

# Newsletter

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BRITISH COLUMBIA COUNCIL ON ADMISSIONS & TRANSFER

## Two Recent Initiatives Expand Transfer Credit

Concurrent with this *Newsletter*, BCCAT is publishing an *Advisor* entitled "New Routes to Transfer," containing details of expanded transfer credit recognition for the Associate Degree and for Business Diplomas.

All university colleges, the Open University, and the four largest research universities have agreed that students with an associate degree will be guaranteed 60 transfer credits towards arts and science degree programs. (Students must fulfill all requirements of the degree).

A new Business Management Diploma Programs Transfer Guide guarantees the transfer of credits between diploma programs in colleges, university colleges and two institutes.

## Transfer Innovations Projects and TAP Fund Projects Underway

Many articulation committees are working on projects to improve, clarify, or simplify transfer in their discipline or program area. To date, seven Transfer Innovations Projects have been completed, and 12 others are in progress. Seven smaller Transfer and Articulation Projects (TAPs) are either completed or in process. As they are finished, the reports are posted on BCCAT's Web site. A future publication will provide more detail about these exciting initiatives and the outstanding work of many articulation committees.

## Admissions Study Highlights

Perhaps BCCAT's most significant publication this year is the double report on Admission issues. The purpose of the first report was to study the admission of transfer students into baccalaureate degree programs by reviewing the policies, practices and capacity of the B.C. post-secondary education system, within the context of the last 10 years of dramatic growth in degree granting institutions. The accompanying report provides an analysis of the applications, admissions and registrations of B.C. college transfer students at the universities. Comparable data is included for students entering directly from high school. The growing demand from qualified students for access to degree programs is creating significant challenges for both students from high schools and transfer students. This publication includes five key recommendations with a primarily system-wide focus.

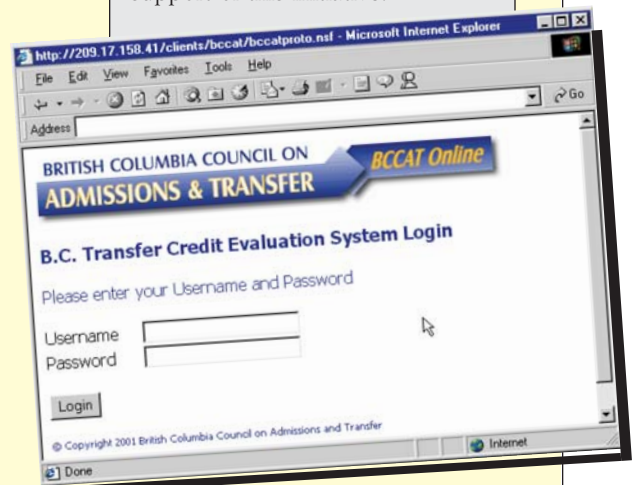
*Coming Soon!*

## Web-Based Transfer Form

After years of using the paper Transfer Credit Evaluation Form to document transfer credit agreements for the *B.C. Transfer Guide*, BCCAT is pilot testing a Web-based form which is expected to save institutions processing time, money, and a fair bit of paper.

The new system will permit basic course information, course outline files, and evaluation results to flow, via the Internet, between institutions and ultimately to BCCAT's Transfer Guide Coordinator, for subsequent updating of the Online Transfer Guide. The system will also allow institutions to advise others, and the Transfer Guide, about course renumberings, course terminations and prefix changes.

The new application will be hosted on a Domino server at Kwantlen University College, and is expected to "go live" early in 2002. BCCAT is grateful for Kwantlen's support of this initiative.





## Reading Material, and then some!

This Newsletter is the 11th BCCAT publication since this time last year. The other ten are:

- ◆ Pamphlet: "Articulation Committees: Their Essential Role in a Successful Transfer System"
- ◆ Advisor: "Can I Transfer from a University?"
- ◆ Report: Admissions & Transfer Experiences of Students Continuing their Studies in British Columbia (full report)
- ◆ Research Report - Summary of item above.
- ◆ Report: Profile of BC College Transfer Students Admitted to UBC 1994-95 to 1999-2000
- ◆ Report: Profile of BC College Transfer Students Admitted to UNBC 1998-99 & 1999-2000
- ◆ Handbook: Articulation Committee Handbook, 3rd edition
- ◆ Report: Annual Report for 2000-2001 to the Ministry of Advanced Education, Training & Technology
- ◆ Report: Admission of Transfer Students in British Columbia Post-Secondary Institutions: Policies, Practices & Capacity, along with an Analysis of Applications, Admissions & Registrations of BC College Transfer Applicants to BC Universities, fall 2000
- ◆ Report: Profile of BC College Transfer Students Admitted to BC Universities 1994-95 – 1998-99 (a forthcoming Newsletter will highlight key findings)

All publications are available at BCCAT Online through the Research & Publications menu. Start at: [www.bccat.bc.ca](http://www.bccat.bc.ca)

## BCCAT's New Co-ordinator of Special Projects

BCCAT is pleased to welcome a new staff member on part-time secondment for 2002 as Co-ordinator of Special Projects. Currently Co-ordinator, Financial Aid & Awards at BCIT, **Jennifer Orum** will be joining the Council staff on January 1, 2002. Her main responsibility will be to assist articulation committees with Transfer Innovations and TAP Projects, and work with other staff in the development of new projects and related undertakings. Welcome, Jennifer!

## TWO REVIEWS IN PROGRESS

### B.C. Transfer TIPS Publication: Invitation for Feedback

After three years in the post-secondary system, the *BC Transfer TIPS* (Transfer Information for Post-Secondary Success) handbook is being formally reviewed. Coordinated by Jean Karlinski, this review examines the extent to which the handbook is consulted and valued as an educational planning tool for students and advisors. BCCAT is also seeking advice on how to further enhance this resource. Students, advisors and other appropriate personnel willing to participate in a focus group are asked to contact Jean at: [TipsTeam@bccat.bc.ca](mailto:TipsTeam@bccat.bc.ca). Survey response forms are available at: [www.bccat.bc.ca/temp/tipssurvey.pdf](http://www.bccat.bc.ca/temp/tipssurvey.pdf).

### Secondary School Representatives on Post-Secondary Articulation Committees

In 1997 an initiative to place secondary school system representatives on relevant post-secondary articulation committees was undertaken. Cur-

rently 64 committees have such representatives. The aim of the project is to enhance understanding of and improve communications between the two systems in order to make students' transition from secondary to post-secondary studies as smooth as possible. Barbara Clague is co-ordinating a review of this initiative, surveying all secondary school representatives, chairs and system liaison persons of the relevant committees. Over 50% of the target groups have responded. A preliminary report is anticipated in December.

## APPRECIATION TO OUTGOING MEMBERS:

BCCAT is indebted to the following individuals for their service on Council: **Maureen Shaw**, President of the College-Institute Educators' Association (6 years); **Jaimie McEvoy**, student representative (6 years); **Penelope Coddling**, Vice-President Academic and Provost at the University of Victoria (1 year).

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