

# Find Your Path

**Explore, Plan, Apply & Transfer:**

Your guide through BC's  
post-secondary transfer system

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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.

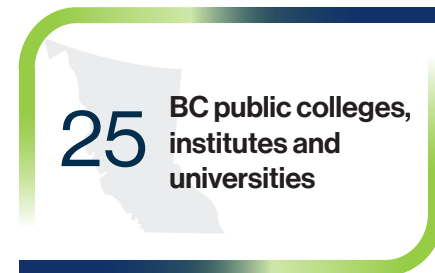
# BC Transfer System

## THE BC TRANSFER SYSTEM

In BC, post-secondary students benefit from the most comprehensive, well-established, flexible transfer network in Canada. The BC Transfer System 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.

*“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.”*



### Fraser Valley

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

### Kootenays/Rockies

- 4 College of the Rockies
- 5 Selkirk College

### Lower Mainland

- 6 Acsenda 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

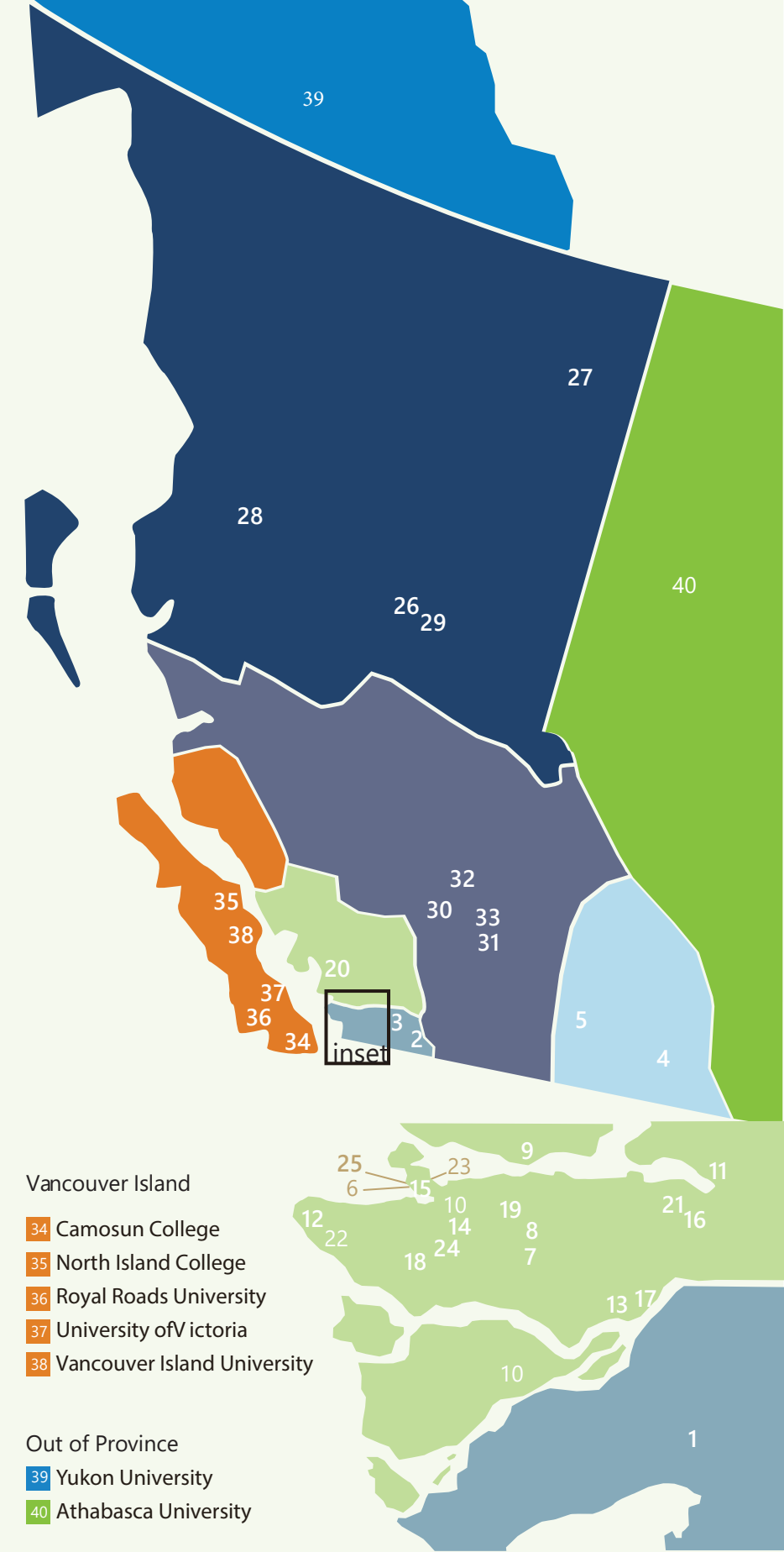
- 30 Nicola Valley Institute of Technology
- 31 Okanagan College
- 32 Thompson Rivers University
- 32 Thompson Rivers University - Open Learning
- 33 University British Columbia - Okanagan Campus

### 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 University
- 40 Athabasca University





**EducationPlannerBC supports a seamless journey into post-secondary education. Our website is home to the provincial post-secondary application service and valuable resources.**

# Plan

**EducationPlannerBC connects you to education and career opportunities through information, support, and technology to help you plan your journey.**

You can access information such as program and career planning, admission requirements, financial aid options, and can easily apply to any of BC's 25 public post-secondary institutions.

# Search

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



**Use these search filters to explore your post-secondary options:**

- Institutions
- Subject Areas
- Program Lengths
- Program Credentials
- Co-op/Work Experience
- Campuses

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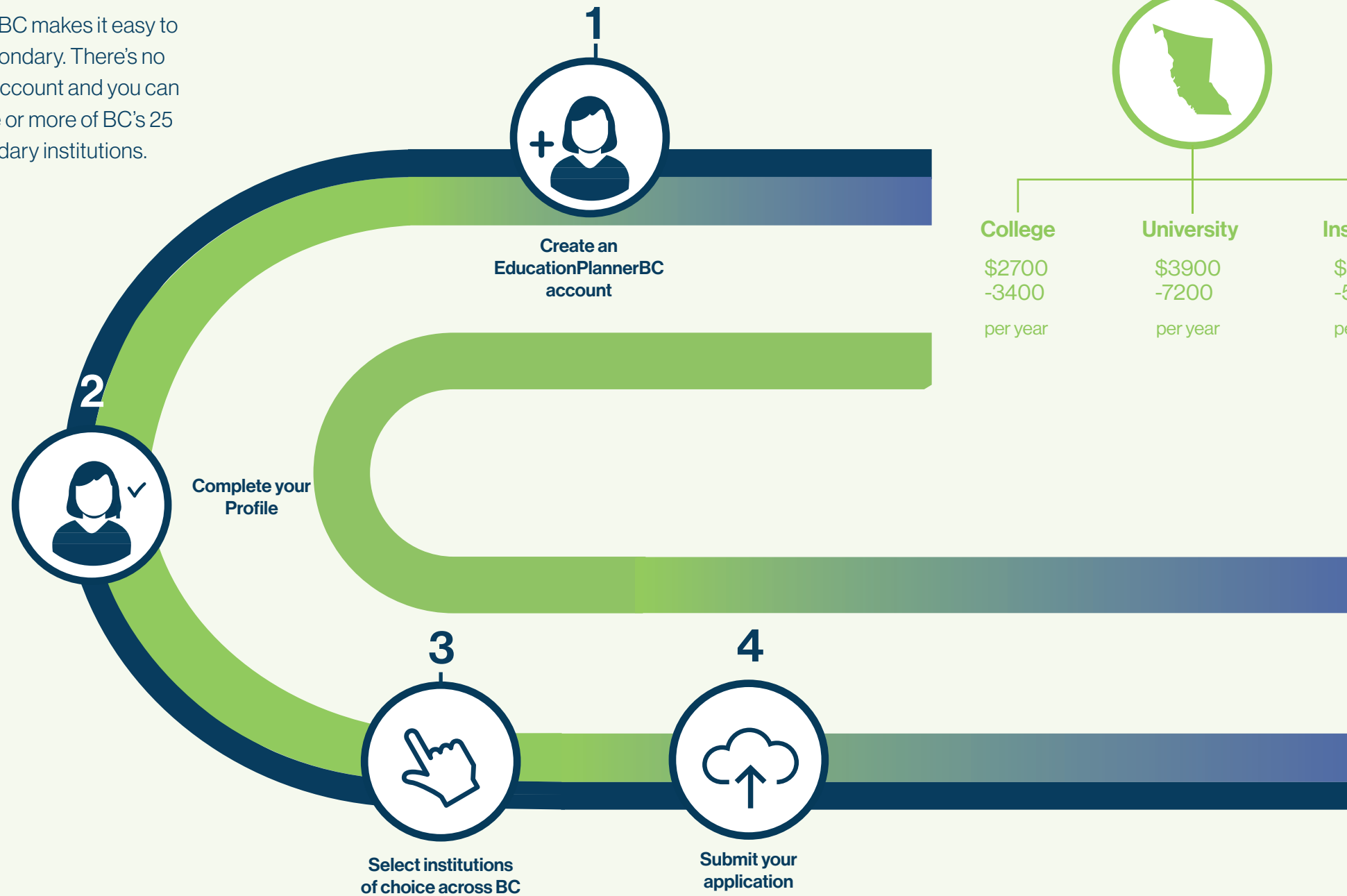
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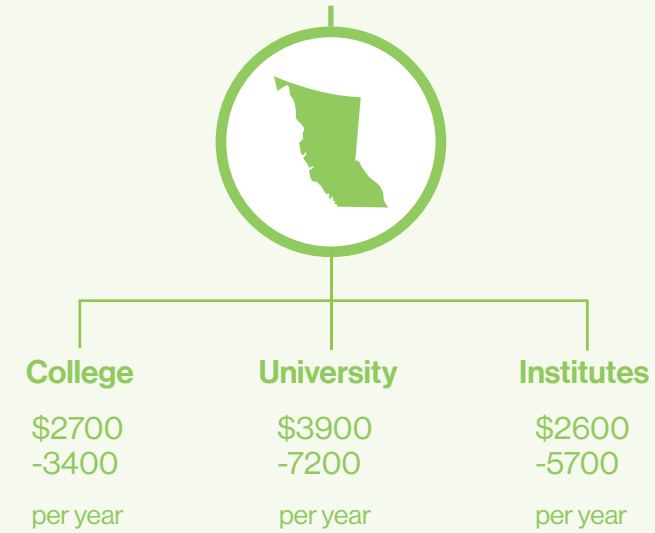
# Apply

## HOW TO APPLY

EducationPlannerBC makes it easy to apply for post-secondary. There's no cost to create an account and you can easily apply to one or more of BC's 25 public post-secondary institutions.



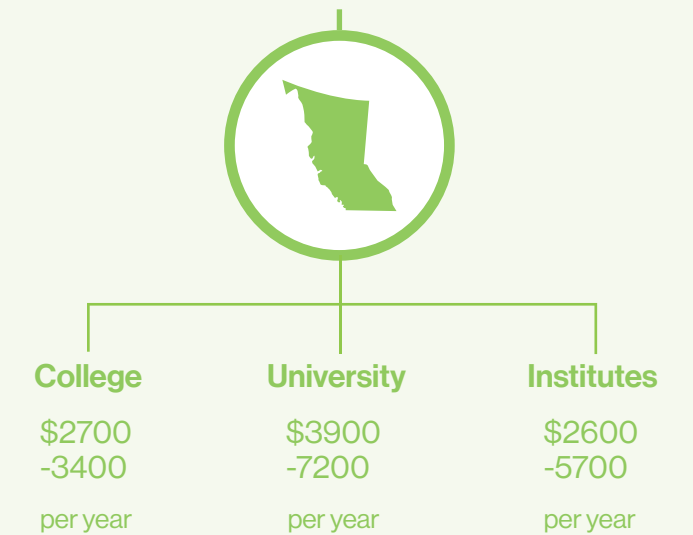
### Domestic Tuition Estimates\*



## COST OF EDUCATION IN BC

Tuition fees vary depending on the institution and program. At EducationPlannerBC, you can explore costs associated with studying in BC. Don't forget to also look into financial aid and scholarship opportunities!

### Domestic Tuition Estimates\*



\*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'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](http://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.

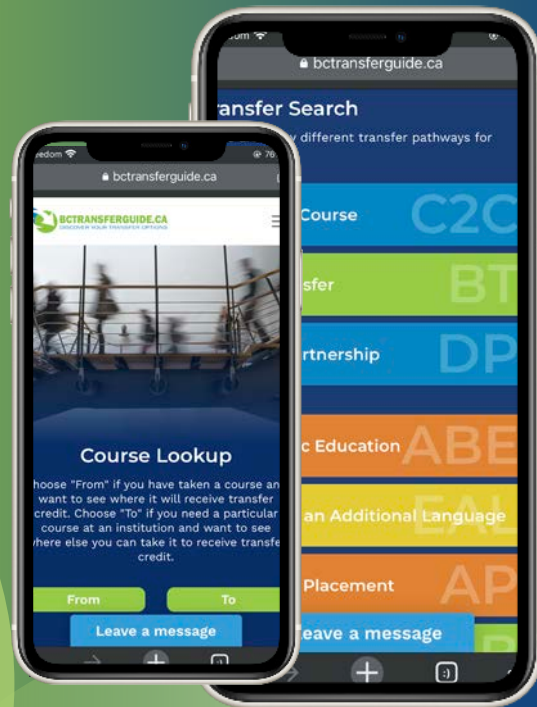
If you get admitted to your new program, and if the courses you’ve taken are a good match, you can use the credits you’ve already earned to fulfill some of the requirements for your credential.



Check out our animated video about transfer in BC!

Available at  
BCTransferGuide.ca

[https://www.youtube.com/@bccat\\_org](https://www.youtube.com/@bccat_org)



## EARN CREDITS

Complete courses at one institution.



## TRANSFER CREDITS

Complete courses at another institution.



**COMPLETE YOUR  
POST-SECONDARY  
JOURNEY!**

## 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 pathway options (not just course-to-course). For example, students can earn credits for high school and post-secondary studies at the same time. Find out about “dual credit”<sup>\*</sup> pathways at BCTransferGuide.ca

<sup>\*</sup>For more information, see "Transfer Options" at BCTransferGuide.ca

# 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**.

Some reasons why BC students transfer between BC post-secondary institutions

Whether or not students originally plan to transfer, flexible pathways can help them achieve their postsecondary goals.

Live Closer to Home

Improve Access to Post-Secondary

Smaller Class Sizes

Save Money and Time

Studies show 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.



55,000+

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.



# 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



# Transfer Stories

WHAT THE STUDENTS SAY ABOUT TRANSFER



“With the BC Transfer Guide, I was able to find which courses transfer to different institutions, all in one very condensed resource.”



“Without the Transfer Guide, it would be a guessing game... The benefit of transfer for students is the momentum to keep moving forward in their education.”



“I found it really easy to use the [BC Transfer Guide] platform. For me, it laid out quite nicely all the options I had and I was able to take that data to make my own lists of what I needed to complete in order to reach my goals.”



“Having the ability to transfer straight from college to university in order to complete a degree allowed me to take that next step, and get into a job that actually feeds my passion and is more meaningful work and more financially sustainable for our family.”

# 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
<b>FROM ANOTHER PROVINCE</b>	Provide detailed course outlines if requested.	Transfer students normally have completed a full year (24-30 credits) of transferable courses.
<b>FROM THE USA</b>	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.
<b>FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY</b>	<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>	If you are from a non-English speaking country, you may be required to produce official translations of your transcripts.

## YOUR TRANSFER CHECKLIST

See [bccat.ca](https://www.bccat.ca) for access to a range of related “Find Your Path” materials, including postcards, bookmarks, and a poster.

- ✓ Search [BCTransferGuide.ca](https://www.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](https://www.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](https://www.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.

## LINKS FOR INFO:

POST-SECONDARY IN BC:  
<https://www.bctransferguide.ca/bc-transfer-system/institutions/>




### ALL ABOUT TRANSFER:

How Transfer Works  
[bctransferguide.ca/transfer/how](https://www.bctransferguide.ca/transfer/how)

Transfer from Outside of BC  
<https://www.bctransferguide.ca/how-transfer-works/transfer-from-outside-bc/>

Types of Transfer Credit  
<https://www.bctransferguide.ca/how-transfer-works/types-of-transfer-credit/>

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