Looking Back: BCCAT and the BC Transfer System

Celebrating 25 years of supporting student pathways

Joint Annual Meeting (JAM); Friday, November 14, 2014
1989

BCCAT is established.

- To provide system leadership by enabling articulation, transfer, and admission arrangements.
- Respects institutional autonomy.
- A formal agency with no legislative authority.
- Council members represent post-secondary sectors.
- Funded by the provincial government.
1990

The BC Transfer Guide is published.

• The very first edition of the BC Transfer Guide is published (in print form) replacing individual university transfer guides.
1995

The BC Transfer Guide is launched as part of BCCAT Online.

• The BC Transfer Guide is launched on the BCCAT website as a searchable online facility, provided as an adjunct to the printed guide.
1995

BCCAT publishes its first research report.

- This publication marked the first of several arising from a longitudinal study of the Class of 1988.

See bccat.ca/research/projects/paths
1996 BCCAT launches comprehensive research program.

- To assess student mobility patterns and the effectiveness of the transfer system.
- To date, BCCAT has published over 900 publications – including research reports, handbooks, newsletters and more.
The first Articulation Committee Handbook is published.

- The handbook is later known as the Articulation Committee Companion
1999

Transfer TIPs for BC Students

- A revised edition is published in 2005, and the content is later reworked for inclusion on the BC Transfer Guide website.
BCCAT develops the Transfer Credit Evaluation Form

- The new form helps to improve the efficiency of articulation processes.
- The resource was later provided as a web-based service.
BCCAT expands role in Admissions

- BCCAT forms a committee to undertake projects examining student mobility, capacity, and demand.
2004

EDUCATIONPLANNER.CA is launched.

• BCCAT takes over the Opening Doors website and redevelops it. The new site, EducationPlanner.ca, offers admissions information on undergraduate programs at post-secondary institutions across BC.
2005
BCTRANSFERGUIDE.CA is launched.

- For the first time, the BC Transfer Guide is launched as a standalone web resource, providing easy access for students planning their transfer pathways.
2005

BCCAT begins collaboration with Student Transitions Project (STP)

- To examine student mobility data across the K-12 and post-secondary systems

See www.aved.gov.bc.ca/student_transitions/
Recalibrating the BC Transfer System

BCCAT launches a system-wide consultation on how to move forward in light of the impact of significant changes in the BC post-secondary landscape on the transfer system.
2009

BCCAT hosts the First Joint Annual Meeting.

- BCCAT hosts the first JAM event, bringing together individuals who participate across BC’s transfer and articulation community.

- JAM replaces the Annual Meeting of Articulation Chairs and System Liaison Persons (SLPs) and the Annual Institutional Contact Person (ICP) Meeting.
Enabling the Transfer System

BCCAT launches a system-wide consultation on how to enable the BC Transfer System in light of the dramatic changes in student movement between institutions.
BCCAT websites attract record numbers of students.

BCTransferGuide.ca and EducationPlanner.ca each attract approximately one million unique visitors.
2013

A Synthesis of Research

A new report offers a synthesis of BCCAT and related research, highlighting what we have learned over the years about admissions and transfer in the BC public post-secondary system.

See bccat.ca/research/tour
2013 Survey of Movers

Research carried out by BC Stats for BCCAT reveals important information regarding student movement in the BC post-secondary system.

See bccat.ca/research/projects/survey
NEW DIRECTIONS

Research reveals significant changes in student movement between BC Transfer System institutions. Student transfer pathways are now seen to be multi-directional.
Research shows that 18% of students moved between BC public institutions and programs in 2011-2012.

This rate has been fairly consistent since 2005-06. (Source: Student Transitions Project)
BC SYSTEM CHANGES

- Changes in provincial policy result in an increased differentiation of institutions, and fresh opportunities to grant degrees and participate within the transfer system.
- Approx. 150 new Bachelor’s Degree programs approved by the Degree Quality Assessment Board (DQAB) since 2003.
2014

Inter-provincial MoU signed.

Four Canadian “CATs” (from BC, Alberta, Ontario, and New Brunswick) sign an historic Memorandum of Understanding, leading the way for collaborative projects enabling inter-provincial transfer.
2014

BC Transfer System Today

- Articulation committees representing disciplines across institutions maintain the collegial relationships and dialogue essential for addressing articulation challenges and opportunities.

- The BC Transfer System is supported through streamlined web services such as the Transfer Credit Evaluation System, the BC Transfer Guide, and the Articulation Information Centre.

- BCCAT-supported research addresses fundamental questions about student mobility in BC and the effectiveness of the BC Transfer System.

- Students benefit from EducationPlanner.ca and BCTransferGuide.ca for post-secondary planning.

- Inter-provincial collaboration strengthens support for student mobility within and across jurisdictional borders.
The BC Transfer System is successful because of the collaborative and dedicated efforts of individuals across the system.

The **BC Transfer Awards** are our way of saying thank you to those who demonstrate exceptional leadership in helping to advance transfer and mobility for BC students.