Planning for Post-Secondary

A.R. MacNeill Secondary School

Presentation for Parents & Students Sept. 24th, 2024, 6:00 pm



Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the həṅḍəmiṅəṁ language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.



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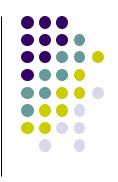
Roles of Counsellors and Career Information Advisor

When do students see a counsellor?

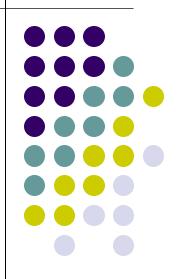
- Concerns/questions regarding mental health
- Support and resources for wellness
- Interpersonal skill building ie: conflict resolution support
- Questions/concerns regarding graduation, course selection and schedules

When do students see the Career/Post-Secondary Advisory?

- Career exploration
- Post-secondary studies exploration
- Navigating post –secondary admissions
- Financing post-secondary



Graduation Requirements



Graduation Requirements

Minimum 80 credits required including

- All Gr 10 and 11 Required Courses
 - Career Life Connections 11/12
- An English 12 that meets graduation requirements
 - 2 additional Grade 12 courses (any courses)
 - At least one 4-credit course focused on
- First Peoples content and issues (new last year)
- At least one 4-credit course re: Fine Arts or ADST

Numeracy 10 & Literacy Assessments 10 Literacy 12 Assessment

(Note: All full courses in Gr 10/11/12 = 4 credits each)



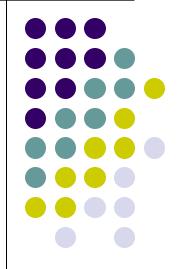
Career Life Connections (CLC)

Ms. Datoo and Ms. Lewin

Career Life Connections(CLC) 12

- A 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, support can be accessed during PLT)
- Support transition to post-secondary years.
- Students explore education, work & other opportunities
- Identify and develop personal & social competencies
- Gr 11: 30 hours of work or volunteer experience
- Gr 12: Capstone (project based around a passion)

Post-Secondary Options



Course/Program Choices



Skilled Trades Technical School

College College --> University University

Certificate Diploma Degree

American College/University? Let Counsellor know ASAP!

Choosing a Post-Secondary Program Canadian University Event (CUE) For info and to register: <u>https://cuebc.org/events/</u>



MacNeill's BC Post Secondary Event (Mini Fair) Tuesday, November 19^{th.} (during school hours)

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

MacNeill Post-Secondary Info Sessions, at Lunch Time KPU: Sept 24th · Langara: Oct. 1st U of A: Oct. 11th SFU-Beedie: Nov 5th

Virtual Information 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...

- General Admission Requirements 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.
 Check program and individual course requirements

Staying Informed



- A.R. MacNeill Website: Posted information/events
- Twitter
 @ARMacNeill
- Instagram
 @ARMacNeill







The Career Centre News Website:

https://macneill.sd38.bc.ca/student/careercentre-information

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

Applications Open SOON!

University applications open in October

Applications open October 1 for:

- Langara*
- Douglas College*
- Kwantlen Polytechnic University*
- BCIT
- Open-enrollment programs, based on date of application (1st to apply = 1st to register)

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

Apply for Admission



Common Applications for PSI's...

• In British Columbia:

https://www.educationplannerbc.ca

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 (Personal Education Number) to make an application. You can find this in MyEd on your report card

Career Centre Information Website

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



What is a skilled Trade?

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

Examples of skilled trades may include:

HairstylingPlumbingAestheticsElectricianUpholsteryMachinistMillwrightCarpenterAboristChefHorticulturistIT 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

Youth WORK in Trades



- Must be employed (paid work) with a red seal certified supervisor (does not need to be direct)
- Every 250 hours = 4 credits
- -Gain a competitive advantage and employable skills
- Improve earning potential coming right out of high school
- Earn Work-Based Hours Toward Trade Certification



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 and make note of this in your records
 - Ministry needs student's permission to release marks 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:

- Create a Basic BCeID Account (<u>www.bceid.ca</u>)
 - Requires your Personal Education Number (PEN).
 - You can find your PEN on any report card on MyEd

- Log in to Student Transcript Services (STS). You can:
 - View Literacy/Numeracy assessment scores
 - View Transcript

<u>NOTE</u>: <u>Marks seen on STS are not "live</u>," 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 these options:
 - "Send my transcript now and allow this postsecondary 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

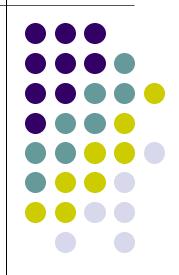
(Be sure to note date you release your marks in your files)

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.
 - Read the fine print of all emails from PSIs
- Official transcript can be obtained from school office (\$5.00 each)

Getting Organized



Get Organized

Keep track of your valuable program research: Created digital files /binder notes for each PSI you want to apply to. Make notes about:

- First & Second Choice Program, including
- Admission requirements: General and Program Requirements + specific course requirements. Highlight courses that meet requirements at several PSIs
- Campus, if applicable (ie UBC Okanagan/UBC Vancouver
- Admission deadlines
- Other: virtual tours, campus orientations/visits You may want to set a reminder for these deadlines in your phone or electronic calendar.

Stay Organized



After submitting each application, update your files:

- Record your student number assigned by the PSI
- Record all passwords you use regarding PSI accounts
- Review research notes for important information (ie, deadlines, updates, etc)
- Bookmark the PSI's student portal
- Note admissions advisor/recruiter contact information
- Note opportunities at PSIs for virtual tours, inperson/virtual student information sessions, etc

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
- Attend in School PSI Presentations

Hang in there!



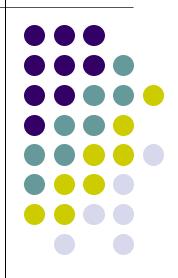
- Offers of admission usually start rolling in between February and April
- Most offers will be "conditional," until you complete all grad requirements and final marks have been posted and reviewed by the PSI (July)
- Continue putting forth your best effort, to maintain your offer of admission

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!

Financing Post-Secondary





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





Potential Scholarship Resources

- In School (MacNeill-based) Scholarship Program: Applications available online after Spring Break (Students must have 6 MacNeill courses to qualify
- 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 students apply
- Scholarship Websites (i.e. <u>https://studentawards.com</u>)

How Parents Can Help

- Get curious about your child's post-secondary plans
- Help your child discuss the details of planning for postsecondary, including financial details
- Be available to discuss details of the 'First Year After High School' assignment (CLC assignment)
- Help your child stay organized to meet CLC 12 and Post-Secondary Application deadlines
- Visit local Post-Secondary Institutions with your child, either in-person or virtually. PSIs generally post virtual tours on their websites



Thank you for coming!

Have a GREAT year!