

# **ADULT BASIC EDUCATION (ABE) MATHEMATICS WORKING GROUP REPORT PRESENTED TO THE BCCUPMS MEETING, MAY 14-15, 2024 AT DOUGLAS COLLEGE**

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Meeting: Adult Basic Education Mathematics Working Group

Date of meeting: March 7-8, 2024.

Location: Capilano University

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## **1. Adult Basic Education Articulation - Purpose and Goals**

- i) Exchange information and enhance cooperation and coordination among institutions in Adult Basic Education courses.
- ii) Promote course and program equivalency.
- iii) Contribute to the facilitation of inter-institutional transfer credit agreements.

Adult Basic Education (ABE) working groups function as articulation committees and exist for a number of disciplines. Each working group reports to the Adult Basic Education Steering Articulation Committee. Working group chairs attend the meetings of both their working group and the steering committee each year.

The ABE Steering committee articulates courses in various subjects and levels against well-defined learning outcomes contained within the ABE Articulation Handbook. This handbook is published digitally each year by the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills and is available on the BCCAT website.

## **2. Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills Update**

- i) In January 2024, Darryl Soper returned to the role of Director of the Adult Learning, Education, and Human Services Unit, which is responsible for Adult Learning programs, including ABE, ELL, Adult Special Education (ASE), and the Adult Upgrading Grant (AUG).
- ii) On January 15th, 2024, the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills announced a Call for Proposals for a third round of one-time funding for ABE/ELL Pathways to High-Priority Career Programs. The Pathways are intended to run from April 1, 2024, to August 31, 2025.
- iii) Adult Upgrading Grant (AUG). In 2022/2023, AUG supported just over 2,400 students.
- iv) Recent data analysis done by Ministry staff suggests that AUG recipients are going on to enter post-secondary programs in areas of high labour market demand (Early Childhood Education, trades, healthcare).

**3. BCCAT update –Mike Winsemann**

<https://www.bccat.ca/resources/ACUpdate202404.pdf>

**4. BC Campus Open Ed update on resources and projects –Josie Gray**

- i) B.C. Open Collection; ABE OER in the Collection
- ii) B.C. Digital Literacy Collection; [digitalliteracy.bccampus.ca](http://digitalliteracy.bccampus.ca)
- iii) ETUG Spring 2024 Workshop: Digital Literacy Today, May 9-10, 2024

**5. “Yes We Can Math program” overview—Kevin Starblanket NEC**

<https://mathyeswecan.com/index.php/math-yes-we-can/>

**6. ABE Math courses articulation 2024**

- i) ABE institutions brought forward courses that needed to be re-articulated for the Advanced-Algebraic level (equivalent to Pre-calculus 11).
- ii) Next year meeting on March 6-7, 2025 at Vancouver Island University.