

Grad News & Info.

The [Gator News for Grads Newsletter](#) provides Grade 12 students and their parent(s) with information about upcoming important dates and deadlines. It is sent electronically to all Grade 12 students and parents who provide their email addresses to our main office. It is published approximately every two weeks. The first edition had several hyperlinks and outlined up-coming deadlines. It is posted on our website: [Grad News #1](#)

Our Career Department posts opportunities and information on their Instagram account: [@WGSSCareers](#). This year we are using a QR Code for students to use to click and sign up for upcoming opportunities.



Applications

Students who are planning to stay in BC for their future studies, should begin the application process through:

apply.educationplannerbc.ca/

On this site, institutions have direct links to their program requirements and/or videos demonstrating how to complete their on-line application. Generally, students should have completed their application before December 1st.

Similar application services are available for students applying to [Ontario](#) and/or [Alberta](#) institutions. Students considering applying out of province need to ensure they have checked

the deadline to apply (e.g. some Ontario universities want students to have applied by mid-November). Students applying to the United States should have already started their application – many use the [Common App](#) application service.

Limited Intake Programs

Kwantlen, Douglas and BCIT have limited intake entry programs. When the institutions open to receive applications the morning of **October 1st** some of their programs will fill on a first applied, first enrolled basis, and thereby fill within the first 30 min – two hours. Check [Grad New #1](#) for specific dates and links to websites.

Note: Students applying to BCIT on **October 1st** will need to have a PDF of their Grade 11 marks which they up-load when they apply. A request for a PDF of your marks can be sent to Ms. Karen Ethier in the Counselling Centre through TEAMS or email. Please allow four days for the processing of your request. Ms. Ethier's email address is: KEthier@sd35.bc.ca

Competitive Entry Programs

The majority of university programs are competitive entry. This means the institutions require you to submit an application by a deadline. After the deadline, the institutions will then ensure you meet the general and specific entry requirements for specified programs. The next step will be for the institution to calculate your admission GPA and consider other criteria used to evaluate applications. The institutions have a certain number of seats in each program; they fill those spots with the most qualified candidates, starting with the highest GPA, working down the list of applicants until the program seats are filled.

Students who have 90+% may be given an early admission offer by February but many students will not receive an offer until May.

Post-Secondary Events

One of the best ways to learn more about post-secondary options is to participate in local college and larger university information sessions, presentations, and virtual tours. Check [EVENTS | Post-Secondary BC \(postsecondarybc.ca\)](#) for learning opportunities throughout the year at BC institutions.

Canadian University Event (C.U.E.)

The Canadian Universities Event (CUE) is a consortium of 50+ post-secondary institutions across Canada. This year they will be hosting a virtual experience.

Students will be able to register and login for the CUE virtual events on the day that suits their schedule. Each attending CUE institution will be hosting online sessions during the times listed below. Student events are scheduled for:

Monday	Sept. 27	4:00 – 7:00 pm
Tuesday	Sept. 28	4:00 – 7:00 pm
Wednesday	Sept. 29	4:00 – 7:00 pm
Saturday	Oct. 2	10 am – 2 pm
Monday	Oct. 4	4:00 – 7:00 pm
Tuesday	Oct. 5	4:00 – 7:00 pm
Wednesday	Oct. 6	4:00 – 7:00 pm

This is an excellent opportunity to speak directly with advisors from across Canada.

- [Scheduled events](#)
- [Registration link](#)

[Post-Secondary BC Institutions Fair Schedule](#) – 30 BC institutions

PSBC will not be doing individual school visits to this fall. Instead, the **Fall 2021 Virtual PSBC tour will consist of seven (7) all-day fairs**, with several times for presentations and the ability for students to connect directly with university reps and recruiters. Fairs will run from 9:00 am until 7:00 pm on the following dates:

Date	Fair	Notes
Thursday, Oct. 7	1	Presentations on the :30 3 in the AM,
Tuesday, Oct. 19	2	
Wednesday, Nov. 3	3	3 in the PM.
Tuesday, Nov. 9	4	A schedule of who is presenting will be provided on the PSIBC website in the fall.
Thursday, Nov. 18	5	
Wednesday Dec. 1	6	
Tuesday, Dec. 7	7	

University Up-Dates

University of British Columbia

UBC's 2021-22 online application will open at the end of September. It is recommended that students visit UBC's [How to Apply](#) page for an overview of the application process, and the [Personal Profile](#) page for tips on writing a strong Personal Profile. Students need to have completed their UBC personal profile by **December 1st** in order to be considered for entrance scholarships and early admission.

[UBC's 2022 Digital Student Guide](#)

Language 11 requirement: Vancouver campus

Applicants to UBC's Vancouver campus are required to have a Grade 11 language on their transcript in addition to English Language Arts 11 and 12.

Transfer standing, external language certificates, and external language assessments granted at the Grade 11 level may also be used to meet the language 11 requirement.

Simon Fraser University

SFU has developed an [Admission Compass](#) to help students navigate admission requirements. When students input their grade 11 and grade 12 courses into the Compass they will see which programs they are eligible to apply for. Students can now apply to SFU through the [EducationPlanner](#) website.

University of Victoria

Students interested in applying to UVic are encouraged to watch either an information or an application webinar: [Events - Undergrad - University of Victoria \(uvic.ca\)](#) and review [UVIC's Digital Viewbook](#).

Students can now apply to UVic through the [EducationPlanner](#) website.

UVic recruitment reps will be participating in [PSBC](#) and [CUE](#) events this fall.

BCIT

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Capilano University

- Find out the many [Reasons to choose CapU](#)
- Connect with a [Recruitment Advisor](#)
- Visit CapU's [step by step guide](#) to becoming a CapU student
- Learn how you can your education through [Financial Aid & Awards](#)
- Review the [2022-23 Capilano University Viewbook](#)

Admission requirements vary by program but, at a minimum, most CapU programs require successful completion of:

- B.C. secondary school (Grade 12) or equivalent
- International students: See [International Secondary School Equivalencies](#)
- A minimum grade point average of 2.0 (60%) calculated on English Studies 12 or English 12 or English First Peoples 12 and two [academic Grade 12 courses](#)

Once you are admitted, you may need to pass the [English Diagnostic Test](#) if you are taking English 100, or the [Math Placement Test](#) to gain admission to certain entry-level Math courses.

Douglas College**Academic Foundations for Potential Nursing Applicants Program**

Applications will open **Monday, October 4, at 9:00 am** for the Douglas [Academic Foundations for Potential Nursing program](#) and will close on Wednesday, Wednesday October 6, 2021 at 4:00 pm. Students who are applying to this program directly from high school will not receive application decisions until the summer of 2021 when high school grades become available.

Applications & Entrance Scholarships

- Applications for [Douglas College](#) as well as [Entrance Scholarships and Awards](#) for prospective students open **8:30 am, October 1, 2021st**
- Douglas has revamped their Entrance Scholarships and Awards process to reduce barriers and make them more accessible to students.
- Applications remain open until programs are full. There are a handful of exceptions including [Veterinary Technology](#) (January 15) and [Sports Science](#) (May 1st).
- Many of Douglas' programs are first-qualified, first-admitted so applying early is crucial.
- All students who are interested in getting to know the College more can visit the [Future Students](#) page to schedule virtual campus tour visits, register for online info sessions, learn more about the admissions process and programs Douglas offers, and more.

Kwantlen Polytechnic University

Before you apply for admission to KPU, here's how you can prepare:

- Research KPU's program offerings in the [University Calendar](#). Make note of your program intake type (Open Intake or Limited Intake), and program start date(s).
- Check this link to pay attention if you are applying to a "[Limited Intake Program](#)"; if so, you should prepare to apply on **October 1st** through [EducationPlanner](#). A Limited Intake is an application cycle in which a limit has been set on the number of

students admitted so we encourage students to apply early if they are applying for a limited intake program at KPU.

- Check the [application deadlines](#) for your program's next intake.
- Familiarize yourself with the [admission requirements](#) for your desired program.
 - Do I meet my Faculty's admission requirements?
 - Do I meet my program's admission requirements?
- If you have questions about any of the above steps, [meet with a Student Recruitment Coordinator](#) at the Future Students' Office for one-on-one assistance.

Update for KPU Health Foundations, BSN & BPN

Coming into effect in Fall 2022, KPU has revised the entry route into the nursing programs that previously listed Health Foundations as an admissions requirement. These changes are to give students more flexibility in which courses they can take to meet the entry requirements to apply for nursing at KPU. This increased flexibility may also give students more options to use their course credits from KPU to apply for nursing programs at other institutions. As a result, for Fall 2021 all qualified applicants will be offered a seat for their second-choice program and we will not be proceeding with a Health Foundation intake.

Students planning on pursuing nursing can still start that journey by taking courses that meet the new admission requirements for nursing that come into effect in Fall 2022. For additional information about the new admission requirements, visit the University Calendar: calendar.kpu.ca/programs-az/health

Thompson River University

TRU will open applications for Fall 2022 on **October 1**. Students apply through [Education Planner BC](#) and will pay a \$31.02 application fee (\$100 for international students).

Application deadlines for competitive programs can be found [here](#).

TRU Williams Lake will have a fall 2022 intake of the [Practical Nursing Diploma](#). Application deadline is May 1, 2022. [LINK](#) to TRU Viewbook

Vancouver Island University

- VIU is now offering a Bachelor of Kinesiology degree
- Bachelor of Science admission requirements have changed: minimum "B" in either Pre-Calculus 12.
- Applications open **October 1** for academic programs.
- **October 3** – [virtual online event](#)
- **January 31** – B.Sc. in Nursing application deadline
- **March 31** – application deadline for most academic programs, scholarship and award and bursary profile

University of Toronto

- Applications open in October. This link provides information about applying: [U of T Application information + OUAC Application Service](#)
- Any students thinking about applying to U of T are strongly encouraged to join an online Info Session: [LINK](#) and/or the Fall Campus Days, Open House, October 23-30, [LINK](#)
- Students are invited to apply well in advance of [published deadlines](#).
- For early consideration, the recommended deadline is **November 7, 2021**.

Up-coming Learning Opportunities

Education USA Workshops

September 21, 3:00-5:00 pm ET - **EducationUSA Performing Arts Showcase**. [REGISTER HERE](#).

Learn about the admissions and audition process for Music, Dance, and Theatre majors. Hosted by EducationUSA Canada and featuring Ithaca College, The Julliard School, New England Conservatory, Northwestern University, University of Michigan, University of Rochester Eastman School of Music.

September 23, 3:00-9:00 pm ET - Study and Go Abroad Fair. [REGISTER HERE](#). Join EducationUSA, 21 U.S. universities, and institutions from around the world at this virtual fair. Hosted by Study and Go Abroad.

September 23, 5:00-6:00 pm ET - Financing Study in the USA webinar. [REGISTER HERE](#). Learn about the types of funding options available to Canadian students, including information about Fulbright programs. Hosted by EducationUSA Canada.

September 26, 8:00-9:00 pm ET - Ivy+ Open Information Session 2. [REGISTER HERE](#). Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, MIT, Princeton, Stanford, University of Pennsylvania, and Yale.

September 27, 9:00 am ET - Application Review and Financial Aid at Harvard College, Pomona College, Stanford University, and Wellesley College. [REGISTER HERE](#). Registration closes one hour prior to the event. University-hosted event.

Emily Carr – Portfolio Workshop for Teens

Date: **Thursday, September 24th**
 Time: **10:00 am – 5:50 pm**
 Place: **Virtual**
 Info: [Information and Registration](#)

- Develop your portfolio through Emily Carr's intensive workshop.
- Teens will focus on the production of digital and physical portfolios, from creation to documentation.
- This workshop is aligned with the new [ECU Admissions Guidelines](#) and will help students through a holistic engagement with the application process, as well as through peer and instructor review. Learn how to hone your unique creativity and showcase your portfolio in the best angle.
- This workshop is ideal for students looking to study art and design at the post-secondary level.

There will be three in-person, on-campus sessions, including:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the requirements for a comprehensive portfolio
- Writing a concise artist statement
- Developing confidence and insight into self-evaluation and critique
- Presenting work effectively
- Document work adequately using cameras and lighting available at home

University of Saskatchewan: Virtual Open House

Date: **Thursday, September 23rd**
 Time: **1:00 – 4:00 pm CST**
 Place: **Virtual**
 Info: [Information and Registration](#)

- Students will [need to pre-register](#) in order to attend the event
- Students and their supporters are invited to explore USask's academic programs and student experiences through:
 - Live-streamed demonstrations and presentations starting every half hour during the event
 - One-on-one chats with representatives from programs and services across USask in their virtual information fair
 - Digital materials and videos you can check out during the event or save for later
- USask application for Fall 2021 intake will be open on Sept 24
- Students who register for USask Open House and attend will be entered to win one of 30 Shop USask gift cards valued at \$100

Discover Queen's

Date: **Wednesday, September 23**
 Time: **1:00 pm**
 Register: [Registration](#)
 or
 Date: **Wednesday, September 30**
 Time: **4:00 pm**
 Register: [Registration](#)

- Join members of the Undergraduate Admission and Recruitment team, along with current student tour guides to discover more about Queen's University. A short presentation will be followed with an opportunity for Q&A.

Kwantlen Nursing and Psychiatric Nursing Information Session

Date: **Thursday, September 23rd**
 Time: **5:00 – 6:00 pm**
 Place: **Virtual**
 Info: [Register here](#)

- This information session is for prospective students. It is strongly recommended that all students considering applying to the Kwantlen BPN program attend one of these information/orientation sessions. In this session, we will review prerequisites and admission requirements, as well as the role of the psychiatric nurse and the specifics about the BPN nursing program.

UBC Virtual Information Session for WGSS Students and Parents

Date: **Monday, September 27th**
 Time: **6:00 – 7:00 pm**
 Place: **Virtual**
 Info: [Zoom link](#)
Passcode: 023013

University of Victoria Information Session

Date: **September 28th**
 Time: **4:00 – 5:00 pm**
 Place: **Virtual**
 Info: [Information and Registration](#)

- These events are focused on students applying for September 2022, but everyone who is thinking about studying at UVic in the future.

SFU On-line Info Session for Prospective Students

Date: **Wednesday, September 28th**
 Time: **5:00 – 6:00 pm**
 Place: **Virtual**
 Info: [Information and Registration](#)
Registration Required

- In this session, participants will learn about the application process, as well the ins and outs of faculties, programs, majors, minors, and more.
- There will be a Q&A period within the sessions for you to ask your questions to our SFU experts.

University of Victoria Parent Info Night

Date: **Sunday, October 3rd**
 Time: **5:00 – 7:00 pm**
 Place: **Virtual**
 Info: [Information and Registration](#)

- This is for parents/guardians of high school students (teens are welcome to join). UVic reps will share all of the information they provide in their visits to schools, including admission requirements, scholarships and upcoming application deadlines. They will also offer advice on helping your children successfully transition to life at university.

Scholarships

Basant Motors Scholarship

- \$2,600 (x10)
- The Basant Motors Scholarship is developed to honour the belief of giving back to the community. This scholarship is awarded to graduating seniors going to further their education at a post-secondary institution
- Please see Basant's [website](#) for complete information and the application
- **Deadline: September 26th**

Loran Scholars

- Leadership, Character, Service
- 36 Loran Awards, valued at up to \$100,000 each for students studying at 25 partner universities
- The Loran is Canada's most comprehensive competitive merit award. It comprises of a living stipend, tuition waiver, summer program, mentorship and annual scholar forums.
- **Deadline: October 13th, 8:00 pm EST**
- [Loran Scholar Info](#)
- This year there will be a webinar for students to join if they are interested in applying for the Loran Scholarship:
[Student Webinar: Sept. 22 @12pm ET](#)

Horatio Alger Canadian Scholarship

- Awarded to BC students pursuing full-time studies with critical financial need (\$65,000 or less net family income or extenuating circumstances)
- Student must have demonstrated integrity and *perseverance in overcoming adversity*; strength of character, a good academic record, a commitment to pursue a post-secondary education, and a desire to contribute to society.
- **Deadline: October 26th**
[Horatio Alger Scholarship Info](#)

U of T Book Award

- The University of Toronto National Book Award Program recognizes and rewards the very best Canadian secondary school students, regardless of which university those students choose to attend.
- These winners are students who demonstrate superior academic performance, original and creative thought, and exceptional achievement in a broad context. They excel in academic pursuits, demonstrate enthusiasm for intellectual exploration and have a strong involvement in the lives of their schools and communities.
- It is not necessary that the student intend to apply for admission to the University of Toronto.
- Award recipients receive a National Book Award recognizing their achievements, and as a symbol of their academic potential. It is a non-monetary award. The book will be presented to the student at their secondary school graduation ceremony at the end of the school year.
- Students nominated for this award are invited to submit an application to the U of T National Scholarship Program.

Eligibility for U of T Book Award

Recipients must be:

- Nominated by their high school
- Must be attending a post-secondary institution next September
- Canadian citizens or permanent residents or protected persons
- Demonstrate superior academic performance, original and creative thought, and exceptional achievement in a broad context

- Students who excel in academic pursuits, demonstrate enthusiasm for intellectual exploration and have a strong involvement in the lives of their schools and communities
- Students who wish to be considered need to submit their Comprehensive Resume to Ms. Kifiak for the Scholarship Committee to review by **Friday, October 1st 9:00 a.m.**
- [More information](#)

ENTRANCE EXAMS

SAT

- Those students who are considering attending an American Institution, or who will be playing on an NCAA team (e.g. SFU) may want to consider writing the SAT and have those results by December
- **School Code is: 821161**
Register at: <http://sat.collegeboard.org>
- **NOTE:** *A number of US institutions are not requiring students to have written the SAT or ACT for admission for 2022 due to COVID.*

PSAT Exam

The PSAT is a preparation test for the SAT and “on average, students who take the PSAT score 136 points higher on the SAT than those who do not.” Generally, this test is done by Grade 11 students in preparation for writing the SAT in June of their Grade 11 year or in the fall of their Grade 12 year

The Practice SAT registration is now open.

Students can register for the PSAT through the school cash online accounts as an optional item. The **test date is Wednesday, October 13th at 3:30 pm at REMSS.** Additional details are available when the student registers through their school cash online account. **School Code is: 821161**

Exam Details:

Date: **Wednesday, October 13**
Time: **3:30 – 8:00 pm** (*arrive by 3:15*)
This is a timed test
Place: **R.E. Mountain Secondary**
7633 202A Street, Langley

Language Challenge Test Information

- “Challenge Tests” are available through the Delta School District primarily for students who have a second (or third) language but who do not have the equivalence or external language credits on their high school transcript.
- A student is eligible for Equivalency if they have studied the language in their home country up to Grade 8 and/or 9 level.
- If a student wishes to write a Challenge Test, they are able to participate in a formal evaluation of a Grade 11 and/or 12 Language course in order to receive credit with a percentage mark on their transcript. It is a strong recommendation, given the mature level of understanding required in the challenge activities, that students challenge the grade 11 course while they are in grade 10 and **not** before.
- Note: The Language Challenge Exam will meet the Language Entrance requirement for university. However, not all institutions will use it in the calculation for your entrance GPA (e.g. UBC and U of T will not use it as an academic course).
- The student registration packages for 2021/22 are available online. WGSS students who wish to write the test should complete the **fillable registration package** (please do not handwrite the information). Then print pages 9-11, and bring those pages with a passport photo, and cheque, made payable to Delta School District. ISP students will bring their completed package to Mr. Davis (ISP Coordinator); non-ISP students will bring their completed package to Ms. Kifiak in the Counselling Centre for signature. We would like to have all application packages before Wednesday, October 6th so we have time to process them and get them to SD35 who in turn sends them to [Delta School District](#).
- We encourage students not to wait until the last moment as in the past, when there were errors with how cheques were written, the student had to take their application to the School Board office themselves.

Career Education Opportunities

Hello Grads, my name is Cherise McGee. I am the Career Advisor at WGSS and I am here to assist all students with anything career related. I have a diverse background, connections within the community and creative ways to ensure you are set up for success when you transition from high school into the next phase of your life, whatever that looks like.

Click [here](#) to book an appointment with Ms. McGee, or you can connect with me on TEAMS or by email cmcgee@sd35.bc.ca or drop in to Room 120 where there is room for physical distance in-person meetings!

Current Opportunities:

[WAVE](#) – Work and Volunteer Experience – If you are currently working, we want to hear from you. Mr. Scotton (WAVE Teacher) and I are hunting down any Gator who might be able to ***gain credits while working***. Does your job align with your future career aspiration? Come and find us! If you are interested in finding out more about the WAVE program, please complete the following [link](#)

[Youth TRAIN in Trades](#) – There is currently room in the Hairstylist and Piping and Plumbing programs. If you missed the application deadline there is still an opportunity for you to get in book an appointment ASAP.

Mini Med School

Join Mini Med School 2021 as they commemorate scientific achievements in diabetes research. Together you will explore the remarkable discovery of insulin, advances and innovative therapies in diabetes treatment, diabetes’ impact on the immune system, and the personal impacts of living with diabetes.

In a series of presentations hosted by Mini Med School Deans [Dr. Dina Panagiotopoulos](#) & [Dr. Francis Lynn](#), you'll have the opportunity to:

- Learn about the newest discoveries and innovations in diabetes research
- Virtually interact with world-class scientists and health professionals
- Explore the diverse careers available in science and medicine

Nominations have closed but students still have the opportunity to participate in:

Mini Med School On-Demand

Participate when it works for you. Registration is open to everyone. A maximum of 300 participants will be enrolled in the program.

Volunteering

Get connected with your community and volunteer! The Langley Volunteer Bureau has over 50 Non-Profit organizations and over 1,000 volunteers. Volunteering is a great way to get to know your community, grow your skills and find your passion. Check out BetterCommunity.ca or visit <https://www.langleyvolunteers.ca>. See Ms. McGee if you BC

SFU Hands of HOPE

SFU HOPE Initiative works closely with high school students and establishes 3-4 ambassadors in every associated high school. These ambassadors establish clubs referred to as "HANDS OF HOPE."

Ambassadors work together as leaders of the club and closely with High School Correspondents of the SFU HOPE Initiative. They provide opportunities to high school students where one can continuously learn about the events and projects that the SFU HOPE Initiative offers to students who are transitioning to university and other post-secondary programs.

[More Information about Hands of HOPE](#)

