Planning for Post-Secondary

A.R. MacNeill Secondary School

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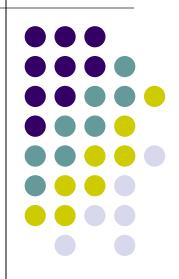
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Graduation Requirements



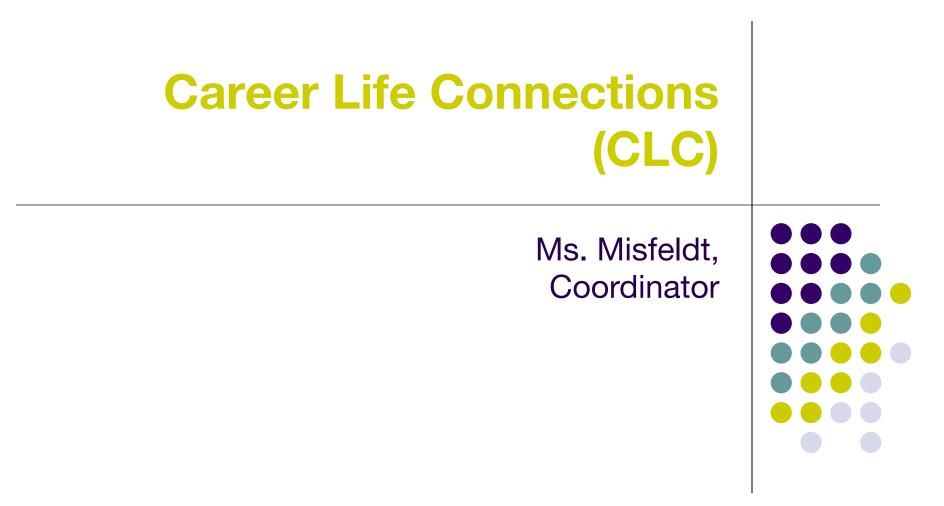
Graduation Requirements



Graduation Credits Minimum 80 credits required

Career Life Connections 11 & 12 English 12 Literary Studies 3 Grade 12 courses (any courses)

Numeracy & Literacy Assessments 10 Literacy 12 assessment



Career Life Connections(CLC) 12

- Four-credit course required for graduation
 - 2 credits in grade 11
 - 2 credits in grade 12
- "off timetable" (students complete on their own time with the help of their assigned CLC teacher)
- Explore education, work-related & life opportunities
- Develop personal & social competencies
- Includes 30 hours of work or volunteer experience (Gr 11)
- Capstone in Gr 12 (project based around a passion)

Career Life Connections (CLC)

Several components:

- Reflections on Personal Well-being
- Community Connections (Networking)
- Planning for Career & Life after graduation (Transferable Skills)
- Capstone Project & Celebration (June 26 & 27, 2023)

Parents should receive an email with a course outline from their child's assigned CLC 11 or 12 teacher

Post-Secondary Options



Course/Program Choices



Skilled Trades Technical School

College College --> University University Certificate Diploma Degree

> American College/University? Let Counsellor know ASAP!

What is a skilled Trade?



A trade is a type of work that usually requires an apprenticeship

Examples of skilled trades may include:

HairstylingPlumbing.AestheticsElectricianUpholsteryMachinistMillwrightCarpenterAboristChefHorticulturistIT technician



Youth TRAIN in Trades



BENEFITS TO PARTICIPATING IN A DISTRICT YOUTH TRAIN IN TRADES PROGRAM:

•<u>**TUITION PAID**</u> (by Richmond School District #38 at a savings of \$2500 - \$4000)

-Early admission to post-secondary studies while in high school

•Earn TRIPLE CREDITS for:

- * high school courses count as grade 12 electives
- * post-secondary school (university/college credits)
- * Industry Training Authority (ITA) credit for Level 1
- -Gain a competitive advantage and employable skills
- Improve earning potential coming right out of high school
- -Earn Work-Based Hours toward trade certification

Choosing a Post-Secondary Program



Canadian University Event (CUE) Oct 6 in Surrey and Oct 11 in Burnaby For info and to register: <u>https://cuebc.org/events/</u>

BC Post Secondary Event at MacNeill (Mini Fair) *Tuesday Oct 25th*

Programs Research: Search on-line for programs in BC <u>www.educationplanner.bc.ca</u> <u>https://myblueprint.ca/</u>

Virtual Informational sessions, open houses & campus tours

Choosing a Post-Secondary Program



Search for programs using keywords and filters...

 Within British Columbia – use <u>www.educationplanner.bc.ca</u>

 Throughout Canada – use your student account at <u>https://myblueprint.ca</u>

Check admission requirements



Requirements vary from institution to institution, and program to program. Check carefully for...

- <u>General Admission Requirements</u> Minimum requirements for getting your foot in the door at the post-secondary institution itself (*often includes proof of English proficiency*)
- Program Admission Requirements Minimum requirements for studying within a specific program at the post-secondary institution

Staying Informed



- A.R. MacNeill Website
- My School Day App
- Twitter
 @ARMacNeill

Staying Informed



The Career Centre News Website:

https://portal.sd38.bc.ca/public/y4q4m6k/Pages/def ault.aspx#/

Ms.Mayer Career Centre Facebook Page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/Ms-Mayer-Career-</u> Centre-333673583360594/

Ms. Mayer Career Centre Website Information



- Scholarships, bursaries, and other financial aid
- Entrance tests required for post-secondary (IELTS, TOEFL, SAT, ACT, etc.)
- Volunteer/enrichment opportunities
- University or college admission
- Enrichment and Leadership program opportunities
- Check items on home page calendar for details
- Check 'New Info' tab for latest updates



Applications open soon!



University applications open in Sept/Oct

Applications open October 1 for:

- Langara*
- Douglas College*
- Kwantlen Polytechnic University*
- BCIT

*Registration for courses in open-enrollment programs based on date of application (1st to apply = 1^{st} registration dates)

Complete necessary admission requirements (i.e. LPI, SAT, TOEFL, etc.) *before* the deadline

Get Organized

Create digital files and/or binder sections for each PSI to which you plan to apply:

- First & Second Choice Program, including
 - Campus, if applicable
 - Admission requirements
- Calendar, noting deadlines

You may want to set a reminder for these deadlines in your phone or electronic calendar.

Apply for Admission

Common Applications for PSI's...

- In British Columbia: <u>https://www.educationplannerbc.ca</u>
- In Ontario: <u>https://www.ouac.on.ca</u>

PSI's outside British Columbia, or private institutions not listed on Common Applications: *Follow application instructions on the PSI's web page*

You will need your PEN number (on your report cards)

Stay Organized



After submitting each application, update your files:

- Record your student number assigned by the PSI
- Bookmark the PSI's student portal
- Note admissions advisor/recruiter contact information

POST SECONDARY INSTITUTES (PSI'S)

- Most PSI's require <u>electronic</u> transmission of marks
 - Release through Student Transcript Service (STS)
 - Pay close attention to each PSI's deadline
- Ministry needs student's permission by March 1st

STS Instructions Handout Available on School Website



StudentTranscripts Service (STS) is an online application for students to view their school marks, transcripts, scholarships and send transcripts electronically to post secondary institutions and employers.



You will need to consent to the STS privacy notice which enables the ministry to send your transcripts to your selected PSIs by paper or electronically depending on how the PSI is able to receive transcripts. Printed copies of transcripts may take up to 3 weeks for processing and delivery to your selected PSIs.

Troubleshooting:

For BCeID questions: https://www.bceid.ca For StudentTranscripts questions: Studenttranscripts@gov.bc.ca.

To access Student Transcript Services:

- 1. Create a *Basic BCeID Account* (<u>www.bceid.ca</u>)
 - Requires your Personal Education Number (PEN)

2. Log in to Student Transcript Services (STS)

- View assessment scores
- View transcript

<u>NOTE</u>: Marks seen on STS are not "live," but are updated regularly through a transfer of data between schools and the Ministry of Education.

3. Select the Post-Secondary Institutions (PSI's) to which you want your transcript sent:

- Choose option:
 - "Send my transcript now and allow this post-secondary institution to request transcript updates."
 - Default date (one year), so that the PSI can retrieve your grades throughout the school year
- Consent to the Privacy Notice
- Submit

(Be sure to note date you release your marks in your files)

Official (Paper) Transcripts



- Some PSI's require an official paper transcript
 - Most PSI's want marks before May 1
 - Deadlines may vary by PSI/program

Official transcript obtained from school office (\$5.00 each)

Stay Up To Date

- Check PSI portal regularly for application status updates and important instructions
- Attend workshops and info sessions as offered (*in person or virtual*)
- Tour campuses, if possible
- Contact PSI Admissions Advisor with questions

Hang in there!



- Offers of admission usually start rolling in between February and April
- Most offers will be "conditional," until you complete all grad requirements and final marks have been posted and reviewed by the PSI (July)
- Continue putting forth your best effort, to maintain your offer of admission

Hang in there!



- Remember to apply for campus housing, if needed
- Accept offer and pay deposit for your chosen PSI program before the deadline
- Class registration dates usually occur in July and August—Attend preparatory workshops offered by your PSI <u>before</u> your registration date/time!

Oh, no! Is it too late..?!

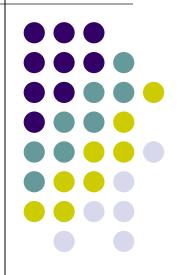


We are hoping that you've planned well in advance, but if you didn't and now you do not have the courses you need for your post-secondary plans, please make an appointment to speak with your Counsellor.

(Appointments for current MacNeill students may be made on-line using the QR code here)



Financing Post-Secondary





- Family contributions
- Student Loans (must be repaid)
- Grants or Bursaries (no repayment needed)
- Scholarships (no repayment needed)

Canada/BC Loans & Grants



- In response to Covid-19, the Government of Canada has increased grants available to students
- Go to <u>www.canlearn.ca</u> to learn more about Federal & Provincial grants and student loans
- Resources available at <u>www.canlearn.ca</u> include a Federal student aid estimator
- Note: Grants/Bursaries <u>do no</u>t need to be repaid Student Loans <u>do</u> need to be repaid





Potential Scholarship Resources

- In School Scholarship Program: Applications available online after Spring Break
- Ms. Mayer Career Centre Website (see calendar on home page for deadlines)
- Community/Business/Athletic/associations and clubs to which you or your family belong
- Workplace
- Post Secondary Institutions to which your student is applying
- Scholarship Websites (*i.e.* <u>https://studentawards.com</u>)

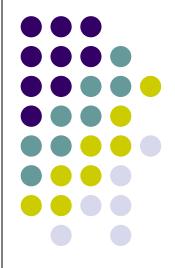
How Parents Can Help



- Get curious about your child's postsecondary plans
- Help your child meet deadlines
- Be available to discuss details of the 'First Year After High School' (CLC assignment)

Graduation Activities

- Boat Cruise October 28
- Winter Formal Feb 16
- Valedictory June 7
- Grad Dinner Dance & Dry Grad June 29



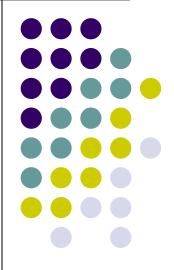
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Graduation Activities 2022-2023

Stay tuned...looking to collaborate with our Grads in the coming weeks...!

Q & A

- General Questions are taken at this time
- More specific individual questions about post secondary choices & options you are asked to make an appointment with Ms. Mayer to find out more information.



Thank you for coming!

Have a great year!