to start late November for three days per week and it is posted. Check it out!

### October 2018

- 12 Vernon Counsellors Breakfast
- 26 Last day to withdraw from a course without academic penalty
- 24 [Freshman 15 seminar](#) (Vernon)
- 29 Program Open House and Spotlight Sessions (Vernon)
- 31 [Halloween Howler](#) (Kelowna)

### November 2018

- 1 Applications open 8:30 a.m. Salmon Arm [Information Night](#)
- 4 [Career Fair](#)  
Daylight Savings time ends
- 6 Penticton [Information Night](#)  
Pet Paws student event (Kelowna)
- 12 Remembrance Day observed (College closed)
- 13-16 International Education Week (Kelowna campus)
- 16 Coyotes Basketball tailgate event (Kelowna)
- 27 Tis the Season student event (Kelowna)
- 28 Cross-cultural awareness event: India (Kelowna)



Kelowna campus students attended the fall Stress Buster event on October 10 where they learned stress-busting methods like playing with Play-Doh.

### Recruitment News

#### Kelowna

Recruitment season is well underway. PSI-BC has passed through the Okanagan and now Blake is on the road recruiting until October 27. He will make 50 school visits and presentations throughout October and November.

Counsellors from the Central Okanagan attended the Kelowna Campus Counsellors Update on October 3. Thank you to all the departments that were in attendance.

Please save the date for Experience OC on February 20, 2019. Email invitations will be sent out shortly.

#### Penticton

Liana Swedahl, Penticton recruiter, and Melanie Wasilenkoff, Business recruiter, visited high schools in Osoyoos, Oliver, Penticton, and Summerland September 25-27. Liana and Melanie gave eight presentations, attended five mini fairs, and presented updates at one meeting with local counsellors. Next up, Liana will be travelling to the West Kootneys beginning October 15 and will visit six schools.

In partnership with Okanagan College, Science World held a Community Science Celebration (CSC) at the Penticton campus on September 29. There were four interactive exhibitors – Okanagan College, Applied Science Technologists & Technicians of BC (ASTTBC), Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC) and Penticton Museum and Archives, plus four science shows put on by Science World. Approximately 500 students, parents, teachers and their families attended. Liana and Ryan Ransom provided information on OC science programs. Human Kinetics students kept attendees busy with models of the brain and information about the effects of concussions on the brain.

Okanagan College participated at the Festival of the Grape on September 30, a wine event in Oliver which attracts 4,000 people annually. Liana and Sharon Reems, Continuing Studies Coordinator, answered general questions from the public about OC programs, in particular wine-related industry program options.

On October 4, Liana hosted 14 counsellors, and 15 OC staff, instructors, and students at the annual Counsellors Breakfast. The event included updates from Admissions, Financial Aid, Education Advising, Adult Upgrading, and Continuing Studies. Counsellors also had a chance to meet with instructor and student teams to learn about the student experience in a number of programs. Kim Noakes, Trades recruiter, brought the welding simulator for counsellors to experience.

The Penticton campus' Information Night is November 6 from 5–7 p.m. If your department would like to participate, please email Liana at [lswedahl@okanagan.bc.ca](mailto:lswedahl@okanagan.bc.ca).

#### Vernon

Tawnya Cameron, Vernon recruiter, spent a week travelling through Northern B.C. visiting high schools with other B.C. postsecondary recruiters through PSI-BC. She participated in career fairs and provided information to students in Prince Rupert, Terrace, Kitimat, Smithers, Vanderhoof and Burns Lake. Tawnya was also busy doing presentations in her own region.

Tawnya will host the annual Counsellors Breakfast for high school counsellors in the North Okanagan on October 12, and is presenting the Freshman 15 seminar October 24 and a Program Open House and Spotlight Sessions on October 29. She is also presenting at many of the North Okanagan schools, setting up an information table at parent/teacher interviews at Vernon Secondary School (VSS) and will be resuming her office hours at Seaton and VSS.

#### Salmon Arm

The Salmon Arm campus hosted its second annual Parent Seminar on October 2. This continues to be a valuable event for parents who gain an understanding of the current post-secondary system as they begin to explore options alongside their teen.

