

# BCCAT Update

## Spring 2017



### TRANSFER & ARTICULATION-RELATED ACTIVITIES

#### **BCCAT.ca/Articulation Section**

The articulation section of the BCCAT website has undergone a refresh, and each committee webpage has been allocated a program area with more flexibility for graphics, publications, and links. It allows for listing meetings, contact information for Chairs, and System Liaison Persons with access to resources, such as the Articulation Companion at the bottom of the main landing page. Feedback is welcome – contact Ruth at [rrerskine@bccat.ca](mailto:rrerskine@bccat.ca)

#### **The Joint Annual Meeting (JAM) 2017**

The 2017 JAM will be held at the Westin Wall Centre Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond on Friday, November 17. Further information will be posted at [bccat.ca/articulation/jam](http://bccat.ca/articulation/jam)

This event is by invitation to chairs, system liaison persons and institutional contacts.

#### **Council Awards 2016**

The 2016 award winners are as follows:

**Alisa Webb**, Associate Dean of Students, University of the Fraser Valley;

**Hilary Rourke**, Adult Basic Education In Studies at the University of British Columbia; and

**John Dennison**, Professor Emeritus, Administrative, Adult & Higher Education

at the University of British Columbia and former BCCAT Council Co-Chair (posthumously).

**Nominations for this year's awards are open!**

[bccat.ca/system/awards](http://bccat.ca/system/awards)



#### **TCES/TCS**

BCCAT will launch the Transfer Credit System (TCS) this spring replacing the TCES. Testing and evaluation is currently taking place with volunteer institutions.

#### **Secondary to Post-Secondary Transitions**

MOE Learning Transformation Project team members met with the PSE 'Think Tank' November 21 and with BCRA on Dec 5, 2016. The next Think Tank meeting is on April 24. On January 24, the Ministry announced curriculum implementation for grades 10-12 has been moved forward to fall 2018. Numeracy and Literacy tests are being developed.

#### **The Pan Canadian Consortium on Admissions and Transfer (PCCAT)**

The 2017 PCCAT conference will be held June 8th-9th at the Toronto Marriott Downtown Eaton Centre Hotel, Toronto. The theme is '150 Ways to Transfer: A Celebration of Pathway Initiatives and Research'. For more details, visit: [pccatweb.org/pccat-2017](http://pccatweb.org/pccat-2017)



### TRANSFER INNOVATIONS PROJECTS

#### **Engineering First Year Common Core.**

This review of current Engineering transfer options and feasibility of implementing first-year core competencies is available on the Engineering Articulation Committee webpage:

[bccat.ca/pubs/engineering-final-report-v121](http://bccat.ca/pubs/engineering-final-report-v121)

#### **Tourism/Hospitality Common Core**

This proposal updates and aligns core learning outcomes with the current requirements of industry and employers. It is due to be completed in June, 2017.

#### **Community & School Support (CASS) Matrix**

CASS courses are currently not found on the BC Transfer Guide. The project will update the BC Transfer Guide information and identify courses across the CASS institutions that would be eligible for course to course transfer and equivalency.

### RECENT PUBLICATIONS

#### **Impact of Secondary Education Reform on PSE**

Published in November 2016, this review of secondary education reforms in different jurisdictions identifies the possible effects of K-12 changes on specific aspects of the post-secondary system in BC. [bccat.ca/pubs/K12Changes.pdf](http://bccat.ca/pubs/K12Changes.pdf)

#### **Applicant Data in Centralized Application Agencies and the Implications for BC**

This study reviews how applicant data is captured and reported by centralized application systems in Canadian and international jurisdictions. It evaluates the processes employed for addressing the applicant data challenges and the implications for the BC central admission service. [bccat.ca/pubs/ApplicantData\\_Nov2016.pdf](http://bccat.ca/pubs/ApplicantData_Nov2016.pdf)

## Dual Admissions Agreements

This report provides insight into case studies of existing dual admissions agreements in British Columbia on student motivations, experiences and outcomes.

[bccat.ca/pubs/dualadmissions.pdf](http://bccat.ca/pubs/dualadmissions.pdf)

## What is Academic Credit?

This report reviews literature of academic credit and identifies practices of credit evaluation at BC post-secondary institutions.

[bccat.ca/pubs/academiccredit.pdf](http://bccat.ca/pubs/academiccredit.pdf)

## Experiential Education

The study explores various definitions and identifies successful practices and challenges in BC and elsewhere.

[bccat.ca/pubs/expeducation.pdf](http://bccat.ca/pubs/expeducation.pdf)



## ONGOING PROJECTS OF INTEREST

### Field School Coordination Feasibility

This study is investigating options for coordination of field school opportunities across the BC Transfer System. Research will take place this spring with the final paper due in September, 2017.

### Inter-Disciplinary Course & Program Transfer

This project will identify issues related to how interdisciplinary courses and programs are categorized and listed in the BC Transfer Guide. Research will be conducted over the spring and summer with the report expected in November, 2017.

### Indigenous Persistence

This exploratory project investigates practices undertaken to support the persistence of indigenous students at several BC post-secondary institutions, and also surveys data needs pertaining to the persistence and mobility of indigenous students.



2016 BCCAT Transfer Award Winners, Hilary Rourke, Mrs. Dennison on behalf of her husband, John & Alisa Webb

## Expanding Gender Declaration in Post-Secondary Information Systems

In partnership with the BC Registrars, this project reviews how other jurisdictions are expanding options for student gender declaration at admission and throughout their engagement with the institution. A report is expected in 2017.

## Dual Credit Student Success

This project overviews the South Island Partnership – a longstanding dual credit partnership on Vancouver Island and includes a quantitative assessment of the program's impact and the success of dual credit students. A report will be released in summer of 2017.

## Flexible Pre-Major Research

This project will assess the efficacy of flexible pre-majors in public post-secondary institutions and will review development, realization, and communication of FPMs within an institution. The report is due to be published in the fall.

## International Credit Transfer Processes

This project will analyze the processing of international credit transfer requests in Canadian post-secondary institutions and make recommendations for collaboration.

## MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

### BCCAT "ENGAGE" Updates

In order to adhere to the anti-spam legislation, BCCAT Engage news updates are only currently sent to those contacts who subscribe and confirm their consent to receive emails. To subscribe: [bccat.ca/about/communications/engage](http://bccat.ca/about/communications/engage)

### Ad Campaign

Transit ad campaigns are now underway for BCTransferGuide.ca and EducationPlannerBC.ca highlighting the specific, distinctive features of each resource. The current campaigns will be displayed for two years on bus routes across the province, SkyTrain, and Canada Line routes. Advertising is separate for the two sites due to governance changes related to the new [EducationPlannerBC.ca](http://EducationPlannerBC.ca) site.

### Education and Career Fairs

Each year BCCAT staff attend education fairs in Abbotsford, Kelowna, Nanaimo, and Vancouver and visit secondary schools upon request profiling both EducationPlannerBC and the BC Transfer Guide.

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