

# BC's Collaborative Approach to Educational Advising

Transition  
Planning – On  
into Adulthood &  
the Workplace



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# Presentation Overview

- ▶ An Introduction BCCAT
- ▶ What is Transition Planning?
- ▶ Key Transition Issues
- ▶ How BCCAT Can Help
- ▶ Demonstration & Questions

# Who is BCCAT?

- ▶ **BCCAT mandate and role**

**The mandate of the British Columbia Council on Admissions and Transfer (BCCAT) is to facilitate admission, articulation and transfer arrangements among B.C. post-secondary institutions.**

**[www.bccat.ca](http://www.bccat.ca)**

# BCCAT Produces

- ▶ BC Transfer Guide
- ▶ Education Planner

# BC Transfer Guide – Quick Overview

- ▶ BC has the most flexible post-secondary transfer systems in Canada.
- ▶ The guide helps both institutions and students understand, plan and track transfer arrangement.
- ▶ The BC Transfer Guide ensures students receive transfer credits between institutions

# Education Planner – Quick Overview

- ▶ Post-secondary programs in BC.
- ▶ Key information such as admission requirements, tuition fees, application deadlines and start dates

# Education Planner Is Also

- ▶ Assist students, who are frustrated with having to navigate many web sites
- ▶ Helps to demystify post-secondary education opportunities.

# BC Post-secondary Institutions

- ▶ All Public Institutes
  - Universities
  - Colleges
  - Institutions
- ▶ 5 Private Institutes and Growing

**Brought together through BCCAT to problem solve issues**



# What is Transition Planning

- ▶ A process that provides strategies needed to move into adulthood successfully able to navigate work/life careers.
- ▶ Commonly needed today by late adolescences up to the age of 30.

# Why do so many youth struggle with unreadiness today?

- ▶ Confusion - Expectations, Assumptions, & Awareness
- ▶ Lack of Freedom, Choice & Understanding
- ▶ Prescriptive Approaches to Career Education
- ▶ Learning Disabilities, Mental Health and Personal Stress Factors
- ▶ Poor Integration Between Educational Planning and Career Planning Practices

# BCCAT Sees Advisors

As Part of  
the Solution



# BCCAT – How We Can Help.

- ▶ Support the work of advisors by providing resources and research about the flexible and accessible post-secondary options available in BC.



# BC Transfer Guide Can Help Students:

- ▶ See the benefits of college, and university college programs.
- ▶ Map a post-secondary education path.
- ▶ Start an career/life educational plan.
- ▶ Check how courses transfer to difference institutions.
- ▶ Track their program course requirements.

# Education Planner Can Help:

- ▶ Provide realistic information
- ▶ Save time
- ▶ Promote self-directed learning/life planning
- ▶ Connect to Career Developer, Work Futures and each BC institution.

# It beats having students make an appointment just to ask:

- ▶ What do you offer?
- ▶ How do I get to university from college?
- ▶ Is college out of the question?
- ▶ How long is the program?
- ▶ How much does it cost?
- ▶ Do I really need math?
- ▶ ETC.....

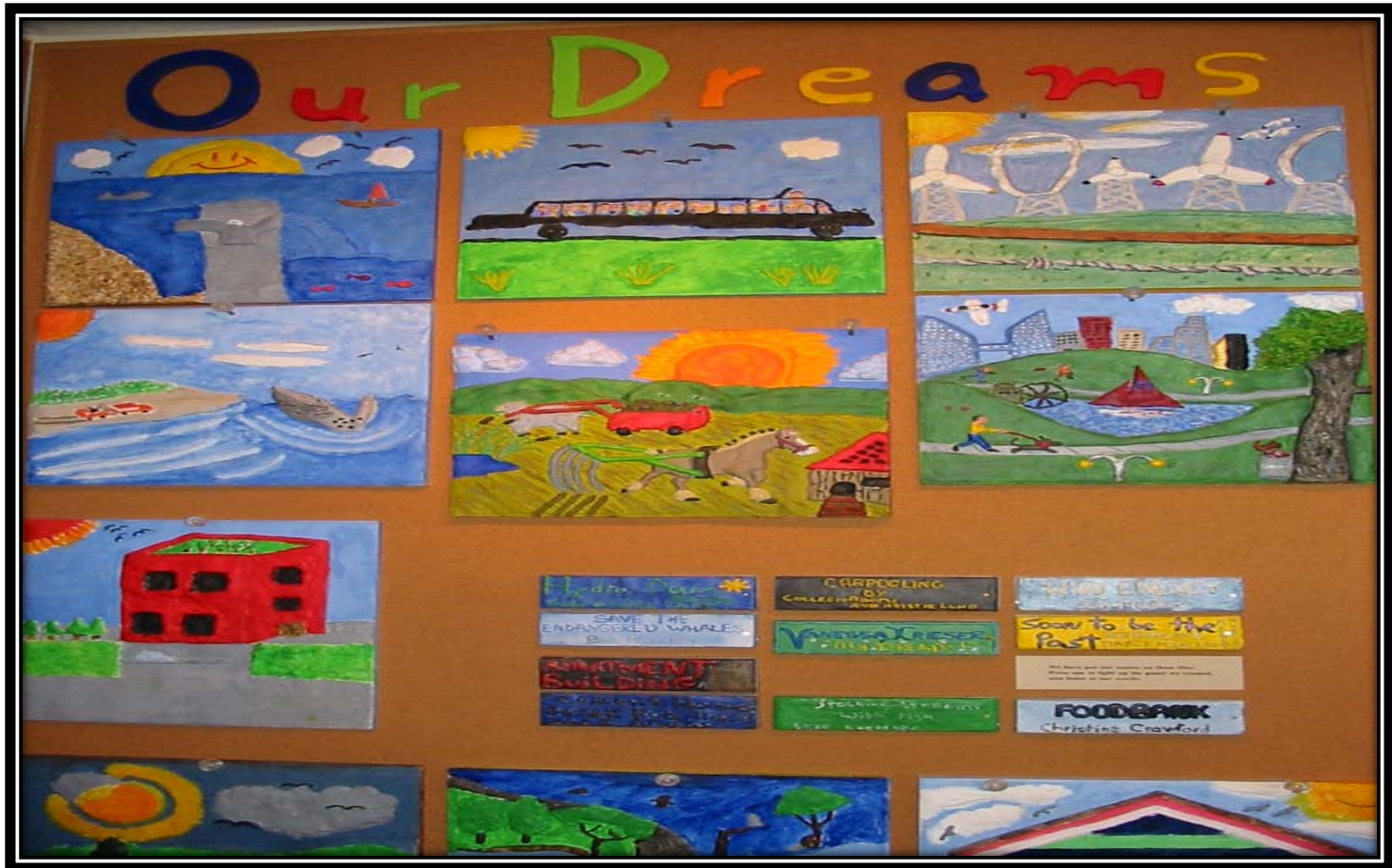


# BCCAT Can Also Provide:

- ▶ Parents resources to explore before involving you.
- ▶ Instant access to program information
- ▶ Direct links to each of BC post-secondary institutions.
- ▶ A wealth of online counselling tools.

# Advising Tools for the Trade





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