

A young man with a friendly smile is riding a bicycle towards the camera. He is wearing a brown knit beanie, black-rimmed glasses, a grey and white speckled sweater over a white shirt, and mustard-colored pants. A tan backpack is on his back. The background shows a brick building with a green window frame and a row of parked bicycles. In the bottom right corner, there are decorative white dashed lines on the asphalt.

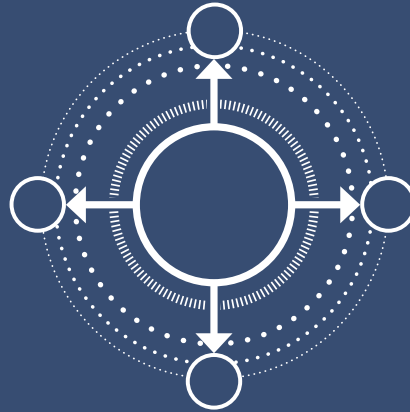
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The BC Transfer System includes many different post-secondary institutions. Together they offer a wide range of flexible educational pathways for students seeking the programs that best suit their particular interests and goals.

PUBLIC COLLEGES offer a wide range of programs throughout the province. Some prepare adult learners for further post-secondary studies, while others focus on trades, vocational, career, technical, and academic studies. Credential options include certificates, diplomas, associate and applied baccalaureate degrees. University transfer programs are designed to enable students to transfer into many baccalaureate degree programs at BC universities.

PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES offer diverse programs and credentials in cities and regional centres around the province. All offer four-year baccalaureate degrees and transfer pathways, and many offer trades, career/technical and professional programs. Regionally focused universities also offer certificate, diploma, and associate degree credentials as well as masters degrees in applied areas. Several research-intensive universities also offer a full range of graduate degree programs to the masters and doctoral level.

PUBLIC INSTITUTES offer specialized programs and have a provincial mandate. Each of the three provincial institutes is unique in terms of the programs it offers, which may include trades, vocational, career, technical, and academic studies, including transfer pathways. Institutes offer a range of credentials, including certificates, diplomas, associate and baccalaureate degrees, and applied masters degrees.

PRIVATE AND OUT-OF-PROVINCE INSTITUTIONS authorized by the province to offer a degree program in BC may also participate in the BC Transfer System. These institutions may offer associate or baccalaureate degree programs with transfer pathways.



BC TRANSFER SYSTEM

THE BC TRANSFER SYSTEM

In BC, post-secondary students benefit from a unique network known as the ["BC Transfer System"](#). This system is the most comprehensive, well-established, flexible transfer network in Canada. It involves all public post-secondary institutions and some that are private or out-of-province. This allows students to move from one institution to another and to get credit for previous coursework.

All BC Transfer System institutions "send" and "receive" transfer credit through an online "Transfer Credit System". Their transfer agreements are listed on the [BC Transfer Guide](#).

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"Within Canada, BC leads as a jurisdiction for offering tightly integrated pathway programs... (and) international student pathways due to the long-established BC Transfer System facilitating transitions between colleges and universities."

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- Daniel Guhr et al (2016), BC International Education Intelligence Report. Illuminate Consulting Group. San Carlos, California, USA.



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BC public colleges,
institutes and universities



2

out-of-province
institutions



12

private institutions

Fraser Valley

- 1 Kwantlen Polytechnic University
- 2 University of the Fraser Valley
- 3 Trinity Western University (private)

Kootenays/Rockies

- 4 College of the Rockies
- 5 Selkirk College

Lower Mainland

- 6 Ascenda School of Management (private)
- 7 Alexander College (private)
- 8 BC Institute of Technology
- 9 Capilano University
- 10 Columbia College (private)
- 11 Coquitlam College (private)
- 12 Corpus Christi College (private)
- 13 Douglas College
- 14 Emily Carr University of Art & Design
- 15 Fairleigh Dickenson University College (private)
- 16 Fraser International College (private)
- 17 Justice Institute of BC
- 18 Langara College
- 19 LaSalle College Vancouver (private)
- 20 Quest University (private)
- 21 Simon Fraser University
- 22 University of British Columbia - Vancouver Campus
- 23 University Canada West (private)
- 24 Vancouver Community College
- 25 Yorkville University (private)

Northern BC

- 26 College of New Caledonia
- 27 Northern Lights College
- 28 Coast Mountain College
- 29 University of Northern BC

Thompson Okanagan/Cariboo

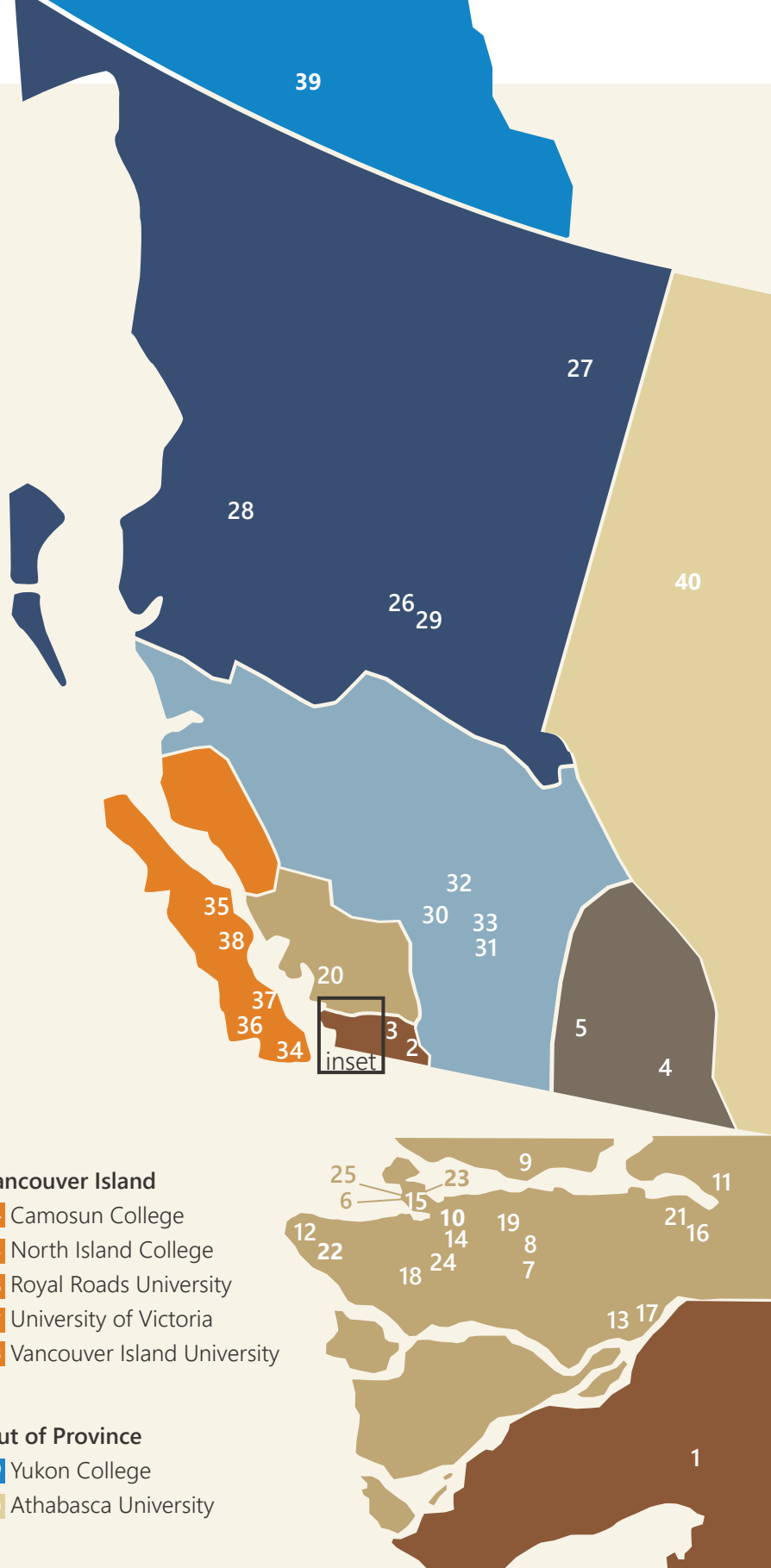
- 30 Nicola Valley Institute of Technology
- 31 Okanagan College
- 32 Thompson Rivers University
- 32 Thompson Rivers University - Open Learning
- 33 University British Columbia - Okanagan Campus

Vancouver Island

- 34 Camosun College
- 35 North Island College
- 36 Royal Roads University
- 37 University of Victoria
- 38 Vancouver Island University

Out of Province

- 39 Yukon College
- 40 Athabasca University



See bctransferguide.ca/system for information and links to institutions.

(Only main campuses listed above.)

EXPLORE



At EducationPlannerBC.ca, you can explore over 2,500 programs offered at BC's public post-secondary institutions.

You can search by areas of study, location of campuses, or by credentials and then compare them with other institutions to help you make an informed decision about your education!

EducationPlannerBC.ca makes exploring post-secondary programs in BC easy. You can find out what you need to know about tuition fees, admission requirements, scholarship opportunities, and more—all on this one website!

USE these search filters to explore your post-secondary options:

- Institutions
- Subject Areas
- Program Lengths
- Program Credentials
- Coop/Work Experience
- Communities



EducationPlannerBC

PLAN

EducationPlannerBC.ca offers advice, information, and resources to help you plan your educational pathway.

What kind of career are you looking for?
Which programs are a good fit for you?
What are the admission requirements?
How much will it all cost?


[EducationPlannerBC.ca](https://educationplannerbc.ca) can help you answer these questions and more as you proceed with your educational plan.

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APPLY

HOW TO APPLY

EducationPlannerBC.ca makes it easy for you to apply to multiple BC public post-secondary institutions with one personalized account. Plan, search and apply for post-secondary all in one place!





COST OF EDUCATION IN BC

Tuition fees vary depending on the institution and program. At [EducationPlannerBC.ca](https://www.educationplannerbc.ca), you can explore program options and costs associated with studying in BC. Don't forget to also look into financial aid and scholarship opportunities!

Domestic Tuition Estimates*



College	University	Institutes
\$2700 -3400	\$3900 -7200	\$2600 -5700
per year	per year	per year

International Tuition Estimates*



College	University	Institutes
\$9k-21k	\$15k-39k	\$10k-20k
per year	per year	per year

* Domestic and international student tuition fee range estimates (CDN\$) for public post-secondary institutions in each sector are generally based on a 4-year Arts degree program for 2018/19. The estimates do not include student fees, association fees, residences, books, supplies, and extracurriculars.

Information on the specific domestic and international tuition rates of individual post-secondary institutions is available at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/post-secondary-education/data-research/cost-of-post-secondary-education> and <https://catalogue.data.gov.bc.ca/dataset/international-tuition-fees-at-public-post-secondary-institutions-by-economic-development-region>

YOUR APPLICATION CHECKLIST

STEP 1

What's Out There?



Use EducationPlannerBC.ca's search function to find/compare programs & institutions in BC.

STEP 2

Find application requirements for Institutions & programs.



Each institution has their own general admission requirements. Different programs can have additional requirements.

STEP 3

Collect required documentation.



Arrange for transcripts to be transferred & collect all necessary documentation (references, portfolio, etc.).

STEP 4

Look for financial aid opportunities.



Take advantage of the various options for scholarships and financial aid.

STEP 5

Be mindful of deadlines.



Institutions and programs have their own application deadlines. Apply early!

SUBMIT APPLICATION & PAY FEES

PLANNING TO TRANSFER?

If you know what you want to study, and if you are hoping to transfer to a different institution in the future, it's never too early to check out BCTransferGuide.ca to see how your courses would transfer from one institution to another.

See the following pages for information about transferring within (and into) BC.



WHAT IS TRANSFER?



“Transfer” is what happens when one institution gives you credit for education you’ve completed at another institution.

If you get admitted to your new program, and if the courses you’ve taken are a good match, you can use the credits you’ve already earned to fulfill some of the requirements for your credential.



There are two main ways to enter post-secondary education in BC:

- The **Direct Route** allows students to enter an institution directly from high school and complete their credential there.
- The **Transfer Route** enables students to start at one institution, and then transfer to another, as they move towards completion of their studies.

Did you know?

BC offers a variety of different “program transfer” pathway options. For example, you can complete your first year of engineering at Vancouver Island University and transfer into engineering degree programs at other universities.*

*University of British Columbia-Vancouver, Simon Fraser University, University of Victoria, and the University of Northern British Columbia. See <https://scitech.viu.ca/engineering>



EARN CREDITS
Complete courses at
one institution.



TRANSFER CREDITS
Complete courses at
another institution.



**COMPLETE YOUR
POST-SECONDARY
JOURNEY!**

WHY TRANSFER?

Each year, **thousands** of BC students transfer between BC post-secondary institutions. There are many different reasons why. Sometimes, students are attracted to specific **transfer pathway programs** and **smaller class sizes**. Many students benefit by beginning **studies closer to their home** community, **reducing tuition* and other living expenses**. The transfer option can also **improve access** for students who may not have been able to enter post-secondary education directly from high school, or who require time away from their studies.

Research shows that students who leave post-secondary education mainly do so because of changing personal circumstances. Transfer options help make it possible for them to use their transfer credit from completed courses to continue along their post-secondary journey more efficiently when ready, **saving both time and money**.

[Whether or not students originally plan to transfer, flexible pathways can help them achieve their post-secondary goals.](#)

*See the "Apply" section for information regarding how tuition fees vary at BC post-secondary institutions.



**LIVE CLOSER
TO HOME**

**SAVE MONEY
AND TIME**

**SMALLER CLASS
SIZES**

**IMPROVE ACCESS
TO POST-
SECONDARY**



54,000+

students move between BC public institutions every year.



45%

of bachelor graduates attend more than one BC public post-secondary institution.



34%

of annual enrolments at BC's research universities are transfer students.



Studies indicate that transfer students are:

- **very satisfied** with their transfer experience
- **just as successful** in their post-secondary studies as those who enter directly from high school.

HOW TRANSFER WORKS

Transfer is based on “course equivalency”. If your courses match the content of your new program, transfer credit is usually an option. However, if the programs are completely unrelated, you may be unable to transfer some credits.

BCTransferGuide.ca is the place to learn about your transfer options. At BCTransferGuide.ca, you can check out transfer agreements for courses you have completed (or plan to complete) to see how they transfer to another institution.

At BCTransferGuide.ca you can:

- Find how courses and programs transfer in BC
- Learn the basics and benefits of transfer options
- Map out your own transfer pathway

BCTransferGuide.ca

DISCOVER YOUR TRANSFER OPTIONS



*Study here.
Get credit there.
Find your
path!*

- Course-to-course
- Block Transfer
- Degree Partnerships
- Program-specific
- Advanced Placement
- International Baccalaureate
- Associate Degrees
- Flexible Pre-Majors



WHAT STUDENTS SAY ABOUT TRANSFER



I love the BC Transfer Guide. I've used it so much I have it tattooed on my brain!

– Ryan Johnson, Langara College student

"The complexity of these different pathways completely flipped my thinking: education isn't a progression from point A to point B – it's a process that is fluid, complex, dynamic, and individual."

– Daniel Jacinto, UBC Student

"Like so many Aboriginal students, I really struggled in school and was not academically ready for university study. The smaller classes, student community, and my family all supported me while at the college. Were it not for Langara College, I never would have been able to attend UBC, graduate with a Bachelor's Degree, and begin my career in higher education."

– Graeme Joseph (Langara-UBC Transfer Student; member of the Gitksan Nation), as cited in a September 2016 BC Gov news article

TRANSFER TO BC

Students will only be granted transfer credit if they are admitted to the institution, and to a related program. Application for admission is competitive, and students should be in acceptable academic standing at their current or previous institution.

	WHAT TO DO	WHAT TO EXPECT
FROM ANOTHER PROVINCE	Provide detailed course outlines if requested	Transfer students normally have completed a full year (24-30 credits) of transferable courses.
FROM THE USA	Provide detailed course outlines if requested.	If the course or program is from an accredited degree granting institution in the United States, transfer credit is normally granted, provided the courses are similar to those in the program to which the student is applying.
FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY	<p>Check with the institution you plan on transferring to.</p> <p>Provide details of course outlines or evidence of transfer agreements.</p> <p>Provide proof of English language proficiency if requested.</p>	<p>If you are from a non-English speaking country, you may be required to produce official translations of your transcripts.</p>



YOUR TRANSFER CHECKLIST

LINKS FOR INFO:

POST-SECONDARY IN BC:

bctransferguide.ca/system
bccat.ca/system/psec

BC TRANSFER SYSTEM:

bctransferguide.ca/system
bccat.ca/system/psec

ALL ABOUT TRANSFER:

How Transfer Works

bctransferguide.ca/transfer/how

Before You Transfer

bctransferguide.ca/transfer/before

After You Transfer

bctransferguide.ca/transfer/after

Transfer from Outside of BC

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FAQs





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-  Search BCTransferGuide.ca to see how your completed courses would transfer to the new program. (How much credit would the new institution give you?)
-  Don't forget to take a look at *other* transfer options such as block transfer. Check out other pathway options listed under the "[Transfer Search](#)" menu on BCTransferGuide.ca.
-  Hang on to your course outlines! This is how institutions determine the transferability of a course or program. If you can't find the relevant transfer information on BCTransferGuide.ca, you may need to produce your course outlines to the new institution for them to determine how much transfer credit to give you for your completed courses.
-  Request transfer credit when you move to another institution.*

**IMPORTANT NOTE: Credits are only transferred after a student has applied and gained admission to the new post-secondary institution.*



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