

**POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION for our website to accompany our  
NOVEMBER 7, 2011 student meeting**

- 1. Graduation:** 80 credits - 52 required credits; 28 elective credits
  - English 10, SS 10, Science 10, a math 10, PE 10, Planning 10
  - English/Communications 11, SS 11, a science 11, a math 11
  - English 12/Com 12, Grad Transitions, 3 grade 12 courses
  - Must do 5 provincial exams: English 10, Science 10, a math 10, SS 11, and English/Communications 12 - 10/11 exams worth 20% of the final mark; grade 12 exam worth 40%
  - Must have a fine art or applied skill 10, 11, or 12
  - Link to ministry website: <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/graduation/>
  
- 2. GT - Graduation Transitions - Due April 27, 2012**
  - Off-timetable - do on your own time
  - Personal Health (physical activity & a healthy living plan), Community Connections (30 hours work experience or community service & description of duties), Career and Life (transition plan: resume, career/educational goals, costs & funding to meet goals)
  - <http://142.35.129.6/elphiweb/>
    - a. Important Forms - Graduation Transitions Checklist
  
- 3. Newsletters:** <http://142.35.129.6/elphiweb/>
  - Info for Parents - Grad - Important Grad Info from the Counselling Department - click on month
  
- 4. ACE-IT - Carpentry - Feb - July - SCAS -** <http://142.35.129.6/aceit/>  
Secondary School Apprenticeship - <http://www.itabc.ca/site3.aspx>
  
- 5. PSI Day - Post-Secondary Institutions Visit Elphi**
  - NOV 14 -8:50-10:50 - 3 sessions @ 35 minutes
  - BCIT, Canadian Forces/Royal Military College, Capilano U, Emily Carr University, SFU, Trinity Western University, Thompson Rivers University, UVic, Vancouver Island University
  - Consider asking about admission averages

## **6. General Post-Secondary Information**

-BC has outstanding system of post-secondary institutions (universities, colleges and institutes) offering degrees (four years), diplomas (two years), and certificates (less than two years) in a variety of areas.

### **6b. Finding Schools/Exploring Careers**

- Visits to Post-Secondary Institutions are a great idea. Many have open houses or they encourage visits at any time. See their websites for more info.

- Regardless of your area of interest, find out what the entrance requirements and application cut-off dates are. NOTE, for example: UBC has changed their admission application date to January 31<sup>st</sup> from February 28<sup>th</sup>, which has been their date for many years.

### **6c. Education Planner**

[www.educationplanner.bc.ca](http://www.educationplanner.bc.ca) - This is a great search engine that will help you find all of the post-secondary institutions in B.C. that offer programs in your area/s of interest.

### **6d. Career Cruising**

This is another excellent way to find the post-secondary institution for your area of interest.

- (i) log on to [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)
- (ii) username: elphinstone, password: careers
- (iii) enter "Explore Careers"
- (iv) enter "By Index"
- (v) type the first letter of the career choice (e.g. "W" for welder).
- (vi) enter "Education"
- (vii) scroll to bottom and enter appropriate training link and a variety of programs in all provinces will appear. You then get a web link to each university/college webpage where you can research entrance requirements.

### **6e. Other Websites for School/Career:**

- School Finder -- schools, scholarships, and careers

<http://www.schoolfinder.com>

- Career Paths on Line—career planning and general advice  
<http://careerpathsonline.com>

## **7. Applying to Post-Secondary Institutions - Requirements & Offerings - Post-secondary Institution Web Pages**

All of the schools have web pages and most have special sections full of information for prospective students.

### **7b. Print Resources**

The counselling office has university/college calendars & viewbooks.

### **7c. University Admission Requirements**

\* A note about math - Students graduating this year are in the old math system and take Principles, Applications, or Essentials of Math. The new math language is Pre-calculus, Foundations of Math, and Apprenticeship and Workplace Math. Universities have updated their websites to reflect the new math for students in grade 10 who are planning for their future. If you see a faculty requiring Pre-calculus, that is NOT the current Calculus 12.

\* English 12/Communications 12 have mandatory exams worth 40% of the course.

- Admission averages are calculated on required grade 12 course marks, though early conditional admission may be calculated on interim grade 12 and/or grade 11 marks.

- **Changes to UBC & SFU's admissions:** As there are no longer optional provincial exams, students now have a list of approved grade 12 courses rather than provincially examinable courses. This means courses such as Law 12 & Calculus 12, which UBC & SFU did not accept for calculation of admission averages, are now acceptable courses.

- **Other changes for UBC only:** The application deadline is January 31<sup>st</sup> & now all applicants to UBC Vancouver must include a personal profile with their application. When you apply, you will be guided through the process. Do NOT rush. Take your time to make your short answers well written and well thought out.

## 7d. Some Sample University Requirements

### Bachelor of Arts:

- UBC** - English 12 and 3 other approved grade 12 courses
- must have Principles of Math 11 and a second language 11 at UBC Vancouver, but not at UBC Okanagan
  - Links: UBC Vancouver admission requirements:  
<https://you.ubc.ca/ubc/vancouver/bcyt.ezc>
  - UBC Okanagan admission requirements:  
<https://you.ubc.ca/ubc/okanagan/bcyt.ezc>
- SFU** - English 12, 3 other approved grade 12 courses, and SFU's basic math/English requirements.
- Basic math/English requirements:
- En 12 or Lit 12: Minimum of 60 % blended final mark for admission.
  - Must have Principles of Math 11 (minimum 60% in math 11 or 12) and a second language, though a beginner language 11 is acceptable
  - Link: <http://students.sfu.ca/admission/requirements/>
- UVic** - EN 12 and 3 other academic courses
- Must have a second language 11 for Humanities; the second language 11 is not required for Social Sciences. Principles of Math 11 required for all faculties except Fine Arts where it can be one of 3 grade 11 courses required (in addition to English 11 and Social Studies 11).
  - Link:  
<http://registrar.uvic.ca/undergrad/admissions/requirements/bc.html>

**Bachelor of Science** - Links to websites are the same as above.

**SFU & UVic:** EN 12, MA 12 and 2 other approved science courses including BI 12, CH 12, PH 12, GEOL 12, GEOG 12. In addition, SFU applicants must meet SFU's basic math/English requirements (see above). Chemistry 11, Physics 11, Principles of Math 11 are required for both and a second language 11 is required at SFU (though a beginner language is acceptable).

**UBC:** EN 12, MA 12 and two other approved courses including at least one of BI 12, CH 12, GEOL 12, PH 12. A second language 11, Principles of Math 11, Chemistry 11 and Physics 11 are required at UBC Vancouver. Principles of Math 11 and Chemistry 11 are required at UBC Okanagan and they accept Geography 12 as an approved science course.

#### **7d. Other Programs**

- There are many good trades/apprenticeship programs through many institutions.
- If you want to go to university, but don't think you are eligible for UBC, UVic, SFU, or if you want a smaller learning environment, consider University Transfer (Cap University, TRU or any BC college). These are good schools: small sized classes, good teaching/programs and cheaper tuition. Admission to Cap University's Arts and Science degree program (University Transfer): EN 12 and 3 academic courses.

Links: Capilano University (Sechelt & North Vancouver)

<http://www.capilano.ca/admission/requirements/CareerArtsandSciencesPrograms.html>

Thompson Rivers University (Kamloops)

<http://www.tru.ca/admreg/admissions.html>

Douglas College (New West)

<http://www.douglas.bc.ca/become-student.html>

Vancouver Island University (Nanaimo)

<http://www.viu.ca/apply/>

Langara College (Vancouver)

<http://www.langara.bc.ca/>

Emily Carr University of Art and Design (Vancouver)

<http://www.ecuad.ca/admissions/undergrad>

Kwantlen Polytechnic University (Surrey, Richmond, Langley)

<http://www.kwantlen.ca/futurestudents.html>

BCIT (Burnaby)

<http://www.bcit.ca/study/>

UNBC (Prince George)

[http://www.unbc.ca/calendar/undergraduate/admissions/high\\_school.html](http://www.unbc.ca/calendar/undergraduate/admissions/high_school.html)

Camosun College (Victoria)

<http://camosun.ca/>

For more post-secondary options in BC, see [www.educationplanner.ca](http://www.educationplanner.ca)

## **8. Applying to Post-Secondary Institutions - Process**

### **General Application Guidelines**

- Apply for the one institution you really want to go to and one you know you can get in to. Some students make 3 applications.
- Keep marks in mind when you apply as mark requirements/cut-offs vary considerably. Eg. For 2011/2012 entry SFU required a minimum admission average of 82 % for Arts and Social Sciences. Admission cut-offs are based on courses required for admission only (usually 4 grade 12 courses).
- Trades programs base admission on specific course requirements often with a C or C+ and sometimes they are waitlisted. Many schools offer trades courses in dozens of fields such as heavy duty mechanic, culinary arts, carpentry, welding, electrical, plumbing, aircraft maintenance, nautical sciences, security systems technician, computer programming etc. Schools such as BCIT, Capilano, Douglas, Camosun, Vancouver Island University, VCC, Langara, and Okanagan College offer programs in virtually all fields in Applied Skills or Fine Arts.
- BCIT and Langara open early (Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>). As many programs are on a first-come first-served basis, apply as soon as you have the requirements to avoid being wait listed.
- Be aware of admission deadlines. If you miss the deadline, you could wait another year to go to the school of your choice.

### **8b. Application Process - BC**

- Applications for BC institutions are done on line through APPLYBC:

<https://applybc.ca/apply?execution=e2s1>

This is the central service through which to apply to many post-secondary institutions in the province. You need a credit card and your PEN number (9 digit number on the top of your report card).

- Communication with institutions is usually done via email, sometimes via snail mail. You will receive confirmation of application. They may ask for an unofficial transcript. Let us know & we'll provide you with one to send to them. Save all communications you have with the schools. You never know when you may need it.
- Only the Ministry of Education can supply an official transcript. You will receive one when you have graduated and after that you may order them through the Ministry of Education website. We provide unofficial transcripts that we sign and seal with the school seal. This is acceptable for most post-secondary institutions, but in B.C. they tend to ask you to self-report and use the PSI form.
- Universities ask students to **self-report** grades online. Early admission offers are based on the self-reported grades.
- These self-reported grades are checked against official interim grades sent to the schools by the Ministry in May.
- In around February we will come to you and ask you to sign the Post-Secondary Institution Choices Form. You choose the schools you'd like to be able to receive your grades electronically and the Ministry of Education is then able to directly supply your marks to those institutions.
- The deadline to fill out this form for early admission is April 30; for regular admission the deadline is June 30.
- This does not cost any money and we urge you to do it!
- Grades are sent to the Ministry of Education in April, which are then given to the institutions for early admission decisions.
- Official transcripts are produced after final provincial exams in July.
- Final acceptance is confirmed in July/August.

### **8c. Leaving BC**

-Application to Ontario universities must be made through OUAC (online: like APPLYBC, OUAC is a central clearinghouse for applications).

<http://www.ouac.on.ca/>

- If Ontario is your area of interest, [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca) may be a useful website to look at as well.

**8d. US bound?** You must write SAT. See if you must write a subject test as well as the general test. You can apply on-line at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). Our school code/site number is 821124. If you want practice books or need more info, come to the Counselling Dept. [www.collegescholarships.com](http://www.collegescholarships.com) (US information)  
[www.finaid.org/scholarships](http://www.finaid.org/scholarships)

**8e.** Once you have applied, go to the **residence/housing** and **scholarship/bursary** links on the institution websites if you require housing or if you think you might qualify for a scholarship or bursary.

## **9. Applying to Post-Secondary Institutions - LPI**

BC schools have proficiency standards for English. You may have to write **LPI** or other tests.

- There will be an LPI sitting at ESS on April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Register online at <http://www.lpitest.ca/>. Go to the "Register on-line" section, click the section taking you to the high school registration page, and complete the registration.
- The cost is \$109 + tax
- Registration will be available from January 2012 until April 10, 2012.
- Capilano University takes the LPI or its own test the EDT. The EDT can be written on the coast. Phone the Sunshine Coast campus at 604-885-9310 and book a time if you'd like to write this test instead.
- Exemptions - some schools require this, some don't. Some require it but give you an exemption if you score high enough in English. For example:
  - SFU - if you score above 75% final mark in English 12, you don't have to write the LPI
  - UBC Vancouver - 80% or better in English 12 at the time of admission & 75% or better final grade in English 12
  - UBC Okanagan - 75% or better final grade in English 12 or Lit 12
  - UVic - no LPI - you must take a writing course at UVic unless you score 86% or higher on the English 12 provincial exam

## 10. Scholarships, Bursaries & Loans

- Provincial Scholarships are \$1000 and based on your five required provincial exams (En 10, Sc 10, Ma 10, SS 11, En/Com 12). You are automatically considered for this scholarship money. You must have at least a B as a final grade in En 12/Com 12 and of the five required exams you must have at least 3 Bs and one A . If you wish to rewrite your grade 10 or 11 provincial exams, see the counsellors.
- District Scholarships are given to students who have demonstrated superior achievement and who plan to pursue post-secondary studies in one of the following areas: Fine Arts (visual arts, dance, drama, music), Applied Skills (business education, technology education, home economics), Physical Activity (not limited to PE) or Second Languages. District scholarships are \$1000. Students must prepare portfolios and do a 15-minute presentation for a school committee in order to be considered for a district scholarship. More info about date of presentation in the spring.
- Local scholarships/bursaries - April 2012 packages will come out Which will provide all the information you need. Watch the newsletters as well.
- Month-by-month view of scholarship & bursary deadlines - please see a separate file at our website.
- Aboriginal Scholarships and Bursaries - The AbEd Department at SD46 has a webpage with information specific to students of Aboriginal descent: <http://www.allnationscoast.net/scholarships-and-bursaries.html>
- Post Secondary Institutions - See the websites for the institutions you are considering. Most have automatic scholarships for achieving a certain GPA. They also have other scholarships and bursaries you can apply for. Watch out for deadlines. Once you are on campus, there may be other bursaries to apply for each semester. Some institutions also provide emergency loans.
- Affiliation - Parents' employers may have scholarships/bursaries for dependents. Ask your personnel officer, employer, or shop steward about this.

- Other - see websites: [www.studentscholarships.org](http://www.studentscholarships.org),  
<http://www.sd46.bc.ca/index.php/scholarships>,  
[www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com), [www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com)
- Student Loans - [www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc](http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc)

### **BEST ADVICE FOR NOW**

- Go to the web pages for various schools and start looking at requirements and programs.

-Read the Elphinstone monthly newsletter re. universities, colleges, scholarships and bursaries, careers, exams, events. It's given out in classes or find it online at <http://142.35.129.6/elphiweb/> (links: school web pages, Elphinstone, grad, monthly newsletter).