

Transfer 101

History of the BC Transfer System

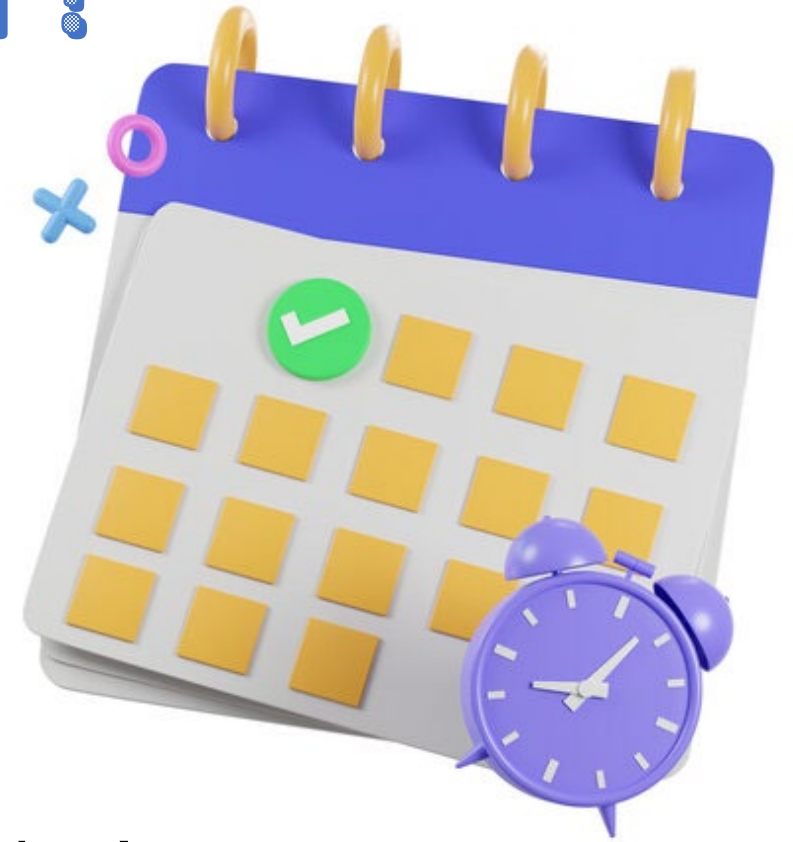
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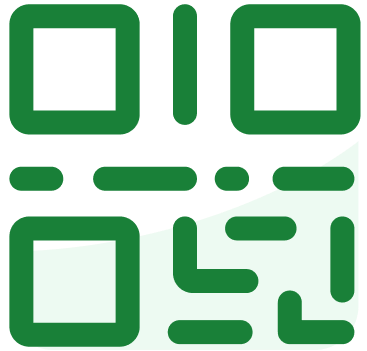
Who's this Session For?

- Newbies
- Transfer Credit Veterans
- Those with gaps in their transfer system knowledge
- Experts who want to confirm their superior transfer credit knowledge

There **WILL** be a quiz at the end of this session!



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What is BCCAT?

The BC Council on Admissions & Transfer (established 1989)

BCCAT facilitates admission, articulation, application, and transfer arrangements among BC post-secondary institutions for the benefit of students.

Mandate:

- encouraging institutions to develop policies and practices regarding transfer;
- researching issues pertaining to capacity, demand, and student mobility;
- recommending policies and practices related to the admission processes for direct entry and transfer students;
- facilitating the development of credit transfer arrangements through oversight of articulation committees; and,
- managing online resources to assist institutions in creating transfer agreements and supporting students in their education planning.



What is BCCAT not?

BCCAT is NOT:

- An accreditation body;
- A Crown Corporation;
- A for-profit agency;
- A degree-approval body;
- An authority over your institutional autonomy;
- Your enemy.



How is BCCAT governed?

BCCAT is governed by its Council, a 19 member body co-chaired by BCCAT's Executive Director.

BCCAT has three standing committees:

- Transfer and Articulation (TAC)
- Admissions Committee
- Research Committee




Principles and Guidelines for Transfer – Updated 2023

Principles:

1. Students earn transfer credit for equivalent learning.
2. Students can expect to use transfer credit to fulfill credential or program requirements.
3. Students can expect to be treated equitably by all member institutions.
4. All BC Transfer System member institutions acknowledge and respect the primary jurisdiction of each institution for its own transfer policy and academic integrity.
5. Transfer agreements are based on rigorous articulation processes and transparent communication.

Full principles and guidelines can be found at
<https://www.bccat.ca/system/principles>



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BC Transfer System ▸ Principles

PRINCIPLES & GUIDELINES FOR TRANSFER

In the BC Transfer System

⤴ Students earn transfer credit for equivalent learning.

- Formal transfer credit agreements recorded in the BC Transfer Guide are a guarantee to students that specified credit acquired at one institution will be given transfer credit at another institution.
- Students should not be required to retake equivalent courses successfully completed at another institution.
- Students should not be given transfer credit for learning they have not acquired.

⤴ Students can expect to use transfer credit to fulfill credential or program requirements.

- Students, advisors, administrators, and faculty members must have access to information at other institutions on course equivalencies, program prerequisites, and levels of achievement that determine whether admission and transfer credit will be awarded. This information should also include any limitations on using transfer credit toward credential or program completion.
- Students are responsible for ensuring they are fully and accurately informed about transfer processes.

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▾ Definitions for Credit Transfer and Transfer Student

If you have questions about BCCAT's membership policies, please contact info@bccat.ca.

What is the BC Transfer System?

- 40 public and private post-secondary institutions in BC and Alberta

To become a member, an institution must:

- Be a publicly funded PSI in BC; or
- a private institution with consent to offer at least one baccalaureate program (associate or Bachelor);
- Apply for approval to operate as a member through BCCAT;



What are Articulation Committees?

- In the [BC Transfer System](https://www.bccat.ca/articulation), an articulation committee is a group of institutional representatives, from institutions that offer courses or programs in a specific subject area.
- Every BC Transfer System member institution is expected to send a representative to meetings of articulation committees related to its courses or programs.
- There are currently **over 60** discipline specific articulation committees
- Committees normally have one or more chairs, and a System Liaison Person (SLP)
- BCCAT regularly attends AC meetings through spring and fall, and so should you!

Go to <https://www.bccat.ca/articulation> to find:

- List of committees and their chairs;
- Calendar of upcoming meetings;
- Committee Resources;
- Information about Moodle for your committee



A-Z Articulation Committees

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

What do Articulation Committees do?

- Committees meet at least once per year, normally in Spring
- Provide updates on curricular changes within their discipline
- Discuss transfer and articulation matters
- Do not generally get into the nuts and bolts of specific course articulations
- Attend JAM!



How are committees established?

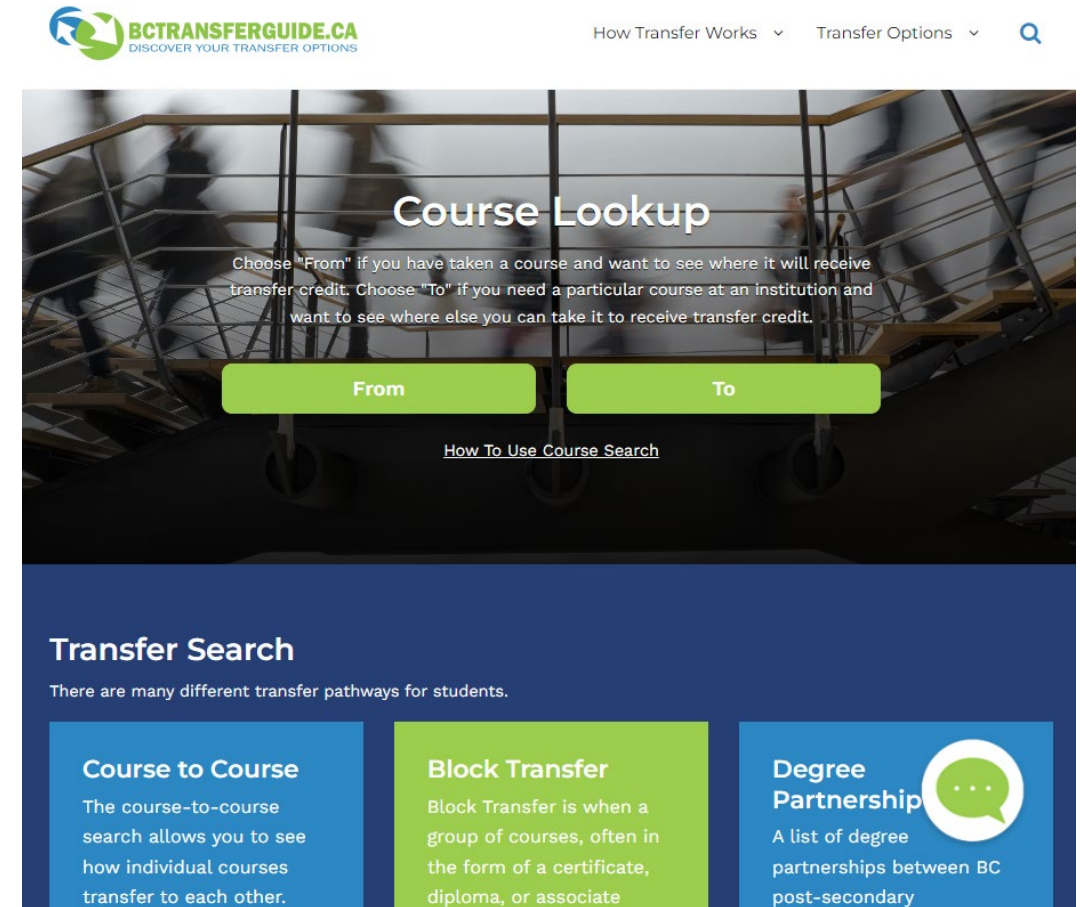
- New committees can be established by submitting an application to BCCAT's Transfer and Articulation Committee (TAC)
- The guidelines can be found in the Articulation Committee Guide:

<https://www.bccat.ca/resources/ArticulationCommitteeGuide2023.pdf>

How is this all done? Technology!

BC Transfer Guide

- Home to over 300,000 course to course agreements from around the world
- Additional Transfer Guides for Adult Basic Education, English as Additional Language, and program specific transfer
- International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement Guides
- Block Transfer Guide
- Detailed information on transfer system members and process



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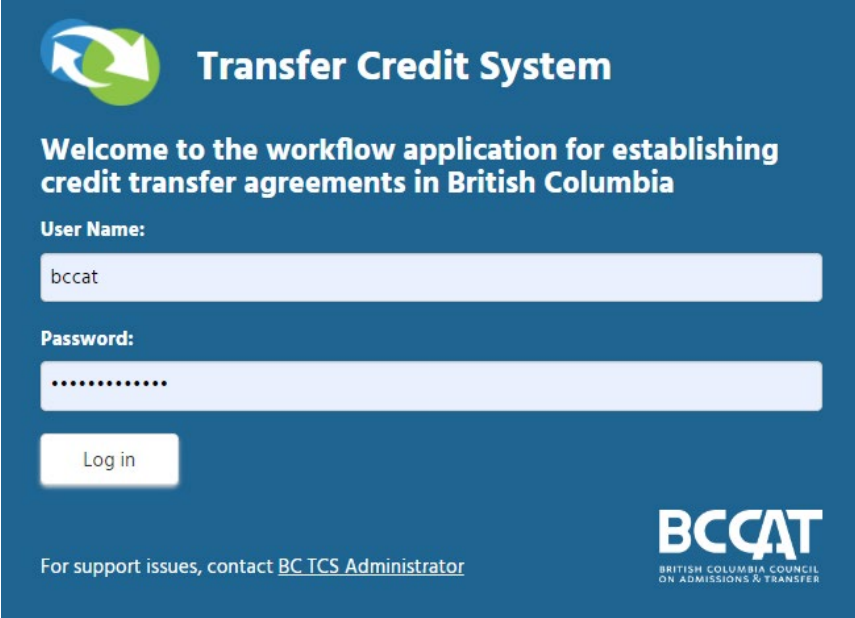
Transfer Credit System (TCS)

The web application used by all institutions to submit, evaluate, and manage their transfer articulations

Through the TCS, users can:

- Submit courses for articulation
- Respond to requests for articulation
- Update existing agreements
- Automate regular transfer processes
- Manage additional transfer guides such as block transfer, AP and IB

Each BCTS Institution has one or more TCS users, normally located within the Registrar's office. If you're not sure who that person is, ask BCCAT!

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How does it work in other Provinces?

Some provinces have organizations similar to BCCAT:

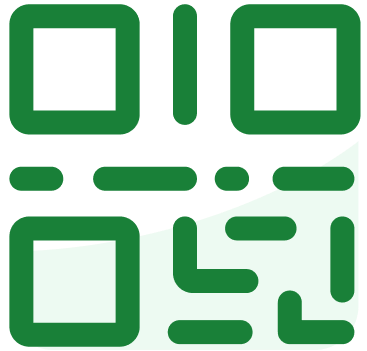
- Alberta Council on Admissions and Transfer (ACAT)
- Campus Manitoba (unfortunately not MANCAT)
- Ontario Council on Articulation and Transfer (ONCAT)
- Council on Admission and Transfer for Nova Scotia (CATNS)

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The Pan-Canadian Consortium on Transfer (PCCAT) facilitates the implementation of policies and practices that support student mobility both within and among Provinces and Territories and granting of transfer credit in order to improve access to post-secondary education in Canada.



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Which committee is NOT a BCCAT standing committee?

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How many articulation committees exist in BC?

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Bonus Question: Mike Winsemann has been with BCCAT for how long:

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THANK YOU!

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