

COURSE PLANNING GRADE 11

Questions?

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



All students require a minimum of 80 credits to graduate with their BC Dogwood Diploma. 4 credits in Indigenous Focused coursework is required and is part of the 80 credits



Grade 10 Required Courses

English, Math, Social Studies, Science, PHE, Arts Education or Applied Skills (Gr. 10,11 or 12) and Career Life Education



Grade 11 Required Courses

English, Math 11 or 12, Socials 11 or 12, Science 11 or 12



Grade 12 Required Courses

English Studies 12 or EFP 12 and Career Life Connections 12 with Capstone





OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENT NOTES:

Required Credits (52 Credits)

★★4 of which must be in Indigenous Focused Studies (e.g. BC First Peoples 12, English 12 First Peoples, EFP11 Literary Studies & New Media)

Electives

- Students need 28 elective credits (seven courses)

★16 Credits (four courses)

- must be at the Grade 12 level (English Studies 12 and CLC count as grade12 courses)

Three graduation assessments must also be written to graduate:

- Literacy 10
- Numeracy 10
- Literacy 12

It is your responsibility to make sure you take the courses and assessments you need to graduate

ELL STUDENTS AND GRADUATION

Most ELL students do not have enough credits to graduate after their grade 12 year because ELL courses do not count for credit

Options to earn your graduation:

- Adult education (<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/adult-education>)
- Online courses (<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/vln>)
- Requesting another year at DT
- Adult Basic Education (ABE)
- Adult Graduation Diploma (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/adult-education/graduate-high-school/bc-adult-graduation-diploma-program>)

See your counsellor during your grade 12 year to discuss your options

HOW MANY COURSES DO I HAVE TO TAKE IN GRADE 12?

- DT students are required to take a minimum of seven on-timetable courses
- Sign up for eight, in case we cannot give you the seven you want. You can always drop one.
- It is recommended you take eight courses. Why?
 - This is your last chance to learn for free!
 - Universities are looking for depth (taking multiple subjects in one particular area) and breadth (a variety of courses)
 - Some of you need as many credits as possible to graduate

CAREER EDUCATION COURSES

If you have not completed Career Life Education 10, you can take it in your grade 12 year

- DT is offering it off-timetable, so CLE can be a 9th course on your timetable (MCLE-10CO1)

Career Life Connections (CLC) at DT requires a capstone project

- The capstone project satisfies the 30 hours of career life exploration needed to graduate (i.e. there is no need for you to do paid or unpaid work in the community, although you might wish to for the experience)
- CLC is offered next year on-timetable at DT

GRAD REQUIREMENT CHECK

In your grade 11 year, a check will be done during spring to verify credits earned, legal names & address are correct. This is important for post-secondary applications and for diplomas to be mailed to the correct place.

As a grade 11 student, you can now create a Basic BCeID to access **Student Transcripts Service**
(<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates/order-a-high-school-transcript-or-certificate>)

Student Transcripts Service lets you:

- Check credits, marks, and missing grad requirements
- Send secondary transcripts to post-secondary institutions (PSI)
- Order grad certificates
- View scholarships awarded by the province
- View grad assessment results



POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION SELECTION



WHAT PSI
SHOULD YOU
ATTEND?
DEPENDS ON
YOUR GOAL &
THE
CREDENTIAL
YOU WANT TO
EARN



TECHNICAL
INSTITUTE/POLY
TECHNIC
VOCATIONAL
SCHOOL -
(OCCUPATION
AND
EMPLOYMENT
TRAINING),
HANDS-ON,
FOCUS ON
EMPLOYABILITY



COLLEGE –
CERTIFICATE (1
YEAR), DIPLOMA
(2 YEARS),
DEGREE (4
YEARS)



COLLEGE –
TRANSFER TO
UNIVERSITY



UNIVERSITY –
BACHELOR,
MASTERS, PHD,
RESEARCH
OPPORTUNITIES

WHAT IS A TECHNICAL / POLYTECHNIC SCHOOL?

A PSI that offers hands-on training and focusses on graduating students ready to enter the workforce.



Many different areas of study offered:

Trades &
Apprenticeship

Business &
Media

Computing &
IT

Applied &
Natural
Sciences

Health
Sciences



Many also offer academic upgrading and university transfer programs, too!

WHAT IS A COLLEGE?

A college is a PSI where a you can obtain a:

- Certificate – 1 year
- Diploma - 2 years
- Associate Degree – 2 years
- Degree – 4 years
- Transfer Credits to another institution (often to a university)



WHAT IS A UNIVERSITY?

A university is a PSI
where you can obtain
degrees majoring in
specific subject areas

Bachelor degree (aka
undergrad degree)
usually takes 4 years

Master degree
(another 2 to 3 years)

Doctoral degree
(another 2 to year
years)

BENEFITS OF TRANSFERRING FROM COLLEGE TO UNIVERSITY

There are many benefits for going from college to university:

- Smaller class sizes in college (around 40 compared to a university lecture theatre with hundreds of students)
- Half the cost (\$112 per credit at Langara College; \$210 per credit at UBC; a full-time program is 30 credits a year... you do the math!)
- A much cheaper way to explore what you want to study
- College courses are EQUIVALENT to university courses (www.bctransferguide.ca)
- More support from professors, teaching assistants, peers at college
- Colleges are closer to home
- Stats show that students who attend college first do better than those who go to university straight from high school
- Majority of those who earn a degree started at a college
- If you successfully transfer to university, your degree is from the university and not the college

APPRENTICESHIPS



An apprenticeship is a program where you work and learn, out in the field and in the classroom. You will work in a trade to become Level 1, 2, 3 or 4 certified. The vast majority of your learning occurs while working.



Education & length of training depends on the trade and what level you wish to earn.



There are written exams for each level.



Writing the Level 4 Red Seal exam - the Red Seal allows students to work anywhere in Canada.



There are many great paying, in-demand jobs in the trades. You will be surprised what jobs are considered trades and have apprenticeships!



To find a list of apprenticeship trades go to www.skilledtradesbc.ca

KEEPING OPTIONS OPEN & BEING OPEN MINDED

- Having a goal is important. REMEMBER, THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO GET THERE. Apply to multiple PSIs to have a backup (e.g. Langara as a backup for university).
- Be OPEN to TRY NEW THINGS. It's okay to take a variety of courses and not know what to focus on during your first and second years in post-secondary school. It's okay to let your education journey go in a different direction that you had planned. Plans can be changed. That's called life!
- LEARNING – no matter where is a good thing and learning happens in multiple ways







ACADEMIC ADVISORS

- Each PSI hires recruitment & academic advisors to help future students
- Specific questions pertaining to programs can be answered by these advisors
- These contacts will be shared on Teams and posted on my door
- Contact can also be made by visiting each PSI's website

APPLICATION PROCESS



It is your responsibility to:

- Research and know the required courses to apply for your PSI programs
- Submit applications by the deadline (each PSI varies)
- Pay all application fees
- Monitor your application status by checking your email regularly



Students register through a central website to apply for all BC PSIs:
apply.educationplannerbc.ca

For now, educationplannerbc.ca is your tool for researching careers, PSI programs and their requirements

APPLYING OUTSIDE OF BC

- Ontario's version of EducationPlanner BC is www.ouac.on.ca
- Student Transcripts Service can also send transcripts to PSIs outside BC
- If you are applying to a PSI outside of BC and they want a paper transcripts, please go to the office to make the request and give enough time for the transcript to arrive by the deadline. No rush orders.



WHAT % DO STUDENTS NEED FOR PSI ACCEPTANCE?

In the past few years, PSIs (especially universities) have moved away from posting admission GPA % requirements

Many PSIs still require minimum % in particular subjects to apply (e.g. BCIT BSc Radiation Therapy – minimum 67% in Physics 12, 73% in Anatomy & Physiology 12, UBC all faculties – minimum 70% in English 11 or 12, UBC Science – minimum 67% in Pre-Calc 12)

PSIs are looking at all Grade 11 and 12 courses, favoring courses related to the faculty you are applying for & academic rigour

Many PSIs require students to submit supplemental information such as a personal profile, portfolios, resumes & interviews with relevant experience.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATIONS

UBC: All faculties require a supplemental application (personal profile) for entry. Visit <https://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/how-to-apply/personal-profile/> for details

SFU: Only the Faculty of Business requires a supplemental application at this time (<https://www.sfu.ca/beedie/programs/undergraduate/bba-major/admission-requirements/supplemental-application/high-school.html>)

The supplemental application looks at qualities that are connected to the Core Competencies. It is not simply a list of your activities and accomplishments; PSIs want to know what you have LEARNED from them.

- involvement with the school & community
- what is important to you (values)
- overcoming challenges
- showing character & resilience
- what did you learn from your part-time job, sports team, club, etc..
- An excellent supplemental application could result in admission even if your GPA % is not as high compared to other applicants

POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION FORM

- PSIs need access to your marks to consider your application. You give them access by completing a PSI form in Student Transcripts Service. **Let them access your marks for 12 months**, not just one time, so they can confirm all requirements are met later in the school year
- WATCH the online informational videos on how to set up your STS account, completing a PSI form to send your marks, and ordering transcripts (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates/video-resources>)
- PSI form must be completed online by January by all Grade 12 students if you want to grant PSIs access to your marks for application purposes

NEXT STEPS... WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I APPLY?

- You will receive correspondence from the PSI. Check your email regularly. Look in your junk folder in case their emails are not in your Inbox.
- If accepted, you will be granted “CONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE.” This means you must continue to satisfy admission requirements and maintain your marks to keep your acceptance.





COMMUNICATION

- Keep track of any communication you get from PSIs as they may request additional information
- Check your emails and junk folders frequently
- All communication will be done electronically

ONLINE COURSES USED FOR ADMISSIONS PURPOSES



PSIs have specific dates by which online courses must be completed so they can be used for admissions purposes. Check each PSI's website for these dates.



It is your responsibility to finish your online course on time and request your online school submit the mark early enough so that it is included as part of your PSI form



Do not wait till the last minute to finish your online courses. Online teachers need time to assess work and office staff need time to upload marks.

NEED HELP RESEARCHING PSI PROGRAMS?

- www.myBlueprint.ca: An excellent resource you used in Career Education 8 or CLE; lots of info on careers, job searching, doing self-inventories, PSI programs
- www.educationplannerbc.ca: Has resources to help plan your post-secondary studies; search PSI programs in various ways (location, program length, subject area, credential desired); info on job search skills, apprenticeships, study tips & paying for your education; apply for all BC PSIs through this site
- www.postsecondarybc.ca: Similar to www.educationplannerbc.ca but with links specific for parents; has links to virtual info sessions



HOW MUCH WILL POST SECONDARY COST

The cost per credit will vary between PSIs.
Below are some examples for domestic
students. International students pay more. A
full-time year of study is about 30 credits.

- UBC ~ \$210 per credit
- Langara ~ \$112 per credit
- SFU ~ \$216 per credit
- Capilano University ~\$150 per credit
- Douglas College ~\$119 per credit

**This is tuition only! A full-time year of
study is usually 30 credits**

Activity fees, student association fees, U-
Pass (a transit pass), health insurance,
equipment & books are extra costs



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SCHOLARSHIPS

A scholarship is an amount of money that is awarded and based on:

- **Academic performance**
- **Community/school involvement**
- **Extracurricular activities**
- **Criteria determined by the organization offering the scholarship**

Check the Grade 12 Teams Scholarship Channel for announcements & opportunities

DT INTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Available only to DT students

To qualify, you must:

- Apply
- Demonstrate strong citizenship & be in good standing at DT
- Take seven grade 12 level courses at DT (not online, not summer school)
- Not have received a failing grade (F final or IE interim) for any grade 12 course
- Be on track for graduation

All grade 12 courses are counted towards your scholarship GPA (including online and summer school courses)

Self-reported courses taken and marks will be verified during spring of your grade 12 year

EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS

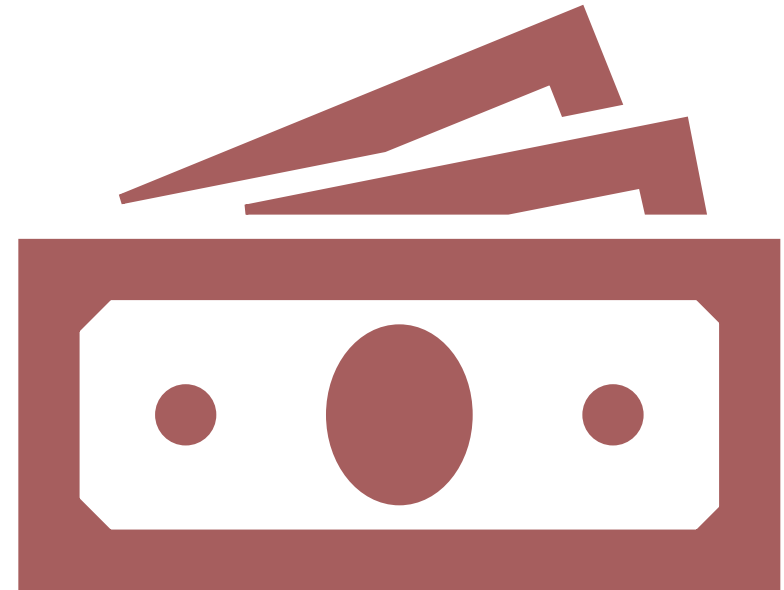
- There are many scholarships available from private companies, government, parents' employers & other organizations.
- Useful scholarship websites are listed on the DT Scholarship Website.
- www.yconic.com
- www.scholarshipscanada.com
- www.studentscholarships.org
- www.scholartree.ca
- When requesting reference letters, students need to give counsellors & teachers at least four weeks notice. Please include the criteria of the scholarship & info on how you meet the criteria. Also, include a resume with your request.

BURSARIES

A bursary is an amount of money that is awarded and based on:

- **FINANCIAL NEED**
- **Community & school involvement**
- **Academic performance**

Students need to apply for bursaries.



GRANTS: AUTOMATIC DEPENDING ON INCOME

Provincial grants up to \$1500/term if parents combined income below \$80,000

National grants are given above and beyond provincial grants if applicable

Students with disability grants

STUDENT LOANS

Students can apply online for a student loan 8 to 10 weeks before their first day of school at a post-secondary institution.

Apply to: www.studentaidbc.ca

Student loans are based on parent's and student's income up to the student reaching 21 years of age.

Living allowance to include rent, food, and transportation

Seek help from your PSI's Financial Assistance office. They can help you access different programs for help, including work-study programs.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS & POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL

Because English is the language of instruction in BC PSIs, you must demonstrate your proficiency in English.

This can be done in multiple ways: studying in an English-speaking country for long enough or achieving a certain standard on an approved English proficiency exam.

English proficiency exams include: CAEL, IELTS, PTE, TOEFL, DET, LPI, and exams produced by individual PSIs

The number of years a student needs to study in an English-speaking school varies from institution to institution, but is usually 3+ years in Grades 10/11/12

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NEW COURSE OFFERINGS: 2026-2027

- Chess 11 (YLRA-1D)
- Peer Tutoring 12 (YIPS-2BPT)
 - For students who have completed Library Services 11 and want to lead and mentor peers in the library
- Punjabi 11 (MPUN-11)
- Punjabi 12 (MPUN-12)

WWW.DTCOUNSELLING.CA
GIVES YOU ...

- DT's Course Planning Guide (courses and descriptions)
- Grad requirements
- MyEd Course Planning Instructions (how to input course requests with step-by-step screenshots)
- Course code sheet for grade 11 and 12 courses (you input courses by code, not name)
- This Powerpoint presentation in pdf form



IMPORTANT DATES

- Feb 5, 2026: MyEd opens for course request entry (you can log in again to make change
- Feb 20, 2026: MyEd closes for course request entry
- Students can log into MyEd multiple times to change course requests up to the close date
- No more changes to course requests after the close date so that school can use consistent data to build the timetable
- Choose your courses thoughtfully. DT builds the timetable and staffs the school based on student requests

QUESTIONS?

Feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

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