



Welcome to the Okanagan College Community

We can't wait to meet you! Maybe you've already accepted your offer. Or maybe you're still deciding if you're going to attend OC. These newsletters are designed to help you on your path to making your choice, becoming an OC student, starting your first day of classes, and eventually graduating!

In this issue we're going to share the orientation agenda with you so you can plan out your summer and fall. Take advantage of as many activities and events as possible. This will help you make those important connections that will guide you through your time at OC.

Our first event, Jump Start, will be offered to incoming students, as well as applicants who are still considering OC for their post-secondary journey. Jump Start will introduce students to the registration system and share ways that advisors can help you along the way. We're also inviting you to come to campus to learn about the supports and services we have and introduce you to staff. And parents - we haven't forgotten about you! We'll have a session tailored just for you with tips on how to help your student transition to post-secondary.

Reason #1 to attend Okanagan College Orientation

Make friends before starting classes!

May Campus Open Houses and Spotlight Sessions

Still undecided about OC? You've done the research, you've filled in the application, but maybe you still need to pay a deposit or accept your offer of admission. Come down to one of our campuses and experience a little taste of OC during the month of May.

Come feel what it's like to be a student at OC and meet with staff and other prospective students.

Visit okanagan.bc.ca/infosessions for all the details for your campus.



Save the Date! Jump Start

Watch your inbox for an email invite for the first orientation event of the 2022-23 academic year - Jump Start.

These sessions will set you up for success by introducing you to our service departments, giving you a tour of the campus, showing you how to use the registration system, and providing an opportunity to meet other students starting in September - before classes begin!

Stay up to date on all the details at okanagan.bc.ca/jumpstart.

Stay in Touch all Summer Long

Each campus has a Facebook page. Join the group or follow the page and stay in the know about all the great events happening at your campus.

Salmon Arm: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/17829359039>

Vernon: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/340682060271473/>

Kelowna: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/826744374178591>

Penticton: <https://www.facebook.com/OCPen>

Dates and Deadlines to Note this Month:

May (various dates)

- [Program info sessions](#)

May 18

- [Jump Start Vernon](#)

June 7

- [Jump Start Penticton](#)

June 11

- [Jump Start Kelowna](#)

June 15

- [Jump Start Penticton](#)

June 22

- [Jump Start Kelowna](#)

June 24

- International student pre-arrival session on Zoom

June 28

- [Jump Start Salmon Arm](#)

July 6

- Online [Jump Start Kelowna](#)

July 13

- Registration opens for new students



Orientation Timeline

Here's your orientation plan for Fall 2022.

May/June

- ✓ Jump Start sessions at each campus: Penticton, Kelowna, Vernon, and Salmon Arm

Mid-August to Early September

- ✓ Complete your orientation online courses OC 101 and OC Ready
- ✓ International virtual orientation
- ✓ Pre-orientation fun event at each campus
- ✓ In-person international orientation
- ✓ Strong Start Library event
- ✓ Kick Off Welcome events at each campus on September 6

Watch the website for all the details:
okanagan.bc.ca/orientation



Meet the Team

Want to know who's hard at work behind the scenes creating your successful transition into College? Here are just a few members of each campus team.



Meet **Carlyn** and **Heather** in Kelowna.

Carlyn coordinates orientation programming for the College as well as all the individual events at the Kelowna campus. Heather is part of the Athletics, Recreation and Student Life team, assisting in making your orientation experience as memorable as can be!

Meet **Laura** in Penticton.

Although Laura is new to the Penticton campus and OC, she is busy prepping a very fun orientation for incoming Penticton students. Laura is a recruiter for the College, but organizes orientation during the summer.



Say hello to **Laureen** in Salmon Arm.

Laureen is the recruiter on the Salmon Arm campus, organizing events focused on bringing new students to the College, as well as planning fun, engaging student life events like orientation throughout the school year.

Meet **Tawnya** and **Valerie** in Vernon.

Tawnya is the recruitment coordinator for the Vernon Campus, connecting with community, high schools and future students. Valerie is one of the support staff found in the Admin office, helping organize fun events throughout the academic year. Together they are planning a fun and memorable orientation for the fall.



Transition Tips Section

Heading off to college may seem scary. To help ease your mind about the transition, here are some tips:

1. Prep your toolbox now! Develop good study habits, don't skip class, take good notes and finish all your assignments - on time.
2. Develop great time management skills. Nobody will be telling you to go to class, finish your work, or show up for tests and exams. Make yourself a schedule that includes your class schedule, assignment due dates, test dates, and any other responsibilities you have, such as work. Check out our Moodle course OC Ready this summer for a study skills section with lots of great tips.