

## GRADE 12 STUDENT INFORMATION: HOW TO APPLY TO COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

*It's that time of the year....time to start thinking about post-secondary options and applications. Here are a few tips, things to think about, and some important dates:*

### COLLEGE AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTION APPLICATIONS:

Most colleges operate on a "First Come - First Served" basis so early application is very important. Applying early may mean that you have a better chance of being accepted into a program. Another advantage of early application is that you will have an earlier course registration date. Even if you plan to attend university, it is a good idea to apply to a couple of colleges and/or BCIT this fall as a back up to your university application. If you would like to apply to a college/BCIT for September 2015 admission, these local colleges/BCIT will start accepting applications soon:

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| ➤ <b>Langara</b> | <b>October 1st</b>   |
| ➤ <b>Douglas</b> | <b>September 1st</b> |
| ➤ <b>*BCIT*</b>  | <b>Ongoing</b>       |

### UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS:

Each university (and sometimes different programs of study within each university) may have different application deadlines and requirements. Please refer to the universities' websites for specific information.

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| ➤ <b>UBC:</b>                 | <b>Dec 10, 2015</b>                                 | (Major Entrance Scholarship application deadline)   |
|                               | <b>January 31, 2016</b>                             | (Final Admission deadline for September 2016 start) |
| ➤ <b>SFU:</b>                 | <b>January 31, 2016</b>                             | (Major Entrance Scholarship application deadline)   |
|                               | <b>February 28, 2016</b>                            | (Early Admission deadline for September 2016 start) |
| ➤ <b>CAPILANO:</b>            | <b>March 31, 2016</b>                               |   |
| ➤ <b>EMILY CARR:</b>          | <b>January 15, 2016</b>                             | (Final portfolio deadline Feb. 1, 2016)             |
| ➤ <b>KWANTLEN:</b>            | <b>March 1, 2016</b>                                | (Some programs have earlier deadlines)              |
| ➤ <b>UVIC:</b>                | <b>February 28, 2016</b>                            |   |
| ➤ <b>EASTERN UNIVERSITIES</b> | <b>Usually sometime in January – check websites</b> |   |

### BEFORE YOU APPLY: Get details about your program

- Does your program have specific admission requirements in addition to the general admission requirements?
- When does it start and when is the application deadline? Does the program have a wait list?
- How long does the program take to complete?
- What is the application fee and what are the tuition fees?
- What courses will you need to take and do any of the courses have prerequisites?

### BEFORE YOU APPLY: Things to consider

- See if you meet the general admission requirements. If not, speak to your high school counsellor or academic advisor at the post-secondary institution about your next steps.
- Attend an info session at the post-secondary institution to learn more about your selected program.
- Choose a program of study.

## HOW TO APPLY:

- Go to the [www.applybc.ca](http://www.applybc.ca) website. This website allows you to apply to most public BC institutions.
- Follow the steps to apply.
- You will need the following information:
  - Permanent mailing address and telephone number(s)
  - Emergency contact name and telephone number(s)
  - Email addresses
  - Social Insurance Number (SIN)
  - Personal Education Number (PEN) (Your PEN number is listed on your report card)
  - Names and dates of high schools attended
  - A credit card for payment

## HOW DOES THE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY GET MY MARKS?

If you are graduating this school year and are applying to a post-secondary institution (PSI) for September 2016 admission, you must complete the online PSI Selections Form to indicate where you want the Ministry of Education to send your marks and transcript information. Failure to complete this online form may delay a student's acceptance to post-secondary studies! In order to complete your PSI Selection, go to the link below and follow these simple steps:

[www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/)

- Log into your Ministry account
- Scroll down the page and click on "Select PSIs"
- Click yes to forward your transcript to all BC Electric PSIs  Yes
- You can also choose to forward your transcript to Ontario (OUAC) PSIs
- Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on "next"
- Confirm your selections and then logoff

The PSI Selections Form should be available to you online in November.

## STILL UNSURE?

If you are still unsure of what you want to study or where you wish to apply, the following websites can help get you started by investigating which post-secondary institutions offer programs in your chosen post secondary path:

[www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)      username: Burnaby      password: Central

[www.schoolfinder.com](http://www.schoolfinder.com)      [www.educationplanner.ca](http://www.educationplanner.ca)

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**October 7th:**      Grade 12 Parent Evening (Post-secondary information presentation)

**November 25th:**      Post-Secondary Information Evening  
Many post-secondary institutions will be here (Fair 6:00-7:30 in the Commons area);  
SFU presentation at 7:00-7:45 pm; UBC presentation 7:45-8:30 pm