Transfer & Articulation

New Articulation Committee Moodle Site

BCCAT previously offered articulation committees the opportunity to have their own Moodle page, on a platform provided by Kwantlen Polytechnic University. As of September, BCCAT is now hosting its own standalone Moodle platform for articulation committees. Moodle pages can be used to post documents and host online discussion forums for institutional representatives. To access the new BCCAT Moodle visit https://moodle.bccat.ca/

If your committee would like to have a Moodle page, please contact <u>moodle@bccat.ca</u>.

BCCAT Staff News



Ruth Erskine, BCCAT Committee Coordinator, has decided to retire. Ruth has done an incredible job of working with the 65 BCCAT articulation committees, organizing JAM, and contributing to BCCAT's activities. We will miss Ruth at BCCAT and we wish her all the best.

Anabella Chun is replacing Ruth as BCCAT Committee Coordinator. Anabella can be contacted via email at *achun@bccat.ca*.



Joint Annual Meeting (JAM) 2021

JAM is an annual event hosted by BCCAT for participants in BC's transfer and articulation system. This year's JAM will be held online, on November 3 and 4. Registration is free and open to the transfer and articulation community.

The JAM theme this year is "Moving Forward". Among the many exciting sessions that are planned:

- Dr. Sarah Eaton (University of Calgary) will be providing a keynote on "Contract Cheating and Degree Fraud in Canada"
- Dr. John Chenoweth will be providing a session on BC's new Indigenous Language fluency degree.
- An overview of BCCAT's expanded technologies
- A consultation on what type of courses should be included in the BC Transfer Guide
- An update on Student Mobility trends in BC
- A panel on "The Pandemic One Year Later" and lessons learned as it relates to post-secondary in BC

Please join us! Registration is now open at https://bccat.ca/articulation/jam



BC Transfer Guide Updates The BC Transfer Guide is continuing to expand. BCCAT is currently adding the external equivalencies recognized by BCIT, Capilano University, and Thompson Rivers University to the BC Transfer Guide. The transfer agreements for Adult Basic Education courses, which were previously posted on the BC Transfer Guide website in a separate PDF document, have now been converted to a fully searchable course search in the BC Transfer Guide. A similar search tool for transfer agreements for English as an Additional Language course is also scheduled to be complete in the fall.

In addition, the BC Transfer Guide site is being redesigned with an updated look and feel. The new site will be launched later in Fall 2021.

A BCCAT committee is currently reviewing the criteria for transfer agreements to be eligible for inclusion in the BC Transfer Guide. The committee will make its recommendations to BCCAT Council in Spring 2022.



2021 & 2022
Articulation
Committee
Meetings

As of September 2021, 60 of BC's 65 articulation committees had held their annual meeting. Some committees were meeting for the first time in two years, after cancelling their 2020 meetings. Because the meetings were held online, BCCAT staff were able to attend nearly all of them. BCCAT is grateful for the work of committee chairs and institutional representatives in planning these meetings and making them a success.

Several articulation committees are also meeting online on a regular basis throughout the academic year, to share information and updates as post-secondary institutions adapt to current conditions. While articulation committees are strongly encouraged to meet at least once a year, committees are also encouraged to meet more often if more frequent get-togethers would be useful for institutional representatives.

In July, BCCAT staff surveyed articulation committee chairs on the meeting format that their committee plans to use next year. 58 chairs responded to the survey. 24 committees plan to meet in person in 2022, six plan to have a meeting with in-person and online options, and 34 have not yet decided on a format. While BCCAT does not require articulation committee meetings to be held in a specific format, BCCAT encourages articulation committees to assess current conditions and institutional representatives' preferences before choosing a meeting format.

Current Transfer & Articulation Projects

The Effect of COVID-19 on Transfer and Articulation Activity in BC

This research looks at how COVID-related shutdowns in BC's post-secondary system may have affected transfer and articulation activity within the BC Transfer System. (A research project commissioned by BCCAT's Admissions Committee is examining changes in admissions and registrarial policies implemented to support students and to respond to institutional challenges during the pandemic.)

Assessing the Potential for Reverse Transfer in the BC Transfer System

Reverse transfer allows a student who transfers from a college to a university without completing a credential at the college to apply subsequent university credit to meet the college credential requirements. The purpose of this project is to explore the potential for reverse transfer in the BC Transfer System, with a focus on assessing the feasibility of reverse transfer in relation to completion of associate degrees.

New BCCAT Publications



BCCAT 2020-21 Annual Review

An overview of BCCAT's activities and initiatives during the past year.

Exploring Students' Motivations for Credit Accumulation



Building on earlier quantitative BCCAT research assessing number of credits required for graduation, this study used a qualitative analysis to explore why students collect more credit than needed for their credential(s), and their feelings about excess credit.

<u>Assessing Sending Institutions outside the BC Transfer System</u>



This study looks at the criteria that BC Transfer System member institutions use to assess sending institutions in transfer credit requests, when the sending institutions are outside the BC Transfer System. The study compares these criteria across institutions and makes recommendations based on that comparison.

Online Resources

- Articulation Committees Web Pages
- Meeting Calendar
- Articulation Resources
- Joint Annual Meeting (JAM)
- Articulation Committee Project (ACP)
 Funding Program
- **Publications**



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