

# Reach Out

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

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## Welcome Back to Campus

The Office of the Registrar on the Kelowna campus is excited to welcome students and staff back with full in-person service for the Fall 2021 semester. On the Kelowna campus, we are open Monday through Friday (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) from September through April. Check for service availability at: [www.okanagan.bc.ca/office-of-the-registrar](http://www.okanagan.bc.ca/office-of-the-registrar).

Bob Burge, Registrar

## Staff Updates

**Karla Medina** started working in the Registrar's Office in June 2021 as an Enrolment Services Assistant, working the College switchboard for the evening shift. Karla has recently accepted a new role in the office in partnership with the Science, Technology and Health (STH) portfolio. She is responsible for the Health Care Assistant - HCAP program and will work on improving processes



and communication with students.

Prior to OC, Karla worked at a private College in Vancouver in the Student Services Department. Before coming to work in Education, Karla worked in film post production and research in Mexico. Karla loves being with her dogs, dancing and eating!

The Registrar's Office welcomed **Aasia Paterson** this month in the position of Client Services Assistant with a focus on admissions. Aasia has just recently moved back to the Okanagan from the Lower Mainland with her family. She has a background in Career Development and Human Resources Management and is currently completing her Degree in Education. Aasia is also the founder of two upcoming businesses, one is a clothing brand called Little Weirdo Design Studios which includes a children's clothing line called Organized Chaos and an apiary business called Bee Curious Hives. These two side hobbies will be opening in the Spring of 2022.



Aasia is looking forward to combining all her passions into her new position here at Okanagan College.

Also joining the office in the position of Education Council Assistant while Maddy Cabral is on leave, is **Susaye Gayle**. Susaye moved to Kelowna this past summer from Kingston, Jamaica where she previously worked in a government-based position.

Susaye enjoys nature walks, reading, sightseeing tours and learning about historic architecture.



## Education Council News

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

# September 2021

## Program Revisions

### Adult Basic Education

The program description will be updated to make it easier for students and staff to understand how to navigate the program.

Proposed date of implementation is September 2021.

## New Courses

- CMNS 265 - Environmental Communications

## Course Revisions

- SOCI 271 - Statistical Analysis in Sociology

The next regular Education Council meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2021.

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

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

# EPBC Temporary Shut Down

Okanagan College's online applications for admissions will be unavailable from September 28 to 30 on EducationPlanner as we set up to open applications for the next year (Fall 2022 onwards).

The International application system will be unaffected.

Applications for most Fall 2022 and many Winter 2023 programs will be accepted starting October 1, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. Visit [www.okanagan.bc.ca/apply](http://www.okanagan.bc.ca/apply) for more information.

# Update on the BC Transfer Guide

(as published in BCCAT ENGAGE ((September 2021)): Moving forward)

Look out for a bigger, better BC Transfer Guide! The site has been redesigned to improve user experience, making it more responsive, accessible, and adaptive. Countdown to launch: 10, 9, 8...

In the meantime... we invite you to check out the new Adult Basic Education (ABE) Transfer Search! Previously, ABE course articulations were provided as annually published PDFs. This new fully searchable database makes it much easier for students to explore and plan.

Work is also underway to create a transfer search facility for English as an Additional Language (EAL) course articulations. We expect that the EAL Transfer Search will be up and running shortly.

# Recruitment Update

Campus recruitment continues to connect with students in person and virtually. The Post Secondary BC tour will run online using the Pheedloop platform. High school students from B.C. will be able to watch virtual presentations and contact the team with any questions

on the platform. Virtual and in-person presentations are being given to Grade 10-12 students in regional high schools.

**Salmon Arm** recruiter, Laureen Shannon, will be visiting high schools in the Salmon Arm and Revelstoke regions beginning this month. A Counsellors Breakfast and Open House are scheduled during the month of October.

**Vernon** recruiter, Tawnya Cameron, is busy planning fall events such as Open House, a counsellors breakfast and the 15 First Year FAQs seminar.

She is also working hard to get into the schools to speak to the Career Life Ed and Career Life Connections classes. These are grade 10 and 12 students.

**Penticton** recruiter, Piper Yacheson, is working on several events in the South. Included in those are the counsellors breakfast on October 5, an Open House and Info Night on October 21 and a Student Life event - walking along the KVR on September 25.

## September 2021

30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (College closed)

## October 2021

1 Applications open at 8:30 a.m. for Fall 2022 programs  
11 Thanksgiving holiday (College closed)  
23-25 DE midterm exams  
29 Last day to withdraw from a course without academic penalty

# Welcome Home OC

Students were welcomed back to campus on September 7 in all four regions with orientation activities and events designed to help students make connections and learn about their campus and program.



## Salmon Arm

Salmon Arm students registered in advance for a time to come to campus. Once on campus, students were treated to a free lunch, had a chance to meet professors and other students, received a welcome bag full of goodies, and had chances to win prizes, including a beverage fridge. Each portfolio and campus service department had a table set up for students to ask questions.

## Vernon

Students visited the campus in two groups of 100 and were welcomed with a grab bag full of campus information, a chance to win an iPad or mini fridge, and goodies. Some of the bags had mystery prize tickets randomly dropped into them.

New students were encouraged to visit the various program tables and chat with professors, campus support staff, admin staff and some of the second-year students. Each table had treats and an opportunity to play a game for more prize ticket entries. Students also had a chance to visit the photo booth and leave with an instant photo strip to document their first day at OC.



## Kelowna

Kelowna students were divided by portfolio to come to campus, pick up a welcome bag, visit College service and community tables, enjoy a free lunch from a food truck and listen to a live DJ who handed out prizes all day long. At the end of this they were sent off to their program-specific orientation sessions delivered by staff and professors.

Other events taking place during the first few weeks included an outdoor movie night, first day coffee and pastries station, and a services fair with free gelato, lunch and more prizes.



## Penticton

Students at the Penticton campus registered for one of two time slots. During their time slot they were treated to lunch, a welcome bag full of goodies, and had a chance to meet and greet staff, instructors, and their peers while listening to a live DJ.

At the end of the first week, students were also invited to the beach for a fun day on the water.

