



SPRING NEWSLETTER

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EPBConnects 2022

Thursday, May 5

Join us virtually for our second annual EPBConnects. Engage in discussion on supporting post-secondary applicants, learn about EPBC's current and new developments, and connect with your sector colleagues.

Topics include: EPBC 3.0, PEN Verification, BC Services Card, and Transcript Exchange.

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It's not too late to sign up!



AT A GLANCE

- 3.9M Website Visits
- 9,300 Applicant Inquiries Received
- 280 Student Presentations Delivered
- 10,000 High School Students Engaged
- 270,600 Applications Submitted
- 256,000 High School Transcripts Delivered
- 9,400 Post-Secondary Transcripts Delivered
- 2,100 Families Engaged through Parent as Education and Career Coaches Presentations
- 200 Multi-lingual Families Engaged through community presentations
- Website resources translated into 10 languages

*Numbers are representative of April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022

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So important to get this information in the hands of grade 10s so they have all the tools they need to make good decisions and choices. Thanks for spearheading a group of folks who inspire young people to do their best and reach their potential in so many ways. Much appreciate the work you all do.

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- Grade 10 Teacher, Campbell River

UPDATES & NEWS

EPBC 3.0 Application Upgrade

Our April 11, 2022 kick-off meeting was a great success, with 35 participants representing 16 institutions in attendance. We shared a project overview and outlined next steps and support to ensure the successful onboarding of our partner institutions.

Starting on April 25, 2022 EPBC will roll-out engagement activities including:

- Regular weekly check-in meetings to provide updates on project progress and create a space for peer-sharing with onboarding activities
- Individual meetings with institutions to scope out planning and implementation requirements; and SIS-based group meetings to support optimal use of EPBC XML integration modules
- Access to “play accounts” for institutions to experiment with features and plan how they will migrate from EPBC Application 2.0 to 3.0

Once institutions move to EPBC 3.0, they will have the freedom to manage their application requirements using self-service functionalities.

For more information, please [contact us](#).

EducationPlannerBC Integration with the BC Services Card Program

We are excited to announce that EducationPlannerBC is integrating our application services with the BC Services Card program to provide applicants another option to safely, quickly, and easily apply to all public post-secondary institutions in B.C. British Columbians use the BC Services Card app to prove who they are when accessing an online government service. Soon, applicants can log in to EducationPlannerBC through their BC Services Card app to easily apply to any of BC's 25 public post-secondary institutions. This is a testament to the collaboration underway to streamline post-secondary services in BC.

[Learn more about how to set up and use the BC Services Card app to access government services.](#)

For more information, please contact [EducationPlannerBC](#) | [BC Services Card](#).

“Mega, mega thanks for another engaging and extremely valuable presentation. This is a key unit in the Career Life Connections course – and you certainly made it both engaging & interesting with tons of very valuable information. It went very smoothly. So much appreciation for your help & expertise.

– Grade 11/12 Teacher, Surrey

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Ministry Gender Data Standard and PEN Validation

We are pleased to be working with institutions to move the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training's Gender Data Standard into their production applications by September 2022. We are currently working with institutions to establish timelines for successful implementation.

This Data Standard will change the gender nomenclature, enabling applicants to choose the language that best represents their gender; and allowing institutions to support applicants with their chosen gender, as well as record and report gender information more accurately.

Once all institutions have adopted this nomenclature, EPBC will move the gender questions to the personal information section of the common form. This will allow the Personal Education Number (PEN) to be validated on applications before submission to institutions, thereby improving the PEN validation rate for institutions.

For more information, please [contact us](#).

Expansion of High School Transcript Access

In January of 2022, EPBC signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Ontario College Application Service (OCAS), the Alberta Post-Secondary Application System (APAS/Apply Alberta) and the Council of Admissions and Transfer for Nova Scotia (CATNS) to support the expansion of high school transcripts between organizations to support student applications and mobility. EPBC has initiated a project with OCAS to bring Ontario high school transcripts to BC post-secondary institutions. This functionality will allow your institution to access and review these transcripts more efficiently. We will keep BC institutions up to date as this project progresses.

Dual Admission Applications

Earlier this Spring we conducted an exploratory session with three institutions, Camosun, UVIC and VIU, to look at dual admission programs and how the EPBC Application can be applied to support both applicants and institutions. EPBC is currently working with the session findings to identify potential next steps for this opportunity.

For more information, please [contact us](#).

“ This was a very informative presentation. Thanks for all the info. It's the first time I've heard about the EducationPlannerBC website. What a great central tool to have! Looks like a very helpful resource. But mostly the ability to search programs across institutions. Our oldest is in Grade 12 and we haven't been through this process since we went to post-secondary. ”

– Parent, Langley



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