

# Common Acronyms:

Commonly used acronyms related  
to the BC post-secondary system



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AAACE	American Association for Adult & Continuing Education
AACC	American Association of Community Colleges
AACRAO	American Association of Collegiate Registrars & Admissions Officers
ABE	Adult Basic Education
ABEABC	Adult Basic Education Association of BC
ABCDE	Association of BC Deans of Education
ACAT	Alberta Council on Admissions & Transfer
ACCC	Association of Canadian Community Colleges (now CICAN)
ACCT	Association of Community College Trustees
ACE	American Council on Education
ACE-IT	Accelerated Credit Enrolment in Industry Training
AECBC	Advanced Education Council of British Columbia
AGB	Association of Governing Boards of Universities & Colleges
AGC-BC	Academic Governance Council of BC (formerly CoEdCo)
ARUCC	Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges in Canada
ASE	Adult Special Education
ASL	American Sign Language
AUCC	Association of Universities & Colleges of Canada (now Universities Canada)
AVED	Ministry of Advanced Education
BCADA	BC Academic Advising Association
BCAIU	BC Association of Institutes & Universities
BCARMA	BC Associate Administrators Registrars and Managers Association
BCATTA	BC Administrators of Trades and Technology Association
BCC	BC Colleges
BCCCA	BC Career Colleges Association
BCCAT	BC Council on Admissions & Transfer
BCCIE	BC Council for International Education
BCCPAC	BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils
BCDASP	BC Deans of Arts and Science Programs
BCEADS	BC Educational Association of Disabled Students
BCGEU	British Columbia Government and Service Employees Union
BCIRP	BC Institutional Researchers and Planners
BCIRPDA	BC Institutional Research and Planning Directors Association
BCPLAN	BC Prior Learning Action Network
BCRA	BC Registrars' Association
BCSCA	BC School Counsellors' Association
BCSSA	BC School Superintendents' Association
BCSTA	BC School Trustees Association
BC Stats	BC Stats (also see Student Outcomes)
BCTF	BC Teachers Federation
BEAC	Business Educators Articulation Committee
BECC	Business Educators Coordination Committee
BCTG	BC Transfer Guide
CACUSS	Canadian Association for College and University Student Services
CAETO	Council Alliance Educational Training Organization
CAMAC	Communications and Media Articulation Committee

CAPSLE	Canadian Association for the Practical Study of Law in Education
CAQC	Campus Alberta Quality Council
CASA	Canadian Alliance of Student Associations
CATNB	Council on Articulations and Transfer of New Brunswick
CAUBO	Canadian Association of University Business Officers
CBIE	Canadian Bureau for International Education
CCEO	Council of Chief Executive Officers
CLOW	Canadian Congress for Learning Opportunities for Women
CDW	Central Data Warehouse (in BC Ministry of Advanced Education)
CEA	Canadian Education Association
CFS	Canadian Federation of Students
CICAN	Colleges and Institutes Canada (formerly ACCC)
CICIC	Canadian Information Centre for International Credentials
CIEA	College/Institute Educators Association
CIP	Classification of Instructional Programs (Statistics Canada)
CIRPA	Canadian Institutional Research and Planning Association
CLEP	College Level Examination Program
CMB	Campus Manitoba
CMEC	Council of Ministers of Education, Canada
COAP	Common Online Application Platform (later EPAS, and now EPBC)
COEDCO	Council of Education Council Chairs (now AGC)
COG	Council of Governors
COU	Council of Ontario Universities
CPSLD	Council of Post-Secondary Library Directors
CSSAL	Council of Senior Student Affairs Leaders (formerly SESAF and SESOC)
CSSHE	Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education
CTM	Contract Training & Marketing Society
CUCI	Council of Unions in Colleges and Institutes
CUCCIO	Canadian University Council of Chief Information Officers
CUFA	Confederation of University Faculty Associations of BC
DDDE	Deans and Directors of Developmental Education
DDEF	Central Data Warehouse Definitions & Standards Committee
DMS	Data Management Subcommittee (with the STP)
DOCCS	Distributed Open Concept Courses
DQAB	Degree Quality Assessment Board
ECE	Early Childhood Education
EDUC	Ministry of Education (also known as MOE)
EE	Experiential Education
ELE	Early Learning Education
ELTT	Entry Level Trades Training
EPAS	Education Planning & Application Services (now EPBC)
EPBC	EducationPlannerBC
EQA	Education Quality Assurance
ESL	English as a Second Language
FNESC	First Nations Education Steering Committee
FOIPOP	Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
FPM	Flexible Pre Major

FPSE	Federation of Post-Secondary Educators
FTE	Full Time Equivalent
HCA	Home Care Assistant
HEQCO	Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario
HPA	Health Protection Act
HRSDC	Human Resources and Skills Development Canada
IAHLA	Indigenous Adult and Higher Learning Association
IBT	Industry Based Training
ICES	International Credential Evaluation Service
ISSSC	International Student Survey Steering Committee
ITA-BC	Industry Training Authority
JAM	Joint Annual Meeting
K-12	Kindergarten to Grade 12
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
LO's	Learning Outcomes
MOE	Ministry of Education (also known as EDUC)
MOOCs	Massive Online Open Courses
NEADS	National Educational Association of Disabled Students
NECBC	Nursing Educators Council of BC
NSCAT	Nova Scotia Council on Admission & Transfer
OCAS	Ontario College Application Service
OER	Online Educational Resources
OISE	Ontario Institute for Studies in Education
ONCAT	Ontario Council on Articulation and Transfer
OPEIU	Office & Professional Employees International Union
OUAC	Ontario University Application Centre
OUQA	Ontario Universities Council on Quality Assurance
OWG	Outcomes Working Group
PCCAT	Pan-Canadian Consortium on Admissions and Transfer
PCTIA	Private Career Training Institutions Agency (now Private Training Institutions Branch under AVED)
PD	Professional Development
PDGIA	Private Degree Granting Institutions Association
PEN	Personal Education Number
PESC	Post-Secondary Electronic Standards Council
PLA	Prior Learning Assessment (also PLAR – Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition)
PLN	Provincial Learning Network
PMWG	Performance Measures Working Group
PNAIRP	Pacific Northwest Association of Institutional Researchers and Planners
PPWC	Pulp & Paper Workers of Canada
PSE	Post-Secondary Education
PSEA	Post Secondary Employers' Association
PSEC	Public Sector Employers Council
PSI	Post-Secondary Institution
PSIBC	Post-Secondary Institutions of BC
PSIS	Postsecondary Student Information System (Statistics Canada)

RCC	Recognition of Current Competency
RPL	Recognition of Prior Learning
RUCBC	The Research Universities' Council of British Columbia (formerly TUPC)
SAAF	Senior Academic Administrators' Forum (formerly SIOC)
SCOEA	Standing Committee on Evaluation and Accountability
SCOET	Standing Committee on Educational Technology
SFAOC	Senior Financial & Administrative Officers Committee
SHRC	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council
SPOOCS	Specialized Open Online Courses
SRHE	Society for Research into Higher Education
STCLPC	Saskatchewan Transfer Credit and Learner Pathways Council
STP	Student Transitions Project
TCES	Transfer Credit Evaluation Services (now TCS - Transfer Credit System)
TI	Transfer Innovation
UNIVCAN	Universities Canada (formerly AUCC)
VPAC	VPs Academic (also see RUCBC and BCAIU)
WARUCC	Western Association of Registrars of Universities and Colleges in Canada
WestCAT	Western Canadian Consortium on Admissions and Transfer
WESTVAC	Western VPs Academic
WIL	Work Integrated Learning