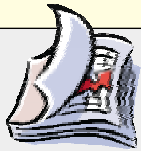


Newsletter

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BRITISH COLUMBIA COUNCIL ON ADMISSIONS & TRANSFER



A Bumper Year for BCCAT Publications

This newsletter is the twelfth BCCAT publication of the current fiscal year, beginning April 2000. They are:

- ◆ the *Annual Report for 1999 – 2000* to the Ministry of Advanced Education, Training & Technology;
- ◆ *B.C. Transfer TIPS* (revised);
- ◆ a Special Report entitled *Transfer: Some Solutions*;
- ◆ three profile reports of college students transferring to a university;
- ◆ the *Block Transfer Handbook*;
- ◆ the first issue of a new publication, *The Advisor*, featuring the new Associate Degree requirements;
- ◆ the annual *B.C. Transfer Guide*;
- ◆ a report entitled *Student Access and Mobility within the British Columbia Post-Secondary System*;
- ◆ and a research report, *Transcript Assessment Studies: What Transfers, What Doesn't?*

All BCCAT publications are now linked to the database of the Educational Resources Information Centre (ERIC), a decentralized nationwide network sponsored by the National Library of Education (NLE) at the United States Department of Education.

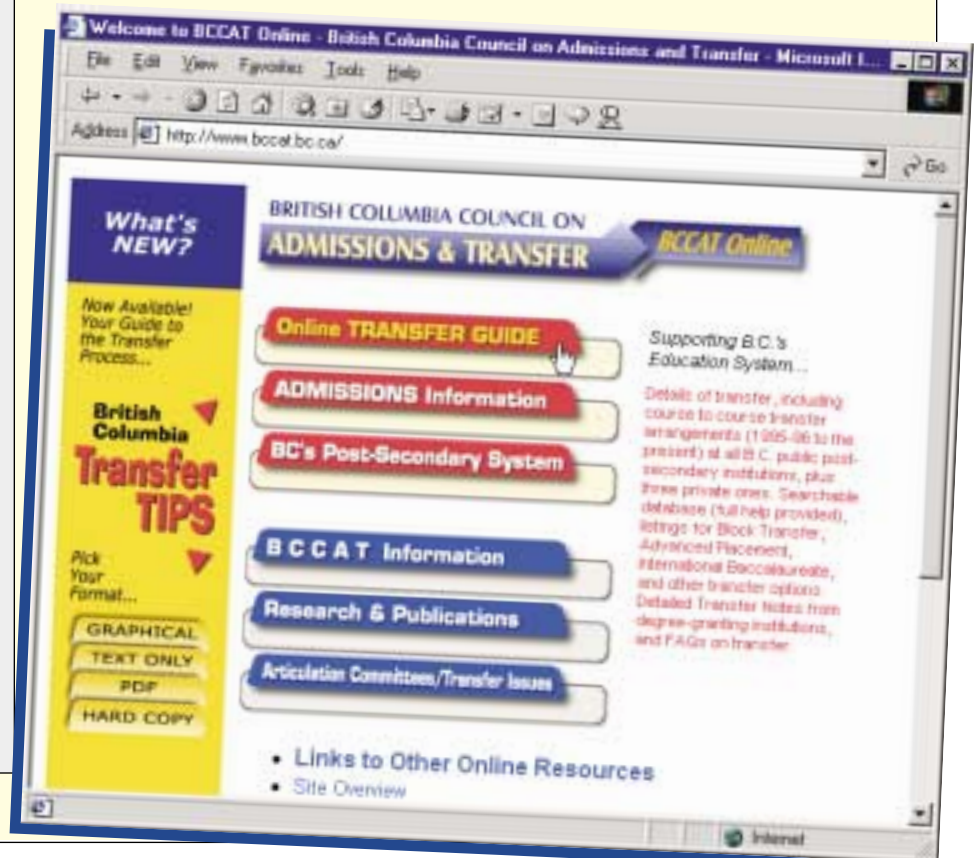
BCCAT Welcomes a New Addition to the Transfer System

Corpus Christi College, a new private Catholic college affiliated with St. Mark's College, UBC, is the latest addition to the B.C. Transfer System, having received approval from the University Presidents' Council (TUPC) to negotiate transfer credit with universities. (This process is described fully in the TUPC document available on our Web site at www.bccat.bc.ca/pubs/tupc.pdf.)

When the process has been completed those Corpus Christi College courses that are granted transfer credit will be listed in the *B.C. Transfer Guide*. This brings the total number of institutions in the transfer system to thirty-three.

ON THE WEB...

At BCCAT we are constantly improving and updating our website. This year we have redesigned our homepage to make navigation easier, and enhanced the search routines in the online transfer guide. Check it out at www.bccat.bc.ca



New Admissions Research Undertaken

In this academic year, BCCAT is putting more emphasis on the “admissions” side of its mandate by undertaking an initial study of admissions policies and practices to determine if students’ needs are being met from a system-wide perspective. *Is there fair and*

equitable access for both transfer students and direct entrants from secondary schools to our degree granting institutions? How do institutions determine the distribution of seats for various categories of qualified students?

It is intended that the study will lead to the collection of system-wide information on admissions into degree programs. Provision of system level information is crucial if individual institutions are to make informed decisions about their own allocations.

Appreciation to our outgoing members

BCCAT is indebted to the following individuals for their service on Council: **Terry Jean Crawford**, Instructor in Botany & Zoology, the University of British Columbia (3 years); **Valerie Dunsterville**, (retired) Dean of Student & Education Support Services, Langara College (1 year); **Michael Longton**, Director of the School of Music, University of Victoria (6 years); **Deborah Poff**, Vice-President Academic, University of Northern British Columbia (6 years); and **Terry Sherwood**, Associate Vice-President Academic, University of Victoria (3 years).

Welcome to our incoming members

Five recently appointed members are: **Margaret Anderson**, Chair, First Nations Studies, University of Northern British Columbia; **Penelope Coddling**, Vice-President and Provost, University of Victoria; **Robin Fisher**, Dean of Arts, Social and Health Science, University of Northern British Columbia; **David Leeming**, Professor of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Victoria; and **Lorna McCallum**, Dean of Language, Literature and Performing Arts, Douglas College.

BCCAT Supports EDI Project

British Columbia can be justifiably proud of the tremendous growth in opportunities and places for our students in the last ten years. However, one outcome of this expansion has been to place increased burdens on the registration, admission and recording functions of our institutions. Electronic Data Interchange (EDI), a process for exchanging transcripts electronically, can assist institutions to cope in efficient ways with the increased workload that has sprung from this expansion. From BCCAT’s perspective, a system-wide initiative to implement EDI will also facilitate and improve transfer processes by increasing the speed and reliability of sending and receiving transcripts.

Recent Student Outcomes Survey Results

BCCAT has commissioned an analysis of responses to questions related to admissions and transfer from the 2000 Student Outcomes survey. This is a telephone survey, conducted every year with many thousands of college, university college and institute students who have left their institutions having completed significant amounts of credit. Look for the full report and a newsletter in the coming months. These will provide much interesting information from both a student and institutional perspective.

Transfer Liaison Network Initiated

In keeping with a recommendation of its Task Force on Standards and Processes, the Council has initiated a Transfer Liaison Network (TLN) comprised of a Transfer Liaison Person selected by each post-secondary institution listed in the *B.C. Transfer Guide*. The purpose of the TLN is to facilitate communication and sharing of information which can be used to “analyze, refine or improve the transfer system from the advising or the students’ point of view.” To date, members are communicating through a listserv, and an inaugural meeting has been scheduled for December 15, 2000.

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