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TAKE THE NEXT STEP

JOIN A **DIVERSE CAMPUS COMMUNITY** WITH STUDENTS FROM **60+ COUNTRIES**

MEET FRIENDS AND BUILD **NETWORKS** WITH MORE THAN 7,500 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENTS AT FOUR CAMPUSES

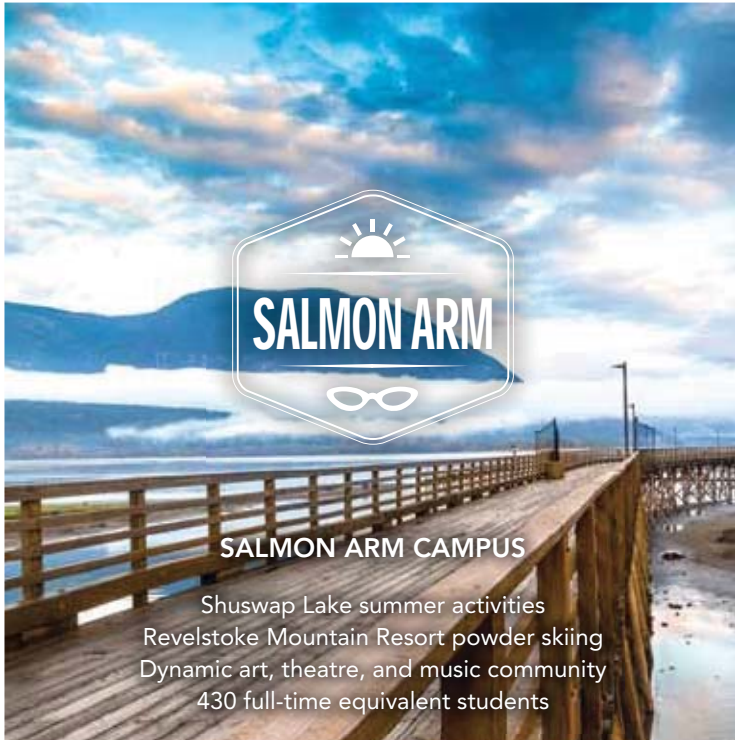
FLEXIBLE LEARNING: STUDY ON CAMPUS FULL-TIME, PART-TIME OR BY DISTANCE


MORE THAN **\$1 MILLION** WORTH OF **FINANCIAL AID** AND STUDENT AWARDS AVAILABLE

LEARN FROM **PROFESSORS AND INSTRUCTORS** WITH **REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE** AND INDUSTRY KNOWLEDGE

92 PER CENT OF OKANAGAN COLLEGE BACCALAUREATE GRADUATES AND APPRENTICES ARE **EMPLOYED***

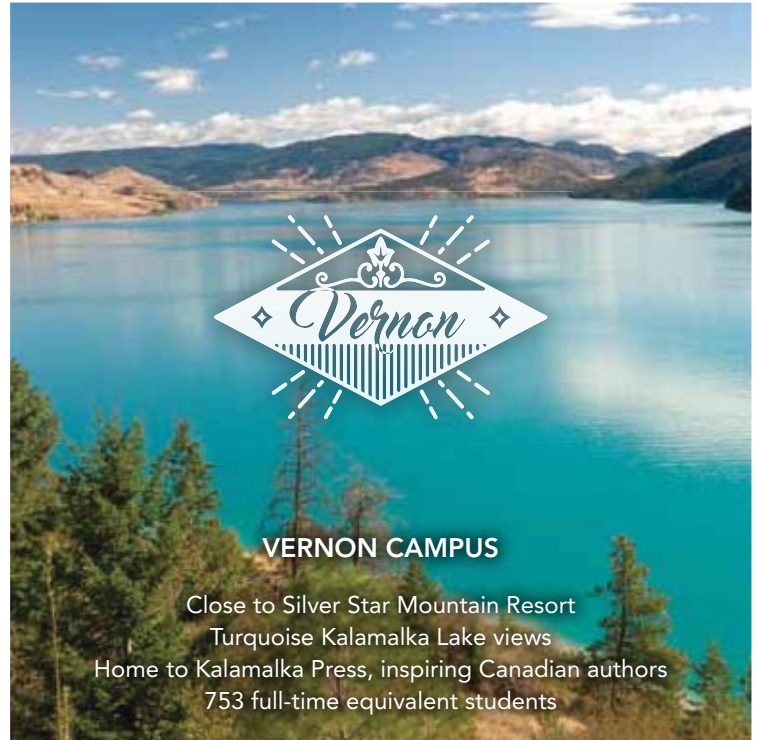
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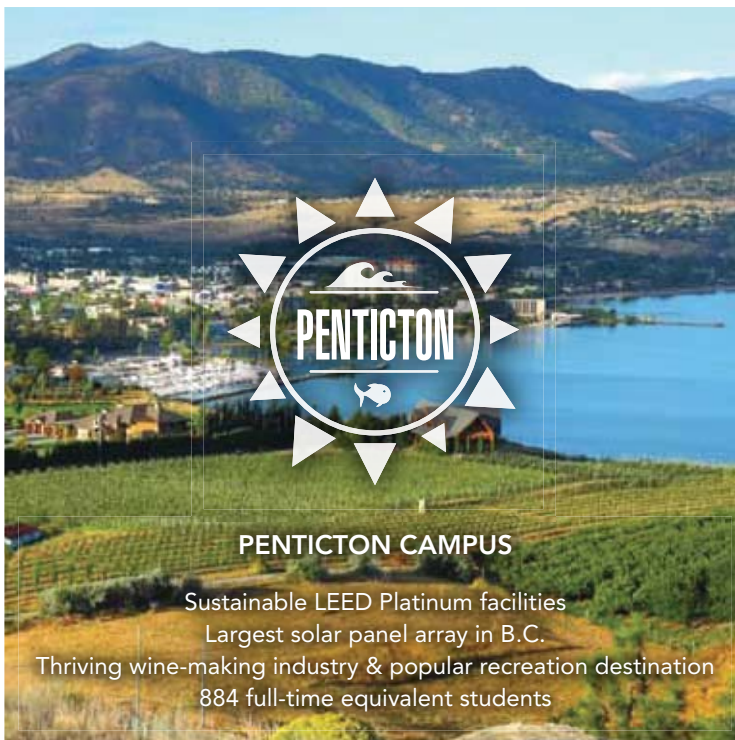
Shuswap Lake summer activities
 Revelstoke Mountain Resort powder skiing
 Dynamic art, theatre, and music community
 430 full-time equivalent students






VERNON CAMPUS

Close to Silver Star Mountain Resort
 Turquoise Kalamalka Lake views
 Home to Kalamalka Press, inspiring Canadian authors
 753 full-time equivalent students





PENTICTON CAMPUS

Sustainable LEED Platinum facilities
 Largest solar panel array in B.C.
 Thriving wine-making industry & popular recreation destination
 884 full-time equivalent students





KELOWNA CAMPUS

Sustainable LEED Gold facilities
 Cutting-edge new trades building
 Vibrant city living with strong economic growth
 5,000+ full-time equivalent students

UNIVERSITY STUDIES IN ARTS

Develop your critical thinking and research skills. Immerse yourself in new perspectives, histories and cultures. Communicate in new ways, and address long-standing and emerging questions in today's world. While studying arts at Okanagan College you will gain a broader understanding and hone in your passion with more than 180 different courses in 21 subject areas to choose from.

Earn a two-year Associate of Arts degree, complete one of our diploma programs in a specialized area of study, or continue to transfer to a degree program at another post-secondary institution (see page 9 for details on university transfer).

ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Associate of Arts Degree

DIPLOMAS

Communications, Culture and Journalism Studies
Criminal and Social Justice
Environmental Studies
General Studies
International Development
Writing and Publishing

CERTIFICATE

Advanced Certificate in Communication

ARTS



AREAS OF STUDY

Anthropology
Communications
Criminology
Environmental Studies
Economics
English
Fine Arts
Gender, Sexuality and
Women's Studies
Geography
History
Indigenous Studies
Modern Languages
Philosophy
Political Science
Psychology
Social Work
Sociology

CAREER OPTIONS

Author
Journalist
Lawyer
Policy Researcher
Public Relations Associate
Teacher
Urban Planner

"Stepping into the classroom at Okanagan College straight out of high school was stress-free. It's a really welcoming environment and I can tell my instructors care about my success. For me, the OC experience is the way to go – more affordable, more approachable, and a better learning environment."

Lara Harder is currently completing the two-year Environmental Studies Diploma at Okanagan College. She plans to transfer to UNBC to complete her Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies.

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okanagan.bc.ca/arts

UNIVERSITY STUDIES IN SCIENCE

Build a strong academic base and ignite your passion for scientific exploration. A two-year Associate of Science degree or course studies in the sciences develops students' abilities to think critically, experiment, and solve problems using scientific principles in a dynamic learning environment.

Whether you are interested in education, health sciences, nutrition, forestry, medicine, dentistry, or research, a foundation in the sciences provides the building blocks for future studies and undergraduate degrees.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE

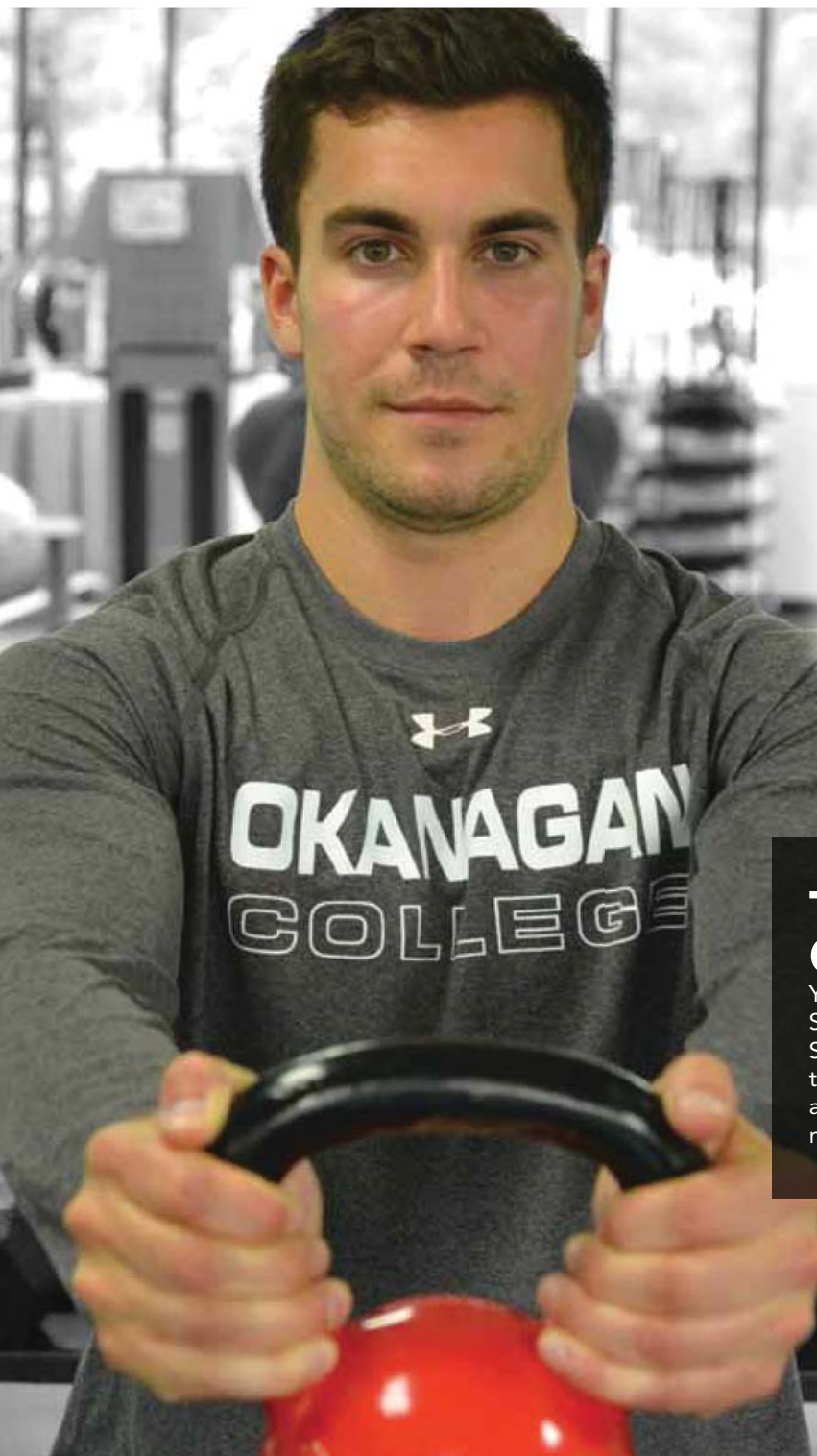
Associate of Science Degree

AREAS OF STUDY

Astronomy
Biology
Chemistry
Computer Science
Earth and Environmental Science
Geography
Mathematics
Physics
Statistics

CAREER OPTIONS

Astronomer
Biochemist
Ecologist
Doctor
Nutritionist
Researcher
Statistician
Teacher



"From the biolab to the basketball court, I never stopped learning while I was at Okanagan College. The solid foundation of knowledge and the practical training I received helped me break into the industry immediately after graduation."

Nate Radford graduated in 2013 from the two-year Human Kinetics Diploma program. He is a Certified Personal Trainer through the Canadian Society of Exercise Physiology (CSEP-CPT) who helps athletes and people of all abilities improve their fitness.

TRANSFERABLE CREDITS

Your university degree starts at OC. Study first- and second-year Arts and Science courses that are fully transferable to universities in British Columbia, as well as some others within Canada. Find out more at bctransferguide.ca.

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BUSINESS

"The Okanagan School of Business was where I practiced business techniques offered up by professionals who instructed from experience. These were mentors imparting real-world tools and wisdom in classrooms that transformed theory into substance. I would recommend the program to anyone with a hunger to explore the practical value of applied business. Get involved. Get connected. The opportunities to join national competitions and take part in research and community projects will give you a big head-start."

Leighton Coombs graduated in 2016 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a specialization in marketing. He is already putting his business skills to work for a number of community-focused organizations.

DEGREE

Bachelor of Business Administration

DIPLOMAS

Business Administration
Commercial Aviation
Post-Baccalaureate Diploma
(Accounting or Marketing)

CERTIFICATES

Accounting Assistant
Accounting/Bookkeeping
Administrative Assistant
Business Administration
Business Studies
Legal Administrative Assistant
(Corporate/Conveyancing or Litigation)
Medical Administrative Assistant
Office Assistant
Office Management
Post-Diploma Certificate in
Business Administration

CAREER OPTIONS

Accountant
Advertising Executive
Bookkeeper
Business Consultant
Entrepreneur
Executive Assistant
Financial Officer
Hotel Manager
Human Resources Director
Marketer

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OKANAGAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Okanagan College's School of Business prepares students for success in a fast-paced world. Each business program combines theory and hands-on applied business practices in a student-focused setting with unparalleled instruction from industry leaders.

The comprehensive degree, diploma, and certificate programs enable students to thrive in today's dynamic business marketplace in the fields of accounting, finance, human resources management, management, marketing, and tourism and hospitality management. Students have the opportunity to participate in business competitions and community-based course projects throughout the academic year to test their knowledge and build up their skills.

Put to work what you learn and gain on-the-job experience through co-op programs and work-integrated learning. For details, visit okanagan.bc.ca/coop.

**B.C.'S \$23 BILLION TECH SECTOR
EMPLOYS 86,000 PEOPLE,
AND WAGES FOR THOSE JOBS ARE
60 PER CENT HIGHER THAN
THE PROVINCE'S INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE.***

**British Columbia Technology Report Card 2014*

"My passion has always been in computers, so I wanted a program and a career that would feel more like fun and less like work. I've already had the chance to participate in international competitions and meet employers from all over the world. The instructors are incredibly knowledgeable and have their fingers on the pulse of trends in the sector. It's very exciting knowing I'll be out in the industry soon and will get my chance to be a trailblazer."

Sarah Foss is a first-year Computer Information Systems diploma student, problem-solver extraordinaire, and future trailblazer.

DEGREE

Bachelor of Computer Information Systems


DIPLOMA

Computer Information Systems

CAREER OPTIONS

Computer Programmer
Database Designer
Game Developer
Software Designer or Developer
System Designer
Support Technician
Technology Entrepreneur

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES



COMPUTER SCIENCE

Bursting with start-ups and innovative leading technology firms, the Okanagan's billion-dollar tech sector employs more than 6,500 individuals. A national report identified that more than 182,000 tech jobs will need to be filled in Canada in the next five years.

Okanagan College will prepare you to stay ahead of the curve as you learn the technical and theoretical skills employers look for in the competitive technology industry. In the four-year bachelor degree and two-year diploma programs students learn from industry-leading professors, work with the latest equipment and systems, and gain practical experience working on projects with local companies.

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okanagan.bc.ca/computerscience



TRADES AND APPRENTICESHIP

Help build the province: the B.C. government projects there will be one million job openings across the province by 2022, and 43 per cent of those will require skills you can acquire with training from Okanagan College. The tools to build a successful career are here. For more than 50 years Okanagan College has been the region's leading trades trainer, with a reputation for excellence that extends far beyond the Okanagan.

Learn up-to-date skills from knowledgeable instructors and gain hands-on experience with the latest equipment and technologies in modern training facilities.

FOUNDATION CERTIFICATES (Pre-Apprenticeship)

Aircraft Maintenance Engineer
(M-License and S-License)
Automotive Collision Repair/Painting and
Refinishing Technician
Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician
Automotive Service Technician
Carpentry/Joinery
Electrician (Construction and Industrial)
Heavy Mechanical Foundation

Metal Fabricator (Fitter)
Plumbing and Piping Trades
Recreation Vehicle Service Technician
Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic
Residential Construction
Sheet Metal Worker
Studio Woodworking
Welder Foundation

A young man with dark hair, glasses, and a goatee, wearing a red flight suit with reflective yellow-green stripes and a name tag that says "Mitchell", stands with his arms crossed in front of a white aircraft. The background shows a grassy field and hills.

APPRENTICESHIP

- Automotive Glass Technician
- Automotive Painter
- Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician
- Automotive Service Technician
- Carpenter
- Construction Craft Worker
- Diesel Engine Mechanic
- Electrician (Construction and Industrial)
- Gasfitter (Domestic/Commercial)
- Heavy Duty Equipment Technician
- Heavy Mechanical Trades (HDET, TTM, DEM, TTT)
- Motor Vehicle Body Repairer
- Multi-Process Alloy Welder
- Plumber
- Recreation Vehicle Service Technician
- Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Mechanic
- Sheet Metal Worker
- Steamfitter/Pipefitter
- Transport Trailer Technician
(Commercial Trailer Mechanic)
- Truck & Transport Mechanic
- Welder

EARN A RED SEAL

Apprenticeship technical training (Levels 1 through 4) at Okanagan College combines traditional classroom instruction with practical hands-on experience in well-equipped shops and labs. Visit: okanagan.bc.ca/apprenticeship

"I love the hands-on aspect of the program. It's the best way to learn. We pull engines apart and put them back together. It's a really cool feeling. The instructors are great, and we get to work on some pretty incredible aircraft. I've only been doing this for a short time, but I can certainly see myself doing this as a career for life."

Thunder Mitchell is completing his first year in the Aircraft Maintenance Engineering (AME) M-License program. An Aboriginal student of Okanagan, Splatshin, Blackfoot, and Cree heritage, he is gearing up for a career in aviation, possibly with the Canadian Armed Forces.

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okanagan.bc.ca/trades

FOOD, WINE AND TOURISM

From farm to table, vineyard to classroom, seek the recipe for success in the vibrant food, wine and tourism industry located in one of the top travel destinations in the world. Do you have a spark within for creating masterful dishes or a curiosity for understanding how wine is made? And are you committed to providing outstanding guest experiences? Students at Okanagan College benefit from the experience of some of the country's most renowned chefs and winemakers while learning in a region surrounded by award-winning vineyards, restaurants, and celebrated resorts.

DEGREE

Bachelor of Business Administration
(Tourism and Hospitality Management)

DIPLOMAS

Business Administration
(Tourism and Hospitality Management)
Culinary Management
Viticulture Technician

CERTIFICATES

Culinary Arts
Pastry Arts
Viticulture
Wine Sales
Winery Assistant

APPRENTICESHIP

Professional Cook

CAREER OPTIONS

Caterer
Cellar Hand
Executive Chef
Hotelier
Pastry Chef
Restaurant Manager
Sous Chef
Tour Operator
Viticulturist
Vineyard Owner and Operator
Winery Assistant


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"Cooking has always been my passion and I wanted to take it to the next level. In training to become a Red Seal Cook, I've had the chance to work with some amazing chefs and gain the technical skills to match my creativity. The Okanagan valley offers unbelievable ingredients, and so the opportunity to cook farm-, vineyard- or orchard-to-table food is right at your fingertips here. For a chef and foodie, that's as good as it gets."

Rachel Broe, second year Professional Cook Apprentice, is working at Summerhill Pyramid Winery.



"I feel like there is a great deal of support available at Okanagan College. The instructors share their experiences and all the lessons they've learned during their careers. Between the theoretical knowledge in class and the hands-on training I gained during my practicum in a busy hospital, I feel very well prepared and confident for the career ahead of me."

Alisha Lemke is finishing the last semester of her Therapist Assistant diploma.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Improve people's lives through health and well-being. Okanagan College's health care, early childhood education, and human service work programs provide the theoretical and technical training you need, in a small-class size setting, to achieve a rewarding career providing excellence in patient and client care.

Across the country, career opportunities in health care continue to grow rapidly as the population ages and society places an increased premium on wellness and vitality. Develop specialized expertise through one of Okanagan College's many certificate and diploma programs in a variety of applied and in-demand fields. Step into a career in caring.



DEGREE

Bachelor of Science in Nursing
(years 1 and 2)

DIPLOMAS

Early Childhood Education
Human Kinetics
Human Service Work
Practical Nursing
Therapist Assistant

CERTIFICATES

Certified Dental Assistant
Health Care Assistant
Pharmacy Technician

CAREER OPTIONS

Certified Dental Assistant
Early Childhood Educator
Health Care Administrator
Health Care Assistant
Human Service Worker
Kinesiologist
Licensed Practical Nurse
Registered Nurse
Therapist Assistant

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okanagan.bc.ca/health

A young man with brown, curly hair and black-rimmed glasses is smiling at the camera. He is wearing a red, blue, and white plaid shirt. In the background, there is a rack of network equipment with blue and red cables plugged into it.

"I knew I wanted to follow my passion for computers and technology, but I wasn't sure where to begin. I spoke with a few instructors and they opened my eyes to just how many different careers there are in engineering technology, and which programs align with my interests. I love that class is not about cramming facts into your head. It's all about preparing you to identify problems and solve them. The instructors are focused on helping us develop our critical thinking skills, so we can come up with solutions on our own. It's a very active learning experience."

Brendan Battersby, second year Network and Telecommunications Engineering Technology (NTEN) student, is already plugging in his skills through a co-op position with a local school district.

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIES

Gear up to be job-ready and gain a competitive advantage with the technical know how, versatile skills and real-world experience you'll acquire through Okanagan College's engineering technology programs. Instructors bring their sector experience and partnerships into small class-size settings to ensure you get the most out of your education.

Engineering technology students explore how things work and provide technology solutions that help structure our cities, communities, businesses, and buildings. Take advantage of the co-op program and work-integrated learning opportunities to gain a head-start on your career. Visit okanagan.bc.ca/coop for details.

DIPLOMAS

Civil Engineering Technology
Electronic Engineering Technology
Mechanical Engineering Technology
Network and Telecommunications Engineering Technology
Sustainable Construction Management Technology
Water Engineering Technology

CAREER OPTIONS

Civil Designer
Control Systems Specialist
Environmental Technician
Field Technician
IT Technician
LEED Project Manager
Mechanical Designer
Quality Control Inspector
Sustainable Construction Manager
Technical Service Representative
Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator



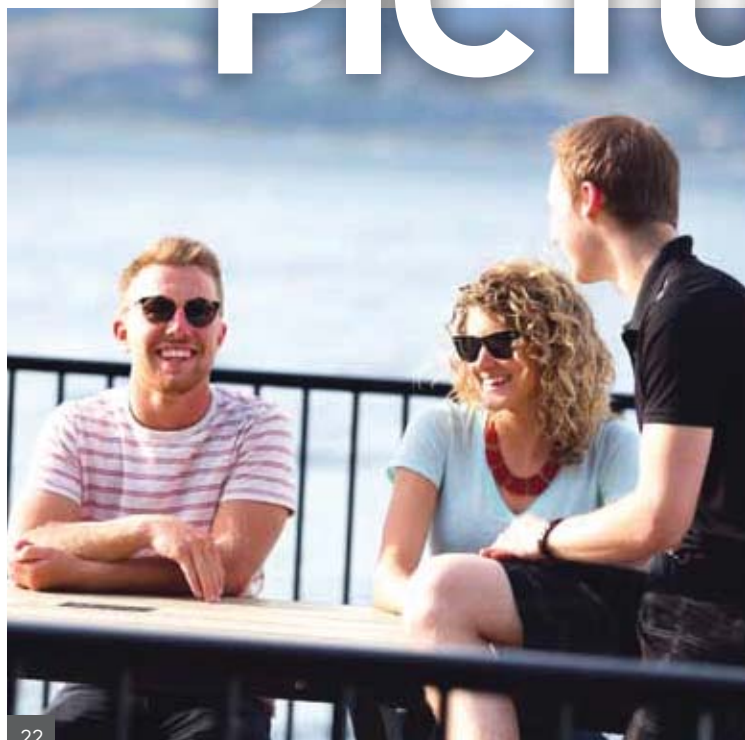
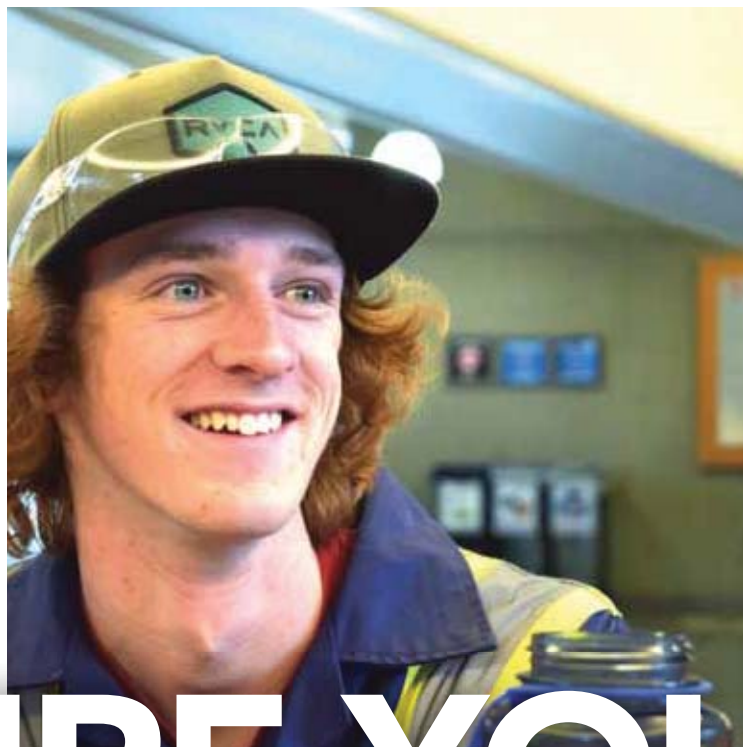
BRIDGE TO DEGREES

Bridge your Okanagan College Engineering Technology diploma to a degree.

- Graduates can bridge into Okanagan College's Bachelor of Business Administration program.
- Civil, Mechanical and Electronic Engineering Technology diploma graduates can bridge into degree programs at UBC Okanagan. Additional bridge options are available with Canadian universities, including: Lakehead University, the University of Alberta, and the University of Victoria.

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PICTURE YOU



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FOUNDATIONAL PROGRAMS

Okanagan College's Foundational programs offer the boost you need to achieve your educational goals. Our dedicated teachers, small classes, and individual attention will support you in obtaining prerequisite credentials so that you can pursue the career of your dreams, develop essential skills, or improve your language skills.

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION (UPGRADING)

Complete the prerequisites, or improve your high school marks, to get into the program of your choice with upgrading in a variety of subjects including biology, chemistry, computer studies, English, mathematics and social studies at the fundamental, intermediate, advanced and provincial level. Adult learners can obtain their high school graduation requirements with the B.C. Adult Graduation Diploma (Adult Dogwood).

Get started upgrading today. There is significant financial aid available that may cover the cost of your tuition. Learn more and apply online at okanagan.bc.ca/abechanges.

ADULT SPECIAL EDUCATION

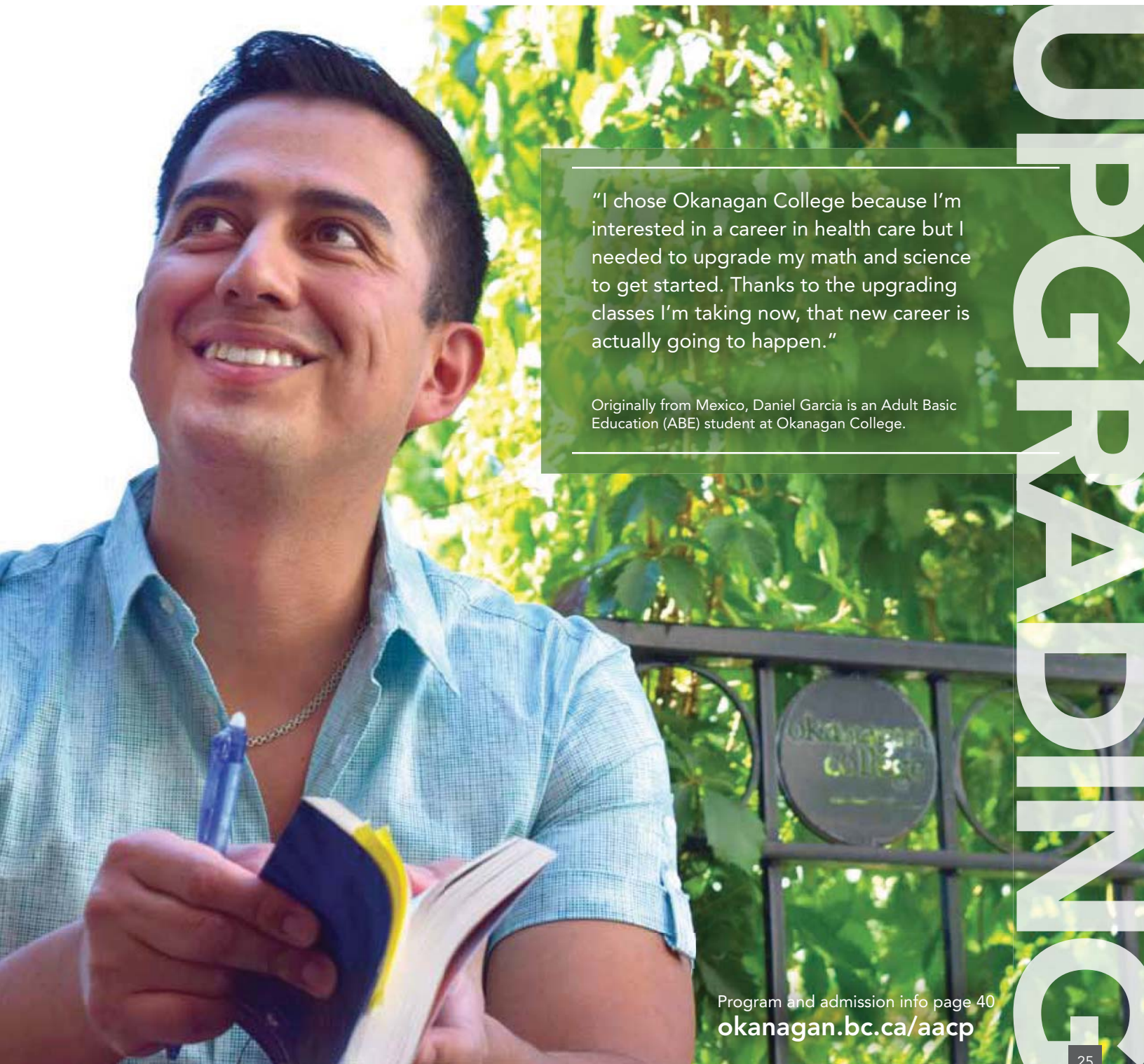
Adult Special Education offers a variety of courses and certificate programs for students with special learning needs who wish to work on employment preparation skills, academic skills and independent living skills.

- Advanced Skills
- Basic Skills - A
- Basic Skills - B
- Preparing for Access to Careers and Education (PACE)
- Supported Access to Modified Education (SAME)

ENGLISH SKILLS

Whether you are an international student, Canadian citizen or permanent resident, Okanagan College offers both the English as a Second Language (ESL) and the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) programs at the beginner, intermediate and advanced levels to ensure students reach their English oral, written and comprehension proficiency goals.





"I chose Okanagan College because I'm interested in a career in health care but I needed to upgrade my math and science to get started. Thanks to the upgrading classes I'm taking now, that new career is actually going to happen."

Originally from Mexico, Daniel Garcia is an Adult Basic Education (ABE) student at Okanagan College.

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"I didn't grow up with a connection to my Aboriginal heritage. Jennifer's course was my introduction to the Aboriginal community at Okanagan College and in a way helped me to re-connect with that part of my heritage. I would recommend Okanagan College in a heartbeat. I was able to stay close to home, and while some of my friends experienced challenges adjusting to the university environment, I found the College to be an easy transition from high school. There was a lot of support and individual interaction from my professors, which really enhanced my education."

Stephanie Erickson, a self-identified Métis student, graduated with her Associate of Arts degree in 2016. She plans to complete a Bachelor of Arts with a double major in Gender and Women's Studies and Creative Writing at UBC Okanagan.

ABORIGINAL SERVICES

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

An inclusive and supportive environment with personalized education plans contributes to the success of Okanagan College's Aboriginal students. Located within the traditional territories of the Okanagan and Shuswap Nations, our four campuses are home to Aboriginal Services Centres that provide educational advising, transitions planning, peer mentorship, study and social spaces in a comfortable setting for students.

We are dedicated to providing culturally relevant support to Aboriginal students as they pursue their educational and career goals. Each year the College hosts a Powwow, Aboriginal career fair, and an achievements recognition ceremony that honours traditions. We celebrate the rich culture and heritage that all students bring to Okanagan College. We invite you to join our community.

REACH OUT TO AN ABORIGINAL TRANSITIONS PLANNER

Kelowna campus
250-762-5445, ext. 4682

Vernon campus
250-545-7291, ext. 2209

Penticton campus
250-492-4305, ext. 3280

Salmon Arm campus
250-832-2126, ext. 8275


Toll-free 1-877-755-2266 • Email aboriginal@okanagan.bc.ca

okanagan.bc.ca/aboriginal

"From my own experience as a student, I know there can be fears and anxieties when thinking about post-secondary. But my advice to you, future student, would be: go for it. OC is like an extended family and we are a community here to support you. Education and learning is all about conquering our fears and living our dreams. "

Jennifer Leason is a highly regarded Anishina-kwe scholar and PhD candidate who teaches Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies at Okanagan College. She recently piloted a new course on Canadian Indigenous Women's Perspectives, Indigenous Feminism, Oppression and Resistance. Her research focuses on Indigenous women's maternal and reproductive health in Canada.





Pursue lifelong learning and turn your interests and talents into a meaningful career with a Continuing Studies professional certificate. Recognized by employers, our programs are designed to deliver practical education and up-to-date skills needed for today's competitive job market.

Choose Okanagan College Continuing Studies for year-round accessible, affordable, accelerated learning. Study part-time, full-time, on campus or by distance.

CONTINUING STUDIES



"What really elevated the experience for me was the way our instructors helped us develop business skills and a higher standard of professionalism, in addition to the technical skills and knowledge we gained. I learned how to put my best foot forward, both with clients and potential employers. The connections I made with local business owners helped me land a job right after graduation."

Stacy Vargas earned her Esthetics & Nail Technician Certificate at Okanagan College in 2015. She works at Crave Spa in Vernon.

CERTIFICATES BUSINESS

- Basic Accounting
- Introduction to Office Administration
- Leadership Skills
- Project Management

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

- Advanced Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Audio Engineering and Music Production
- AutoCAD Skills

EDUCATION

- Aboriginal Community Support Worker
- Autism Spectrum
- Education Assistant
- Learner-Centred Instructor
- Service and Support in a Learner-Centred Organization
- Teaching English as a Second Language

EMPLOYMENT AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Bartending
- Building Service Worker
- Esthetics and Nail Technology
- Floral Design
- Interior Decorating
- Landscape Horticulture
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Production and Inventory Management

HEALTH

- Dental Office Administrative Assistant
- Gastroenterology Nursing Certificate
- Medical Device Reprocessing Technician
- Medical Office Assistant
- Nursing Unit Assistant

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STUDENT SERVICES

During their first year of studies at Okanagan College, sisters Michelle and Morgan Rogers decided to get involved. They became ambassadors for the Penticton campus and work with the Okanagan College Students' Union (OCSU) to welcome students to campus.

"I've felt a sense of community from the moment I got here. Get to know your profs. Get to know your fellow students. Attend events. Get involved. It will be so worth it."

– Michelle Rogers

"Being involved with the campus community from the very beginning has transformed my educational experience. The friends I've made and the connections I've built are invaluable."

– Morgan Rogers

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Okanagan College is focused on helping students reach their potential with a comprehensive range of support services:

- Aboriginal Services
- Academic Advising
- Accessibility Services
- Alumni Association
- Campus Athletics, Recreation and Student Life
- Campus Stores
- Co-operative Education
- Counselling Services
- Financial Aid and Awards
- Food Services
- Graduate and Student Employment
- Learning Centres
- Library
- Parking Services
- Student Housing
- Student Associations and Clubs, including:
 - Okanagan College Students' Union
 - Vernon Student Association
 - Okanagan Business Students' Association
 - Enactus Okanagan College
 - Accounting Club

CAMPUS LIVING

Skaha Place residence in Kelowna offers a variety of affordable accommodation options only steps away from campus classrooms, fitness facilities, food services and the library. Conveniently located close to restaurants, boutiques and grocery stores in the Pandosy Village and a 10-minute walk to the popular Gyro Beach.

okanagan.bc.ca/housing

LIBRARY SERVICES

With a collection of more than 180,000 books, videos, articles and an array of online resources, Okanagan College Library services at each of the four campuses ensures students can uncover the information they need to advance research and enhance learning, or satisfy their curiosity. Helpful library staff can assist students with locating information, as well as provide research support and instruction in print and electronic information sources.

okanagan.bc.ca/library



1,156

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
REPRESENTING 60+ COUNTRIES.

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EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS
WITH 20 POST-SECONDARY
INSTITUTIONS IN 16 COUNTRIES.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Each year, students from more than 60 countries study alongside domestic students at Okanagan College. This cultural exchange provides a classroom experience with a global perspective and an international outlook – an invaluable asset to today's graduate.

Okanagan College welcomes students from around the world to study in our region and also encourages domestic students to take advantage of study abroad opportunities at one of the College's many partner institutions around the world.

Kevin Zhao is from China. He graduated from the Business Administration Diploma program in 2016. He speaks three languages: Cantonese, Mandarin, and English. Kevin volunteers with International Education to welcome new students to Okanagan College.



**TAKE
YOUR
MARK**



**MAKE
YOUR
MARK**

INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE

FINANCIAL AID AND AWARDS

An investment in your education is one that will never depreciate. Explore the awards, scholarships and bursaries available to help you launch and sustain your post-secondary education at Okanagan College.

The Financial Aid and Awards office is your source for information about financing your education. We can help you create a budget and financial plan for your time as a student, navigate through program costs and understand student loan options available to you.





IN **2015-16** OKANAGAN COLLEGE AND THE OKANAGAN COLLEGE FOUNDATION DISTRIBUTED **OVER \$1 MILLION IN AWARDS** TO MORE THAN 850 STUDENTS.

SCHOLARSHIPS
ARE BASED ON
ACADEMIC
PERFORMANCE.

BURSARIES
ARE AVAILABLE
TO STUDENTS
DEMONSTRATING
FINANCIAL NEED.

FEELING
STRESSED
ABOUT MONEY?
TALK TO US. EMERGENCY
FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE.

OKANAGAN COLLEGE STUDENTS
HAVE **ACCESS** TO MORE THAN
\$50,000 IN AWARDS
FOR STUDENTS GOING ON
EXCHANGES OVERSEAS.

**APPLY
ONLINE**

financialaid@okanagan.bc.ca
okanagan.bc.ca/financialaid

CHOOSE YOUR PROGRAM

PROGRAM OFFERINGS AND ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Okanagan College offers a wide range of credentials in a variety of disciplines. Many programs and courses transfer to universities in B.C. and beyond. Fall, winter and summer sessions, combined with opportunities for full-time, part-time and distance learning, offer students flexible learning options. B.C. secondary school graduation or equivalent (see mature applicants) is required for entry into all degree, diploma, associate degree and most certificate programs. See the calendar at okanagan.bc.ca/calendar for complete admission and minimum grade requirements for all programs.

ENGLISH REQUIREMENTS:

Most programs that require English 12 will also accept English 12 First Peoples, or equivalent Provincial Level Adult Basic Education English. Communications 12 is not acceptable. Applicants without English 12 can complete the Language Proficiency Index (LPI) exam to satisfy the English requirements of most programs at Okanagan College.

MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

Most programs that require Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology or another science will also accept the equivalent Adult Basic Education (ABE) course. Challenge tests or competency exams may be available for courses. Details can be found in the Calendar.

As the B.C. secondary school Mathematics curriculum changes frequently, other courses may be acceptable.

REGULAR APPLICANTS:

Regular applicants are considered students who graduated from secondary school (or equivalent) or are currently enrolled in Grade 12.

MATURE APPLICANTS:

Mature applicants are at least 19 years of age and have been out of full-time secondary school for at least one year prior to commencement of their program. Grade 12 graduation is not required (unless specified), but the applicant must satisfy all general and program-specific admission requirements.

NOTES:

If no percentage grade is indicated for a course that is required for admission to a program, the grade required is 50%. The admission requirements listed on the following pages were current as of the publication date. Please be advised that admission requirements may have changed. All prospective students are advised to see Okanagan College's online Calendar for detailed admission requirements for every program.

okanagan.bc.ca/calendar

Legend:

Campus: P=Penticton, V=Vernon, K=Kelowna, SA=Salmon Arm

Centre: R=Revelstoke, S=Summerland, O=Oliver

Delivery: PT= Part-time, FT= Full-time, D= Distance

Prerequisites: PREC=Pre-Calculus, AWM=Apprenticeship and Workplace Mathematics, FM=Foundations of Mathematics, FM/P Foundations of Mathematics and Pre-Calculus, ENG= English, PNUR=Pre-Practical Nursing Anatomy and Physiology, BIO=Biology, PHYS=Physics, CHEM=Chemistry, BUAD=Business Administration, OADO= Office Administration online, OADM=Office Administration, BAC=Basic Accounting, ACCT=Accounting, CF=Computer Fundamentals, WPM=typing words per minute

* Some courses are available at other campuses

BUSINESS

DEGREE

Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)

A baccalaureate program focused on business in the Canadian and international context. Specialties include: Accounting, Finance, General Studies, Marketing, Tourism and Hospitality Management, Human Resources Management, and Management.

4 years; Start in P/K/V/SA and complete degree in K/V (options vary by campus); PT/FT/D; ENG 12 70%, one of PREC 12 60%, FM 12 60%, AWM 12 60%

DIPLOMAS

Business Administration

This program provides students with a broad understanding of business practices. Options are available in the following areas: Accounting, Financial Services, General Studies, Tourism and Hospitality Management, Human Resources Management, Management, and Marketing.

2 years; P/K/V/SA (options vary by campus); PT/FT/D; ENG 12 60%, one of PREC 11 60%, FM 11 60%, AWM 11 60%

Commercial Aviation

Combine business administration courses with flight training in this unique program. Graduates can become pilots in the aviation industry and can ladder into the Business Administration degree.

2 years; K; FT; ENG 12 60%, one of PREC 11 60%, AWM 11 60%, FM 11 60%, Private pilot license, Cat 1 Aviation Medical and a letter of recommendation from Southern Interior Flight Centre

Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Accounting

Accounting goes beyond the production and audit of accounting records. Accountants are now increasingly involved in areas such as financial strategy development and corporate restructuring. Take an accounting designation with you anywhere in the world and work in industries such as government, finance, banking, not-for-profit and entertainment.

60 credits; Start in P/K/V/SA and complete diploma in K; PT/FT/D; Bachelor degree in a field of study other than Business, Commerce or Accounting

Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Marketing

This 20-course post-baccalaureate diploma is aimed at students with a bachelor degree who wish to pursue a career in the marketing field.

60 credits; Start in P/K/V/SA and complete diploma in K; PT/FT/D; Bachelor degree in in any business or non-business program other than those with a marketing specialty

CERTIFICATES

Accounting Assistant

Prepare for immediate employment performing accounts payable, receivable, payroll or general accounting assistant duties.

650 hours; D; ENG 11 67%, one of PREC 11 60%, FM 11 60%, AWM 11 60%, CF, and a word processing course

Accounting/Bookkeeping

Become an accounting assistant or bookkeeper in a variety of businesses.

20 weeks; K; FT; ENG 11 and one of PREC 11, FM 11 or AWM 11, or completion of Okanagan College Office Assistant Certificate

Administrative Assistant

Develop advanced administrative skills in office procedures, accounting, communication skills and computer software applications.

37 weeks; K/V/SA; FT/D; ENG 11

Business Administration

A flexible program designed to meet immediate career and educational goals, students take first- and second-year courses from a variety of options, and can ladder into Okanagan College diploma and degree programs.

30 credits; P/K/V/SA; PT/FT/D; ENG 12 60%, one of PREC 11 60%, FM 11 60%, AWM 11 60%

Business Studies

This program is geared to those already employed and looking to further develop their knowledge in a specific area. Available options: Accounting, Business Computer Applications, Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management, Financial Services, Tourism and Hospitality Management, Human Resources Management, Marketing, Operations Management.

18 credits; P/K/V/SA; PT/FT/D; ENG 12 60%, one of PREC 11 60%, FM 11 60%, AWM 11 60%

Legal Administrative Assistant Corporate/Conveyancing

An introduction to conveyancing, corporate and commercial law, and wills and estates. Includes a practicum in a law office.

20 weeks; K; FT/D; OC Office Assistant certificate or equiv., or the following: 35 net WPM, ENG 11 or entrance test and one year administrative experience or challenge tests

Legal Administrative Assistant Litigation

An introduction to law, family law, personal injury law, and litigation. Includes a practicum in a law office.

20 weeks; K; FT/D; OC Office Assistant certificate or equiv., or the following: 35 net WPM, ENG 11 or entrance test and one year administrative experience or challenge tests

Medical Administrative Assistant

An online specialty program that provides the skills required to work in a medical or allied health office in a variety of public and private settings.

480 hours; D; OC Office Assistant certificate or equiv., or the following: 35 net WPM, ENG 11 or entrance test and one year administrative experience or challenge tests

Office Assistant

This program is an introduction to the Administrative Assistant certificate and teaches students all essential business skills.

17 weeks; K/V/SA; FT/D; ENG 11

Office Management

Graduates have the skills needed to manage an office through a broad base of business courses emphasizing the managerial aspects of secretarial work.

30 credits; P/K/V/SA; PT/FT/D; ENG 12 60%, one of PREC 11 60%, FM 11 60%, AWM 11 60%, completion of 10-month Administrative Assistant program or equivalent

Post-Diploma Certificate in Business Administration

Graduates with a diploma or degree in Business

Administration can broaden their subject expertise with a post-diploma certificate in Business Administration. Certificates are available in Accounting, Financial Services, Tourism and Hospitality Management, Human Resources Management, Marketing, and Management.

18 credits; P/K/V/SA (options vary by campus); PT/FT/D; Diploma or Degree in Business Administration

COMPUTER SCIENCE

DEGREE

Bachelor of Computer Information Systems

Students can specialize in Software Design and Development, Database Systems, or General Studies. Graduates work as software developers, computer programmers, database designers and administrators, information systems and programmer analysts, web application designers and developers, and user support technicians. Co-op options are available. Students have the opportunity to develop information systems and applications for local industrial companies within capstone project courses and participate in applied industrial research.

4 years; K*; PT/FT; ENG 12 60%, one of PREC 11 67%, PREC 12 60%, FM 11 60%, FM 12 60% or proficiency test, additional requisites (see Calendar)

DIPLOMA

Computer Information Systems

Lab and classroom learning covers programming, software development, database management, web applications development, and other topics. Graduates work as computer programmers, web application developers, software developers, and information systems help desk technicians. This CIS Diploma seamlessly ladders into the third year of the BCIS degree program. Co-op options are available.

2 years; K*; PT/FT; ENG 12 60%, one of PREC 11 67%, PREC 12 60%, FM 11 60%, FM 12 60% or proficiency test, additional requisites (see Calendar)

CONTINUING STUDIES

CERTIFICATES

Aboriginal Community Support Worker

For persons supporting and assisting Aboriginal Individuals and families, both on- and off-reserve, to enhance their quality of life. In addition to covering the core training required by all community workers, this program enables learners to develop knowledge and direct employment-related skills required to work with the unique needs of Aboriginal people and communities. 375 hours; SA; PT; ENG 12 60%, Criminal Record Check

Advanced GIS

Introduces the essentials of using geographic information systems (GIS) to create maps and edit and manage GIS data. Students will gain in-depth knowledge of raster analysis, working with 3D data and network data sets. 500 hours; SA; FT; CF 60%

Audio Engineering and Music Production

Learn to produce digital recordings for musicians and music groups, mix live concerts and sound reinforcement for public events, and work on audio postproduction for film, video, computer animations and games. 730 hours; K; FT; ENG 12 60%, AWM 10, CF 60%

Autism Spectrum

For persons who work, interact and/or live with persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Courses provide a thorough overview of ASD focusing on both theory and practical skills that can be used to greatly enhance the quality of interactions with persons with autism in home, educational, daycare, social work or caregiver settings. 81 hours; K/SA; PT; ENG 12 60%

AutoCAD Skills

If you want to work in today's drafting and design industry, you must be able to use industry-standard AutoCAD software. Prepare technical drawings for a variety of manufacturers, including those in the machining, electronics and woodworking fields. Learn the basic CAD skills required to prepare working drawings for architecture, surveying, mapping and graphic arts. 160 hours; K/V; PT; CF

Basic Accounting

Learn accounting concepts, generally accepted accounting principles, and the rules of debit and credit. Understand the accounting cycle for a service business and how to manage a general ledger, prepare financial statements, periodic adjustments and year-end books, customer and vendor-tracking for a merchandising business, as well as inventory concepts, sales taxes, internal cash controls, and payroll preparation. Graduates can apply for transfer credit into BUAD 111. 66 hours; P/K/V/SA; PT/FT

Bookkeeping Certificate

Students gain the knowledge and skills of the complete bookkeeping cycle, from how to set up a company through the full year's business cycle for computerized accounting systems. In this certificate, students will learn a computerized accounting program, apply their knowledge to spreadsheets, plus gain an in-depth understanding of payroll administration. 123 hours; P/K/V/SA/D; PT; one of BUAD 111, OADO 140 and 141, BAC 11 and 12, Accounting 12 70%

Building Service Worker

Provides students with the knowledge and practical skills for entry into the building service industry in custodial work, and upgrading for those who are currently employed in the industry. The program includes theory, demonstrations, and practical skills training in the classroom and in appropriate work areas. 114 hours; P/K/V/SA; PT; ENG 10, physician's note confirming good health

Dental Office Administrative Assistant

An introduction to the skills required for employment as a dental office administrative assistant. Students receive an introduction to dentistry and routine dental procedures, and learn maintenance of patient records, insurance forms, appointment control, and record keeping within a computerized environment. Emphasis is on effective oral and written communication, and professionalism in the dental office. 120 hours; P/K/V; PT; 35 WPM, CF, CPR Level C

Education Assistant

Education assistants perform a variety of duties in schools, including helping to implement Individualized Education Plans for children with exceptionalities in the areas of cognitive abilities, physical challenges, health issues, behavioral challenges, autism and related disorders. Students will gain hands-on experience through a 120-hour practicum in the classroom. 417 hours; P/K/V/SA; PT/FT; ENG 12 60%, CF 60%, Criminal Record Check

Esthetics and Nail Technology

Learn the latest industry techniques for a wide range of treatments including spa-level manicures and pedicures, artificial nail enhancements, skin care and facials, waxing essentials, aromatherapy, reflexology, relaxation and hot stone massage, body scrubs and wraps, eye lash and brow tinting, and make-up foundations. Students find work in day spas, destination spas, cruise ships or as entrepreneurs. 1,100 hours; V; FT

Floral Design

Work as a floral designer or upgrade your current abilities and skills. This certificate program emphasizes retail floristry, including small business and franchise retail outlets. Program content concentrates on the basic principles of plant care, floral design and floral arrangements for special events. 150 hours; K; PT

Gastroenterology Nursing

The online Gastroenterology Nursing Certificate (GNC) provides learners with the knowledge and practical skills for entry into endoscopic nursing. 301 hours; PT/D; active practicing license with a respective provincial professional body (RN, LPN), additional reqs (see Calendar)

Interior Decorating

Learn the basics of interior decorating, drawing floor plans and sketching furniture, as well as advanced skills, including how to mix fabrics, work with colour, employ light and choose accessories. This program provides information through theory and practical assignments. 162 hours; P/K/V; PT

Landscape Horticulture

If you've got a green thumb, why not use it to make a living doing what you love? Learn the theory behind botany basics and soil science, including which ornamental plants are best for B.C.'s Interior. Dig deeper into plant selection, irrigation systems, pest management, pruning and cultivating. 120 hours; P/K/V/SA; PT

Leadership and Change Certificate

This applied leadership certificate is designed to enhance the character and competencies of learners and future leaders in five critical areas: enhancing personal credibility and authenticity; building team commitment; becoming positive change agents; building a community of learners and aligning systems, values, processes and structure to deliver results consistently. 144 hours; D; PT; Minimum two years of work experience

Leadership Skills

Develop your leadership skills and gain a professional edge in your career in this program that provides a foundation in the principles of leadership, building high performance teams, and performance management. Students will gain practical skills that they can immediately apply in their workplace. Formerly named Management Skills for Supervisors. 90 hours; P/K/V; PT

Medical Device Reprocessing Technician

With a focus on disease prevention, this program prepares students for a career combating microorganisms and creating safe and hygienic environments for patients. Apply learning in a 400-hour practicum in a hospital setting. Graduates are eligible to write the exams for the the Canadian Standards Association, as well as the International Association of Healthcare Central Service Material Management. 814 hours; K; FT; ENG 12 60%, OFA Level 1, CPR Level C, Criminal Record Check

Medical Office Assistant

Prepares students for employment in reception, clerical, or assisting positions in medical facilities. Students acquire oral and written communication skills, knowledge of office procedures and time management, medical terminology, computer medical billing, and apply medical office guidelines and medical and legal ethics standards. Program includes a 20-hour observation in a medical office. 254 hours; P/K/V; PT; ENG 12 60%, Standard First Aid, CPR Level C, 40 WPM

Nursing Unit Assistant

A Nursing Unit Assistant is a key member of a hospital health care team who assembles and maintains patient charts, handles the admission, transfer, and discharge of patients, processes physicians' orders relating to medications, laboratory and diagnostic tests, and surgical or treatment plans, and performs standard receptionist duties. Program includes a 125-hour practicum in a hospital unit.
439 hours; P/K/V; PT; ENG 12 60%, 50 WPM, CF 60% or equivalent, Criminal Record Check, additional reqs (see Calendar)

Occupational Health & Safety

Learners become familiar with effective health and safety systems, how to evaluate and continually improve these systems, health and safety legislation, facilitation techniques, ability management, risk management, investigations and audits.
272 hours; PT/D; ENG 12 60%, FM/P 10 60%, CF 60% or equivalent

Project Management

This intermediate-level certificate provides students with project management knowledge, strategies and tools that can be applied in workplaces in a variety of fields. Delivered in a blended learning format that offers a flexible and interactive learning environment, the certificate is designed for project managers at all levels. Students spend three weekends in total on the Kelowna campus and complete the remainder of the coursework online.
138 hours; PT/D; ENG 12 60%, FM 10, Excel Level One or Excel Level One online assessment

Teaching English as a Second Language

This program prepares students to work as ESL teachers of adult learners in Canada and overseas. It is comprehensive in educational theory and provides a hands-on approach to learning various second language-teaching strategies. It also offers students training in language principles and patterns, and addresses the application of this knowledge to the teaching of language skills, grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation.
140 hours; K/V; PT; ENG 12 70%

ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIES

For information about Engineering Bridge programs to UBC Okanagan see okanagan.bc.ca/technologies.

DIPLOMAS

Civil Engineering Technology

Learn the skills used in design and construction of municipal, structural and transportation projects.
2 years; K; FT; ENG 12 60%, one of PREC 11 67%, PREC 12 60%, FM 12 60% and one of PHYS 11 60%, Applied PHYS 12, PHYS 12

Electronic Engineering Technology

Training in analog and digital electronic systems and equipment for jobs in the communications, microcomputer applications, and system controls fields.
2 years; K; FT; ENG 12 60%, PREC 11 67% or PREC 12 60%, and PHYS 11 60%

Mechanical Engineering Technology

Learn about the design, manufacture, installation, operation and maintenance of machines and mechanical devices.
2 years; K; FT; ENG 12 60%, PREC 12 60% and PHYS 11

Network and Telecommunications Engineering Technology

Prepare to work successfully in the field of local-area and wide-area voice/data communications.
2 years; K; FT; ENG 12 60%, one of PREC 11 67%, PREC 12 60%, FM 12 60%

Sustainable Construction Management Technology

Gain a comprehensive understanding of what goes into large-scale project management, with training and work experience in technical and business skills, emphasizing sustainable design principles.
3 years; P; FT; ENG 12 60%, PREC 11 67% or PREC 12 60%

Water Engineering Technology

Training in the design, use and maintenance of water systems, wastewater and waste disposal facilities, and environmental monitoring. Choose between Water and Wastewater Technology or Environmental Monitoring.
2.5 years; K; FT; ENG 12 60%, PREC 11 67% or PREC 12 60%, CHEM 11 67%

FOOD, WINE and TOURISM

DEGREE

Bachelor of Business Administration

Tourism and Hospitality Management

The degree specialty provides students with an understanding of business and management practices within the global tourism and hospitality sector as well as a foundation in general business. Graduates are prepared for a career path leading to management positions within the tourism and hospitality sector.
4 years; Start at P/K/V/ SA and complete degree at K; PT/FT/D; ENG 12 70%, one of PREC 12 60%, FM 12 60%, AWM 12 60%

DIPLOMAS

Business Administration Diploma

Tourism and Hospitality Management

The diploma option provides students with an understanding of business and management practices within the tourism and hospitality sector as well as a foundation in general business. This program can ladder into the BBA degree.
2 years; Start at P/K/V/SA and complete at K; PT/FT/D; ENG 12 60%, one of PREC 11 60%, FM 11 60%, AWM 11 60%

Culinary Management

Combining two semesters of academic study in business and 10 months of practical culinary training, this unique program prepares students for opportunities in the growing area of culinary management. Graduates receive technical training credit towards their cooking apprenticeship, hours credited toward their apprenticeship and academic credit for the Business Administration courses completed.
2 years; K*; FT; ENG 12 60%, one of PREC 11 60%, FM 11 60%, AWM 11 60%

Viticulture Technician

Gain the knowledge to work as part of the vineyard management team to plan, develop, plant and maintain a vineyard for the production of quality wine. The diploma program is structured around the viticulture growing season, providing opportunities to develop and apply skills leading to sustainable practices within commercial vineyards. Co-op options.
2 years; P; FT; ENG 12 60%, BIO 11, one of PREC 11 67%, FM 11 67%

CERTIFICATES

Culinary Arts

Designed for the student with a demonstrated interest in following a career in food preparation and service or as a chef, this program provides the necessary fundamental knowledge for employment in the food industry. Emphasis is placed on the practical aspects of food preparation, presentation and service. The teaching kitchens, cafeteria, restaurant and coffee shop provide a realistic training environment.
40 weeks; K/R; FT; ENG 10, FM 10 or AWM 10

Pastry Arts

Learn all the craft skills needed to work as a professional Baker/Pâtissier. Training includes ingredient and finished product knowledge, bread making, cakes, and pastries in all their various forms. Successful graduates will be ready for employment in any of the various settings where baked goods are required, from specialty bakeries to fine dining restaurants, hotels, resorts and cruise ships.
40 weeks; K; FT; ENG 10, FM 10 or AWM 10

Viticulture

Gain the skills and knowledge essential to farm a vineyard or seek employment in viticulture. Through this program you'll learn the scientific principles underlying grape growing for the purpose of wine production, the various influences on grape quality, and industry terminology. In addition, you'll learn vineyard management, vineyard equipment operation, maintenance, and safety.
307 hours; P; FT; ENG 12, 19 years or older

Wine Sales

Gain the knowledge and skills to work in the exciting sales side of the wine industry. Begin with the basics of grape growing and winemaking before moving onto legal regulations, industry standards, marketing and sales strategies, and knowledge of wine shop management and winery promotions.
147 hours; P; PT; ENG 12, 19 years or older, FOODSAFE certificate, Serving it Right certificate

Winery Assistant

Gain the knowledge and skills needed to work alongside the many master winemakers in our region. Learn the scientific principles underlying grape and wine production, influences on wine quality, industry terminology, winery equipment operation and maintenance, harvest and crush, sanitation and safety, wine sensory evaluation, and marketing and sales.
308 hours; P; PT; ENG 12, 19 years or older, FOODSAFE certificate, Serving it Right certificate

FOUNDATIONAL PROGRAMS

Adult Academic and Career Preparation (AACP)

Upgrading is offered in the following subjects: Biology, Chemistry, Composition, Computer Studies, English, First Nations Studies, Introductory Algebra, Law, Mathematics, Physics, Science and Social Studies. Varies in length; P/K/V/SA; PT/FT; 19 years of age or out of secondary school for at least 12 months and 18 years of age, or completed Grade 12, all students entering any Fundamental Level English or Basic Literacy course for the first time are required to complete an individual admission interview with a Fundamental Level English instructor

CERTIFICATES

(ABE) Adult Basic Education

Fundamental Level Certificate

This level is for students wishing to improve their basic skills or to prepare for the Intermediate Level program. See AACP description above for requirements

(ABE) Intermediate Level Certificate

This level prepares students for the Advanced Level program or for entry into post-secondary programs that have an admission requirement of Grade 10 or equivalent. See AACP description above for requirements

(ABE) Advanced Level Certificate

This level prepares students for the Provincial Level (with completion of English 012) for entry into many post-secondary programs that have an admission requirement of Grade 12 or equivalent. See AACP description above for requirements

(ABE) Provincial Level Diploma

This is the highest level of the Adult Basic Education program and requires rigorous study. The Provincial Level prepares students for admission to post-secondary programs. The student who completes this level is eligible for a British Columbia Adult Graduation Diploma. Students should consult an Educational Advisor and carefully select their courses if they plan further study at the post-secondary level

Adult Special Education

(ASE) Basic Skills Certificate A

This program is for students who wish to develop academic and independent living skills. Program content includes courses that focus on basic literacy and math skills, interpersonal and self-management skills, creativity and self-expression, workplace awareness, and skills for increasing independence.

2-4 years; P/K/V/SA; PT/FT; applicants must be at least 19 years of age, or 18 years of age and have been out of the public school system for at least 12 months, or have a school leaving certificate; must complete an intake interview and reading assessment

Adult Special Education (ASE) Basic Skills Certificate B

This program supports level two and three students who wish to work on academic skills and independent living skills. Program content includes courses, which focus on literacy and math, interpersonal and self-management skills, creativity and self-expression, workplace awareness, and skills for increasing independence.

Length varies; P/K/V/SA; PT/FT; applicants must be at least 19 years of age, or 18 years of age and have been out of the public school system for at least 12 months, or have a school leaving certificate; must complete an intake interview and reading assessment

Adult Special Education (ASE) Advanced Skills Certificate

This program is for students who have successfully completed the Basic Skills B program, have demonstrated continued growth in their learning, and are committed to full-time attendance. Course work continues to focus on literacy and math skills, self-management and interpersonal skills, creativity and self-expression, workplace awareness, and skills for increasing independence.

P/K/V/SA; PT/FT; successful completion of the BSCB certificate

English as a Second Language Certificate (ESL)

The goal of this program is to develop general language skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing. Length varies; K; PT/FT; assessment examination

English for Academic Purposes (EAP)

This program helps students improve their English for academic studies at college and university and bridges to a certificate, diploma, associate degree or degree program at Okanagan College.

4 semesters; K; PT/FT; assessment required

Preparing for Access to Education (PACE)

The educational focus is on developing student success skills and, if appropriate, choosing a modified and supported second-year specialty within the Supported Access to Modified Education. The vocational focus is on career awareness and the development of appropriate workplace attitudes, values, and behaviours, develops communication, assertive, stress management, and conflict resolution skills. 1 year; P/K/V/SA; PT/FT; applicants must be at least 19 years of age or be at least 18 years of age and have been out of the secondary school system for at least 12 months, or have a school leaving certificate

Supported Access to Modified Education Certificate (SAME)

This program enables students with cognitive disabilities, who cannot meet entry criteria for regular Okanagan College programs, to access modified versions of those programs. Students will be supported to develop specific vocational skills in a program that has been modified to meet their learning needs. They will also attend a weekly student support class. Successful students will receive an anecdotal grade and a modified certificate.

Length varies; P/K/V/SA; PT/FT; psycho-educational assessment and educationally specific documentation from a physician or medical specialist required

HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

DEGREE

Bachelor of Science in Nursing – Years 1 and 2

In partnership with the University of British Columbia's Okanagan campus, this program provides years one and two of the four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree program offered at UBC Okanagan. Students who successfully complete all courses are granted admission into UBC Okanagan's BSN program and guaranteed course transfer credits to complete the final two years of the degree. 2 years; K; FT; ENG 12 70%, PREC 11 or FM 12, BIO 11 and 12, CHEM 11 and 12, plus one other approved Grade 12 course, additional reqs (see Calendar)

DIPLOMAS

Early Childhood Education

Get the education you need to work as an early childhood educator in daycare and preschool settings with specialized training in infants and toddlers.

2 years; K; FT; ENG 12 67%, additional req (see Calendar)

Human Kinetics

Acquire a solid foundation in the art and science of human movement, with a choice of three distinct streams: Health and Fitness, Health and Physical Education, or Kinesiology and Health Science.

2 years; P*; PT/FT; ENG 12 60%, CHEM 11, PREC 11 or FM 11 and BIO 11 or 12, additional req (see Calendar)

Human Service Work

Enhance the quality of life in your community. This program provides the skills needed for work as a social service/mental health support worker or as a community and classroom support worker.

2 years; K/V/SA; FT; ENG 12 60%, additional reqs (see Calendar)

Practical Nursing

Provide skilled care in a variety of settings in partnership with other health professionals. Graduates are eligible to write the Canadian Practical Nurse Registration exam in order to become Licensed Practical Nurses in B.C.

18 months; P/K/V/SA; FT; ENG 12 70%, PREC 11 67% or FM 11 67%, BIO 12 67%, PNUR 113 70%, additional req (see Calendar)

Therapist Assistant

Fulfill your passion to improve the quality of life of clients while working as a valued assistant to occupational, physical and recreational therapists.

2 years; K; FT; ENG 12 60%, CHEM 11, BIO 12, additional reqs (see Calendar)

CERTIFICATES

Certified Dental Assistant

Acquire the skills to work in a dental office in this program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada and approved by the College of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia.
10 months; K; FT; ENG 12 60%, BIO 12 60% and 60% in either CHEM 11, 12, PHYS 11, 12, Applications of PHYS 11, 12, additional req (see Calendar)

Health Care Assistant

Gain the knowledge to work as a frontline caregiver and respected member of a health care team in community and facility settings.
6 months; P/K/V/SA; FT; ENG 12 or ENG 11 60%, Grade 11 Science recommended, additional req (see Calendar)

Pharmacy Technician

The Pharmacy Technician program prepares students to work in retail, hospital and long-term care pharmacies. Students will gain knowledge and skills relevant to the technical and clerical aspects of the pharmacy profession. This program has been awarded Provisional Accreditation by the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs.
20 weeks (plus 8 weeks of practicum); K; FT; ENG 12 60%, BIO 11 60% or BIO 12, CHEM 11 60%, PREC 11 60%, additional req (see Calendar)

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

See ESL programs in Foundational programs list.

TRADES

FOUNDATION (PRE-APPRENTICESHIP) CERTIFICATES

Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (AME), Category 'M' (Maintenance)

In partnership with Northern Lights College, this co-op program provides maintenance training for both rotary wing aircraft (helicopters) and fixed wing aircraft. Students will cover a wide range of subjects with emphasis on practical shop training. Graduates seek employment as apprentice aircraft maintenance engineers.
62 weeks; V; FT; ENG 11 67% or ENG 12 60%, PREC 11 60% or FM 11 67% or AWM 11 67%

Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (AME), Category 'S' (Structures)

This program consists of 50% classroom theory and 50% hands-on practical training in the shop that follows a national set of standards and is approved by Transport Canada. Students will acquire knowledge and skills in aviation structures, design and construction, fabrication and repairs, installation and assembly. Structures technicians are often an integral part of repair teams including maintenance technicians, avionics technicians and professional engineers.
37 weeks; K; FT; ENG 11, one of PREC 11, FM 11, or AWM 11

Automotive Collision Repair/Painting and Refinishing Technician

Students learn technical skills in body repair, cutting and heating technologies, MIG welding, surface preparation, and wheel alignments, among other skills. Graduates receive Industry Training Authority (ITA) credit for level 1 Apprenticeship technical training for both Auto Collision Repair and Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician.
38 weeks; K; FT; ENG 10, FM/P 10 or AWM 10

Automotive Refinishing Prep Technician

This program has been designed to provide graduates with the practical skills needed to find employment in the automotive refinishing/painting trade. Through demonstrations and hands-on practical shop training, students receive expert instruction on safe work practices, tools and equipment, surface preparation, sheet metal repair, plastics and composites, spot repairs, undercoats and topcoats.
22 weeks; K; FT; ENG 10, FM 10 or AWM 10

Automotive Service Technician

Students are trained to enter the automotive repair trade. Working with the latest tools and one of the finest fleets of industry-donated vehicles, not to mention instructor expertise that averages 15 years, students gain the experience to excel as automotive technicians.
30 weeks; K; FT; ENG 10, one of PREC 11, FM 11 or AWM 11

Carpentry/Joinery

Students receive training in the latest in building technology, from interior and exterior finishing details, site layout, and concrete forms, to construction of floors, walls, roofs and cabinets. Graduates work as carpenters and use their skills to build cabinets, furniture and more.
30 weeks; K; FT; ENG 10, one of PREC 11, FM 11, or AWM 11

Electrician

Combining theory with a considerable amount of hands-on training, students are prepared to work with various aspects of residential, commercial and industrial systems as well as rigging and hoisting equipment, hand and power tools, conductors and raceways, prints and drawings. Graduates will have the knowledge and skills needed to find employment in the construction, resource or transportation sectors.
24 weeks; P/K/V/SA; FT; ENG 12; one of PREC 11, FM 11, or AWM 11

Heavy Mechanical Foundation

This program provides practical knowledge and training in a real-world setting in four high demand trades: Heavy Duty Mechanics, Commercial Transport Mechanics, Diesel Engine Mechanics, and Transport Trailer Technician. The program includes a two-week industry work placement that may lead to permanent employment.
38 weeks; K; FT; ENG 10, one of PREC 11 67%, FM 11 67%, or AWM 11 67%

Metal Fabricator (Fitter)

This program provides students with the practical knowledge and skills for employment in steel fabricating and the construction industry. Students learn to read drawings and layout procedures, the fabrication process to build products with steel plates and structural steel shapes. The fabrication process will include shearing, cutting, punching, drilling, forming, fitting and welding.
23 weeks; K; FT; ENG 10, one of PREC 11, FM 11 or AWM 11

Plumbing and Piping Trades

Designed to take a student with little or no previous experience in the plumbing trade and supply them with the skills necessary to seek employment as an apprentice plumber. Students are exposed to aspects of residential, commercial and industrial systems in the trade with a focus on developing practical skills.
25 weeks; P/K/V/SA; FT; ENG 10, FM 10 or AWM 10

Recreation Vehicle Service Technician

This internationally-renowned program provides the training and skills required in the servicing and repair of recreation vehicles. Students learn a wide spectrum of skills including propane fitting, welding, carpentry, electrical systems and more.
28 weeks; K; FT; ENG 10, one of PREC 11, FM 11 or AWM 11

Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanic

Students receive a solid foundation in the fundamentals of installing, servicing, and troubleshooting all aspects of heating, ventilating and air conditioning/refrigeration equipment. Learn welding and brazing techniques, drafting skills, basic electrical concepts, wiring schematics and much more needed to find employment in the heating, air conditioning and refrigeration industry.
25 weeks; P; FT; ENG 10, FM 10 or AWM 10

Residential Construction

This program introduces students to all aspects of the construction trades including the use of hand tools, portable power tools and other equipment used by carpenters. Through the construction of a residential wood-frame project students are given the opportunity to work with a variety of materials used by carpenters including lumber, panel products, concrete, fasteners and hardware.
30 weeks; P/V/SA; FT; ENG 10, one of PREC 11, FM 11 or AWM 11

Sheet Metal Worker

Students learn to use manual and computerized machinery to fabricate equipment out of stainless steel and other types of metals. Graduates of this program can seek employment within a variety of occupational environments such as residential, commercial and industrial sectors using a wide range of skills, which include the creation, installation, servicing and maintenance of duct systems.
20 weeks; K; FT; ENG 10, FM 10 or AWM 10

Studio Woodworking

Study woodworking from the craftsman's perspective. With a primary focus on furniture this program offers a range of woodworking skill sets that can be adapted to any of the many disciplines within the Cabinetmaker/Joiner trade.
35 weeks; K; FT; ENG 10, FM 10 or AWM 10

Welder Foundation

Students will acquire a thorough understanding of welding materials, processes and applications and will work on a wide range of projects in a real world environment, instructed by experienced and knowledgeable instructors. Graduates will have the skills needed to find employment in the manufacturing, construction and services industries. 28 weeks; P/K/V/SA; FT; ENG 10; one of PREC 11, FM 11 or AWM 11

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UNIVERSITY STUDIES IN ARTS

Students who do not meet the English requirement for the Associate Degree or diplomas may be admitted with conditions.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Associate of Arts Degree

Enhance your communication and critical thinking skills, and learn to apply research and knowledge that will help make a contribution to your field of study, your employer and your community.

2 years; P/K/V/SA; PT/ FT; ENG 12 60%

DIPLOMAS

Communications, Culture and Journalism Studies

Students will explore the social, political, and economic functions of news and communications media, the history of journalism, and cultural policy & theory. Particular attention will be paid to questions of social justice, as well as of identity and constructions of gender, race, class, sexuality, and nationality.

2 years; K*; PT/ FT; ENG 12 60%

Criminal and Social Justice

Obtain an Arts-based criminal justice education through a variety of social justice related courses in sociology, psychology, political science, and criminology, in addition to elective Arts courses.

2 years; P*; PT/FT; ENG 12 60%

Environmental Studies

Build on your passion for the environment in one of four program options: interdisciplinary environmental arts, environmental management, environmental science and geographic information science (GIS). Graduates are prepared to understand the physical principles governing the environment and the social and cultural aspects that influence human behaviour towards the environment.

2 years; K* (GIS only in SA); PT/FT; ENG 12 60%

International Development

Acquire a multidisciplinary understanding of current issues in international development in one of two program options: International Development Governance or International Development Management (a joint diploma program between Arts and Business).

2 years; K*; PT/FT; ENG 12 60%

Writing and Publishing

This two-year program provides students with the theoretical and technical skills necessary to navigating the diverse facets of the publishing industry. The mix of applied and academic courses takes students through the first stages of the writing process to the final post-production stages of publishing.

The program's goal is to give students a wide breadth of knowledge and experience across multiple disciplines. From creative writing workshops to web publishing labs to book design studios to professional editing classes, the courses help students acquire the skills necessary to ensure their work resonates on both page and screen. 2 years; V*; PT/FT; ENG 12 60%

CERTIFICATE

Advanced Certificate in Communication

Develop skills in applied communication and enhance competence in areas such as professional writing, public relations theory and practice, management communications, marketing, writing, and visual communication.

18 credits; K; PT/FT; 60 credits of post-secondary study

UNIVERSITY STUDIES IN SCIENCE

Students who do not meet the English and/or Math requirement for the Associate Degree, may be admitted with conditions.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE

Associate of Science Degree

Develop practical experience and theoretical knowledge that will open the door to a myriad of career options or further studies in dentistry, medicine, pharmacy, veterinary medicine, optometry, forestry, high-tech, statistics, data analysis, and more.

2 years; P/K/V/SA; PT/FT/D; ENG 12 60%, PREC 12

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1

CHOOSE YOUR PROGRAM

Decide which program and campus interests you. See pages 36-42 or check out program information at okanagan.bc.ca/programs.

2

CHECK THE REQUIREMENTS

B.C. Secondary School graduation or equivalent is required for entry into all degree, associate degree, diploma and most certificate programs. Go to okanagan.bc.ca/calendar for complete admission and minimum grade requirements including English language and mature applicant requirements.

3

APPLY ONLINE

Submit your application at okanagan.bc.ca/apply. Applications for most programs in the 2017-18 year open on Nov. 1, 2016. Many programs have multiple start dates throughout the year. Okanagan College accepts applications on an ongoing basis. Contact a recruiter at chooseoc@okanagan.bc.ca to find out more.

4

TRACK YOUR APPLICATION

Once you apply, you'll receive a student number and login information. See the status of your application and check on required documents such as official school transcripts through Okanagan College's intranet, myOkanagan.

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WE'LL BE IN TOUCH

Staff from our admissions department will be in touch regarding your application via mail and email. In the meantime, visit our website for current College information about financial aid, student life, news, events and more. Connect with the College via Okanagan College's Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn accounts.



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