



Course Planning: Grade 11 to 12

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Graduation Requirements

Students require a minimum of 80 Credits to graduate (at DT, each course is worth 4 credits)

Required Courses

- Grade 10 REQUIRED Courses

- English
- Social Studies
- Mathematics
- Science
- Physical and Health Education
- Arts Education or Applied Skills course (gr.10, 11 or 12 level)
- Career Life Education (CLE)

- Grade 11 REQUIRED Courses

- English 11
- Social Studies 11 or 12
- Mathematics 11 or 12
- Science 11 or 12

- Grade 12 REQUIRED Courses

- English Studies 12
- Career Life Connections (CLC)

Other Grad Requirements Notes

- Electives
 - Students need 28 credits (seven DT 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.

Graduation Requirements Summary

Required Credits

52 Credits

Elective Credits

28 Credits

Three graduation assessments to be written

*16 Credits (four courses) must be at the Grade 12 level (English Studies 12 and CLC count as grade 12 courses)

How Many Courses Do I Have to Take in Grade 12?

- DT students are required to take a minimum of seven on-timetable courses
- It is recommended you take eight on-timetable courses
 - This is your last chance to learn for free! Take advantage!
 - Universities are looking for depth (taking multiple subjects in one particular area) and breadth (a variety of courses)
 - Some students 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)

Grad Requirements: Checking

- In your grade 11 year, a check will be done during spring to verify credits earned, legal names & addresses 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 BCeID to access Student Transcripts Service (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates/about-studenttranscripts>)
- Student Transcripts Service lets you:
 - Check credits and marks
 - Send secondary transcripts to post-secondary institutions (PSI)
 - Order grad certificates
 - View scholarships awarded by BC
 - View grad assessment results

Missing Courses to Grad?

- VSB Summer School 2022 – If students are missing courses for graduation or post-secondary admissions, summer school offers courses to help (summer.vsb.bc.ca).
 - Summer school is also recommended if you are very behind (e.g. having failed a Math 10, Socials 10, or Science 10 during your grade 11 year)
- Upgrading & Adult Graduation - Adult Education at South Hill Education Centre (https://www.vsb.bc.ca/Student_Learning/Adult_Education/Pages/Default.aspx)
 - Make an appointment to speak to an academic advisor at South Hill
 - South Hill offers high school courses for students after they have left grade 12 at DT

Post-Secondary Institution (PSI) Options

What PSI should you attend? Depends on your goal & the credential you want to earn

Technical Institute/Polytechnic – Vocational (occupation and employment training), hands-on, focus on employability

College – Certificate 1 year, Diploma 2 years, Degree 4 years

College – Transfer to University

University – Bachelors, Masters, PhD, research opportunities

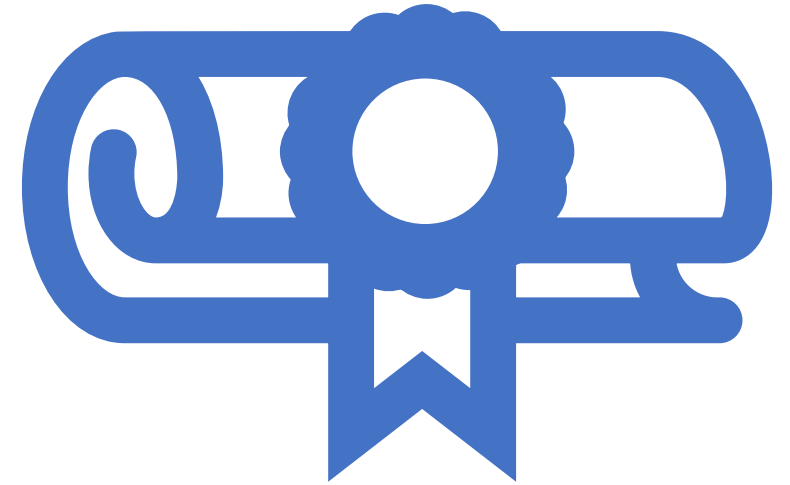
What is a Technical Institute/Polytechnic School?

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

Many different areas of study offered:

- Trades & Apprenticeships
- 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 (\$103 per credit at Langara College; \$187 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
- If you successfully transfer to university, your degree is from the university and not the college

Apprenticeships

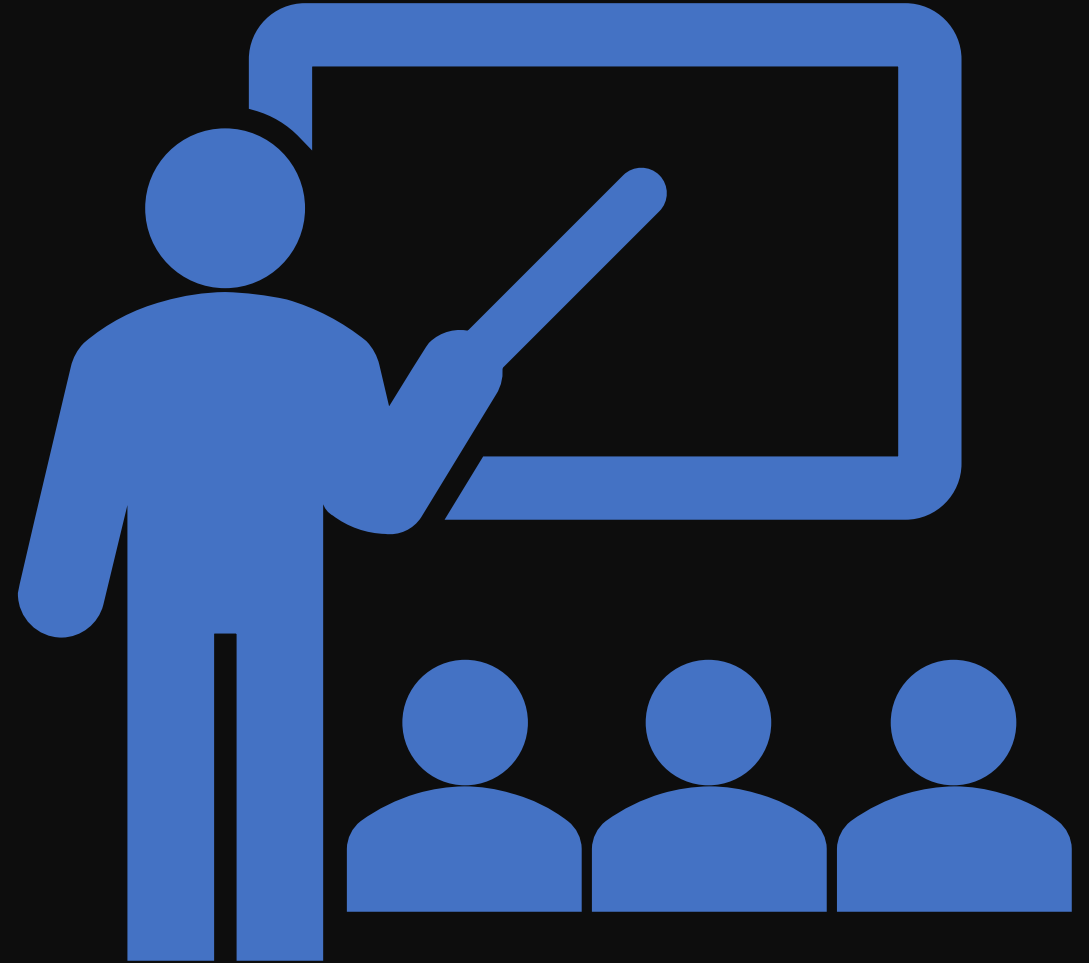
- An apprenticeship is a program where you work and learn, out in the field and in the classroom. You will work in a trade to become Level 1, 2, 3 or 4 certified. The vast majority of your learning occurs while working.
- Education & length of training depends on the trade and what level you wish to 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!
- The Industry Trade Authority of BC (ITABC) has videos to help you understand the benefits of studying a trade:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jB8jVBK8XKU>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kiE3rWfGuFU>
- To find a list of apprenticeship trades go to: www.itabc.ca

Starting your Apprenticeship in High School

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- If you know you want to work in the trades, start your apprenticeship in high school
 - Go to careerprograms.vsb.bc.ca to see programs available
 - Benefits of going starting an apprenticeship while in high school
 - Earn dual credit (high school AND post-secondary credit)
 - Save time by starting post-secondary studies now
 - VSB pays for your first year of apprenticeship training
 - Gain valuable work experience immediately
 - You are still considered a DT student & can take part in all DT grad activities
 - Contact Mark Reid (mreid@vsb.bc.ca) for more info. He is a teacher at VSB Career Programs

Keeping Options Open and 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 forms.
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Academic Advisors



- Each PSI hires recruitment & academic advisors to help prospective 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

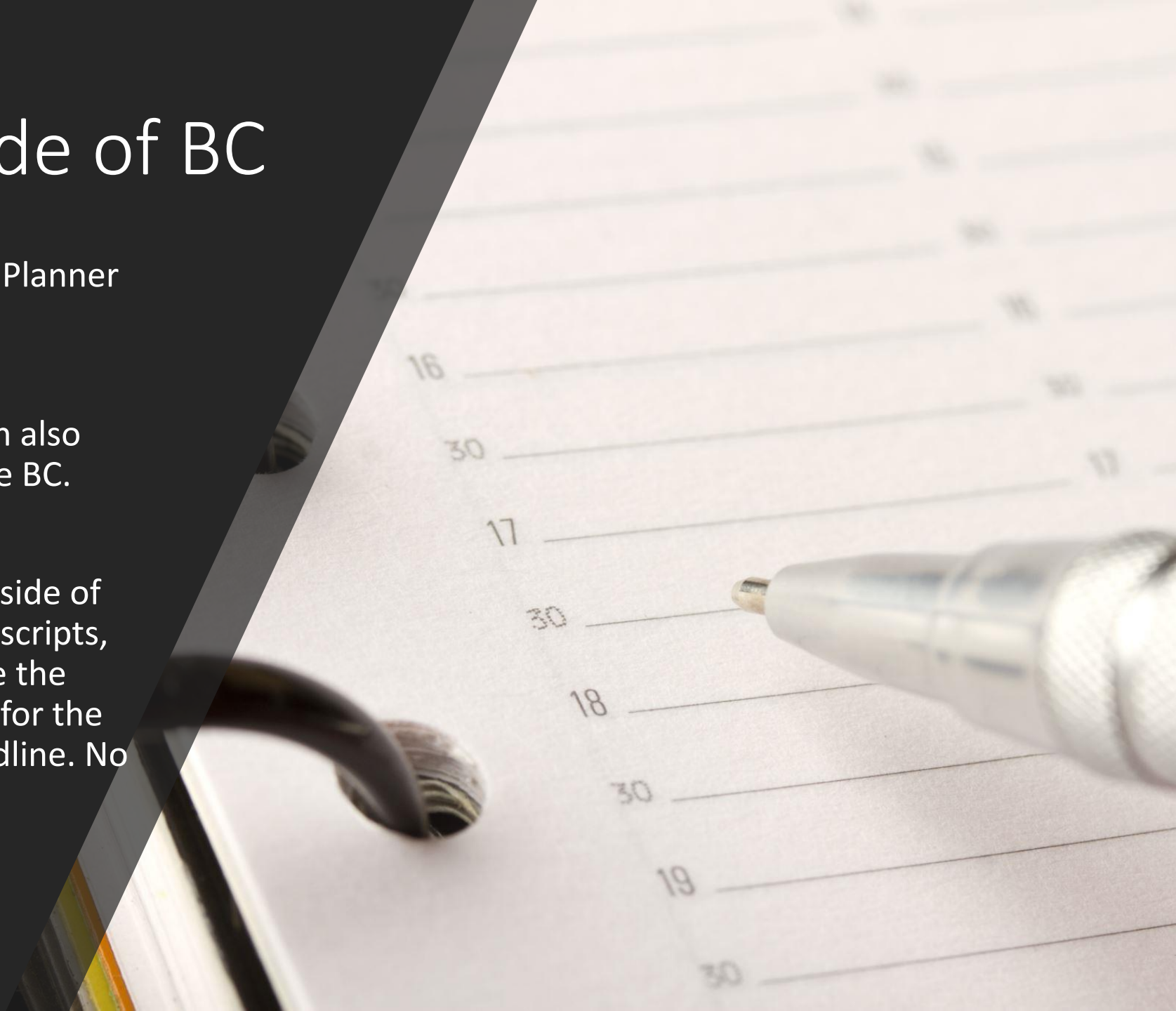
Application Process

- 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

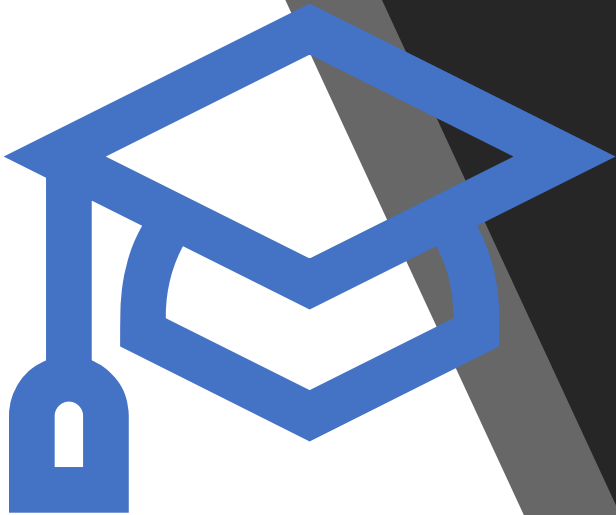


Applying Outside of BC

- Ontario's version of Education Planner 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 additional information such as a personal profile, portfolios & resumes 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 form/scholarship application at this time (<https://beedie.sfu.ca/programs/undergraduate/bba-major/requirements/supplemental-application-high-school>)
- 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 (PSI) FORM

- PSIs need access to your marks to consider your applications. You give them access by completing a PSI form in Student Transcripts Service (STS)
- Visit <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates/about-studenttranscripts> to learn more about STS.
- Need to create a BCeID account
- WATCH the online informational videos to set up your account (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates/help>)
- PSI form must be completed online starting in January by all Grade 12 students. The Ministry of Education requires this form be completed as this will direct them to send your marks to the PSIs you have chosen.

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. Generally, the date has been January 31; however, due to COVID some PSIs have extended these deadlines.
- 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 grade 8; lots of info on careers, job searching, doing self inventories, PSI programs
 - See me if you need help accessing your account
- 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 ~ \$187 per credit
- Langara ~ \$103 per credit
- SFU ~ \$200 per credit
- Capilano University ~\$138 per credit
- Douglas College ~\$110 per credit

This is tuition only!

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

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**

David Thompson Scholarships (Internal)

- Only DT students are eligible
- To qualify you must have taken seven Grade 12 level subjects at DT (not online nor during summer school), demonstrate strong citizenship, have positive involvement in school and the community, and be in good standing with DT
- Skills/Support blocks are not eligible grade 12 subjects
- Scholarships are advertised during the school year. Check the Grade 12 Teams and the bulletin for postings.
- More information about scholarships is found under Guidance and Support on the DT website.

External Scholarships

- There are many scholarships available from banks, 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 two 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

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- 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

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- 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: 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 (ELL)

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

Any Questions?

Feel free to contact me if you have any further questions

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