

Fall 2019 news & updates



Welcome to EducationPlannerBC Application System!

We are excited to highlight the successful onboarding of UNBC and Okanagan College to our application system. Special thank you to all the staff at both institutions who were key partners in the success of these projects.

2 more PSIs on the way

We are actively working with UBC and UVIC to come onboard to our application service in the near future. Good news to come!

Moving Offices

Our Vancouver office will be moving into our new home at 1408-1166 Alberni Street in November 2019.

Transcript Updates

Highlights

19 of 25 PSIs are in Production or Testing with XML transcripts (post-secondary and high school).

Colleague institutions are exchanging test transcripts with each other. Some institutions expect to move into Production with post-secondary transcripts this Fall.

More than 60,000 XML high school transcripts have been sent by the Ministry of Education to PSIs since January 2019.



XML High School Transcripts

BC post-secondary institutions continue to onboard with the Ministry of Education and the XML High School Transcript, with the assistance of EducationPlannerBC. To date, there are five institutions (SFU, TRU, UBC, UFV, and VIU) in Production and nine institutions (CMTN, CNC, COTR, Douglas, JIBC, KPU, Langara, NIC, and NVIT) that are currently in the testing phase. Many institutions have plans to move into Production with XML high school transcripts this Fall.

For any questions regarding Transcript updates, please contact Cathy van Soest at cathy.vansoest@educationplannerbc.ca.

Engagement Updates



Parents as Education and Career Coaches



CLE Class Presentations

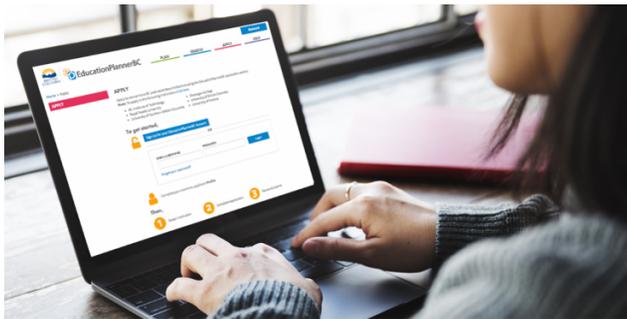


PSBC Counsellor Updates

Fall outreach season has begun starting with PSBC Counsellor Updates in Prince George and Kelowna. Additional presentations were scheduled at Prince George Secondary School for Gr. 10 students in the Career Learning Education classes.

New this year are the Parent as Education and Career Coaches workshops designed to inform parents of high school students on EPBC's role in post-secondary planning and career exploration. So far, the team has presented to over 200 parents in Port Coquitlam, Victoria and Burnaby. More visits have been scheduled in the next few months.

Application Updates



For any questions regarding Application updates, please contact Stacey Schoffer at stacey.schoffer@educationplannerbc.ca.

October 17 Release

This major release will showcase EPBC interface improvements on the 'review and submit' page as well as 'payment' page additions. Stability upgrades include telephone number entry, document upload special character fixes and a file size upgrade to 10mb. PSI administrators will see improvements to program detail and information for applicant maintenance. Additionally, many back-end improvements have been incorporated.

Master Institution List

EPBC has completed the first phase of integration of the Master Institution List (MLI) with the EPBC database. Phase two involves working with a BCRA Advisory Group to establish data standards and ongoing processes for the sustainment of the MLI.

Panels

In addition to the BCRA gender identity question, EPBC has added the ability to gather additional information related to the province and specific bands for Aboriginal students. We have also replaced the self-identification section for applicants with accessibility needs with contact information for student supports instead.

Broad-Based Questionnaire

The need for more complex and layered conditional questions has grown and EPBC is responding by creating a Broad-Based Questionnaire (BBQ) that will allow PSIs to ask questions based on any previous answers. Rollout for this enhancement is scheduled for 2020.

Document Uploads

88% of applications received by the 5 PSIs using Document Uploads in the first week of October included at least one document for a total of 2243 secure documents. EPBC believes that this is a great enhancement for applicants and a strong return on investment for PSIs

Payment Experience

Feedback from applicants and user group testing have identified that the application review and submit could be streamlined and payment methods clarified. The October 17 release includes upgrades related to white space optimization and visual cues using credit card logos.