

## Transfer & Articulation

### Joint Annual Meeting (JAM)

The Joint Annual Meeting (JAM) is an annual event hosted by BCCAT for articulation committee representatives and other participants in the BC Transfer System. In 2020, for the first time, JAM was held completely online. Over 350 registrants attended sessions on transfer-related topics, as well as participating in discussions and online networking.

Videos of all JAM sessions have been posted on [BCCAT's YouTube channel](#).

**SAVE THE DATE:** November 2021. Online meeting. Registration will open on the BCCAT website in September.



### 2021 BCCAT Transfer Awards

The annual BC Transfer Awards honour individuals and groups that contribute to the success of the BC Transfer System. [Nomination forms](#) for the 2021 awards will be available soon on the BCCAT website.

### BCCAT Staff Update

BCCAT's Committees Coordinator, Ruth Erskine, is on leave. Anabella Chun, Committee & Technology Support Coordinator, is currently the primary BCCAT contact for the articulation committees. Anabella can be reached at [achun@bccat.ca](mailto:achun@bccat.ca).

### Articulation Committee Moodle Site Update

BCCAT currently offers articulation committees the opportunity to operate their own Moodle site, with hosting provided by a post-secondary partner. BCCAT staff are currently exploring options for a self-hosted service, with a goal of having a new hosting platform in place by fall 2021. BCCAT will update articulation committees about this change as information becomes available.



### Articulation Committee Project (ACP) Funding

The Articulation Committee Project (ACP) funding supports research projects by articulation committees into transfer-related issues, as well as research leading to new forms of transfer agreements. Applications for project funding in the 2021-22 fiscal year are due no later than August 23, 2021. [Application forms and information](#) on the ACP program are available on the BCCAT website.



### BC Transfer Guide Updates

BCCAT recently expanded the BC Transfer Guide (BCTG) to include Canadian and international equivalencies for six BC post-secondary institutions. Users now have access to over 60,000 non-BC equivalencies in the course search. BCCAT is continuing to work on adding more institutions and equivalencies in 2021.

In addition, the overall BC Transfer Guide website will be re-designed to provide an updated look and feel, and to give users greater access to information.

At present, only courses defined as "university-level" courses are eligible for listing in the BCTG. In 2021-22, a subcommittee of the BCCAT Transfer and Articulation Committee (TAC) will be reviewing this definition and making recommendations on the criteria for courses to be included in the course listings of the BC Transfer Guide.

### Transfer Credit system (TCS)

BCCAT is planning to develop a number of new features for the TCS in the upcoming year. These include the development of a dashboard to better manage articulations for faculty, a reciprocity feature to recommend reverse transfer opportunities, and the ability to add course attributes to transfer agreements that will provide expanded information about transferable courses.

## Current Transfer & Articulation Projects

### Criteria for Assessing Sending Institutions Outside the BC Transfer System

This project looks at the criteria used by BC Transfer System (BCTS) member institutions to assess the academic comparability of sending institutions that are not part of the BCTS. This project is scheduled for completion in summer 2021.

### Examining Barriers to Articulation Maintenance

A recent review of transfer agreements in the BC Transfer Guide indicated that approximately 35% of all articulations have not been reviewed in 10 or more years. This has raised concerns about the currency of transfer information. A discussion at the 2020 JAM meeting indicated that articulation committees are concerned about the resources and effort needed to review out-of-date agreements.

In the next few months, BCCAT staff will develop a strategy to improve upon the regular maintenance of articulations. This will include both technological changes to the TCS, and building greater awareness at BC Transfer System member institutions. The goal of these activities is to build in a more regular practice of reviewing articulation agreements, while also taking into consideration resource implications at both the faculty and administrative areas.



## New BCCAT Publications



### **Find Your Path**

This guide provides information for students, advisors, parents, and others about the BC Transfer Guide and the BC Transfer System.



### **Who Decides Transfer?**

This report presents a review of policies and procedures at BC Transfer System member institutions around the roles or individuals that participate in making decisions on transfer credit requests. The report also makes recommendations for best practices in this area.



### **Micro-credentials: Trends in Credit Transfer and Credentialing**

This report provides insights into current micro-credentialing practices, motivations, and perspectives at Canadian higher education institutions and beyond.



### **Block Transfer and Degree Partnerships**

The report describes the volume, features and trends characterizing block transfer and degree partnership pathways in the BC Transfer System. It also identifies successful practices in recording block transfer and degree partnership agreements, and tracking their use.



### **Data Governance Policy Models**

This report reviews data governance practices at BC post-secondary institutions, and makes recommendations for best practices in collecting, storing, and accessing.

## BCCAT YouTube Channel

BCCAT now has its own YouTube channel. In addition to video of every session at the 2020 JAM, it also has informational videos on the BC Transfer System, and video "Transfer Stories" of students, staff, and faculty members in BC post-secondary institutions. Please like and subscribe!



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## Online Resources

- [Articulation Committees Web Pages](#)
- [Meeting Calendar](#)
- [Articulation Resources](#)
- [Joint Annual Meeting \(JAM\)](#)
- [Articulation Committee Project \(ACP\)](#)
- [Funding Program](#)
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