# 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, provided you meet the program requirements. 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 as a backup to your university application. If you would like to apply to a college, these local colleges will start accepting applications soon:

> Langara Early October

Douglas
 \*BCIT\*
 Early October (Info fair October 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:30 pm)
 Continuous (Big Info Night – October 9<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 7:00 pm)

#### UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS:

KWANTLEN:

EASTERN UNIVERSITIES

UVIC:

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.

>	UBC:	Dec 1st	Entrance Scholarship application & early admission
		January 15th	Application deadline for September start
		January 31st	Deadline to submit interim transcript through (STS)
		Jan 31 <sup>st</sup> – Feb 15 <sup>th</sup>	Submit documents showing you meet the English
			Language Admission Standard (ELAS)
		March 1 <sup>st</sup> - 15th	Online courses must be 50% complete by March 15 <sup>th</sup>
			and the interim grade must also be submitted by
			March 15 <sup>th</sup> as well.
		June 30th	Deadline to complete all courses, in-person & online.
	SFU:	December 15th	Entrance Scholarship application deadline
		January 31st	Application deadline for September start
		January 31st	Deadline to give SFU access to your grades by
			completing the (STS) form
		Jan. 31st - March 31st	Program-specific deadlines for self-reporting grades
		February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Beedie deadline for all items on To-do-List
		June 30th	Deadline to complete all courses, in-person & online.
	CAPILANO:	March 1st	Some programs have earlier deadlines
>	EMILY CARR:	January 15 <sup>th</sup>	Final application & portfolio deadline Jan. 31st)

March 1<sup>st</sup>

January 31st

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Usually sometime in December/January – check websites.

## BEFORE YOU APPLY: Visit websites and get details about your program.

- Does your program have specific admission requirements in addition to the general admission requirements?
- Post-secondary institutions may have different admission requirements for the same program. Admission requirements often change from year to year. Be sure to visit the websites for up-to-date information.

# BEFORE YOU APPLY: Things to consider

- Attend online info sessions at the post-secondary institution to learn more about your selected program.
- Attend the Post Secondary BC Fair (November 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 7:45 pm) to learn more about programs and admission requirements. Representatives will be here to answer your questions. It's a great opportunity!

#### **HOW TO APPLY:**

- Go to the <a href="https://apply.educationplannerbc.ca">https://apply.educationplannerbc.ca</a> website. This website allows you to apply to most public BC institutions. Follow the steps to apply.
- You will need your Social Insurance Number (SIN), Personal Education Number (PEN) and a credit card for payment.

# **HOW DO YOU SEND COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES YOUR MARKS?**

If you are graduating this school year and are applying to a post-secondary institution (PSI) for September admission, you must complete an online application. Failure to complete the online application may delay your acceptance to post-secondary studies! To send your school transcript electronically to post-secondary institutions, go to the Ministry of Education's Transcript and Certificate website (STS) at: http://www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca

## Follow these steps:

- Sign up for a BCeID and select your password reset questions and answers.
- Log-in to Student Transcript Service using your BCeID. You will be prompted to:
  - o Enter your student information.
  - Read the personal data collection info and complete the process by clicking "submit"
  - An email will be sent to the email address you provided and must be activated within 24 hours.
  - Once activated, you will be able to log onto STS using your BCeID and password.
- From your STS Dashboard, you can choose your post-secondary institutions (PSIs) selections, preview, send and order transcripts, and even view exam results and scholarship information. You will need to consent to enable the ministry to send your transcripts to selected post-secondary institutions electronically or by paper.

  Set expiration date to one year from now so that the institution can see marks throughout the year.

# **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.schoolfinder.com www.educationplanner.ca

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Date: November 14th - Post-Secondary Fair at Burnaby Central from 6:00 pm to 7:45 pm