

Byrne Creek Community School

APPLYING TO POST-SECONDARY PROGRAMS

For many Grade 12 students, applying to colleges/universities is an important next step. The following information will help guide you through this process.

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Colleges use a “First Come-First Served” policy — the earlier you apply, the better your chance of acceptance into the program and an earlier registration date in June. Colleges offer many options for certificates, diplomas, and even degree completion. University transfer programs at colleges are an excellent way to start your post-secondary career. **Check the various institutes’ websites for detailed program and admission requirements.** College applications start on the following dates:

- ❖ **Langara: October 1st**
- ❖ **Douglas: October 1st**
- ❖ **KPU: October 1st**
- ❖ **BCIT: varies by program; check website**

UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

Each university (and their faculties within each university) may have **different application deadlines and entrance requirements**. It is important that you **refer to the university’s websites for detailed information**.

- ❖ **UBC**
December 1, 2020 = Early admission deadline as well as application for UBC major scholarships candidates.
January 15, 2021 = Final application deadline for September 2021 start.
- ❖ **SFU**
December 15, 2020 = Deadline for Major Entrance Scholarship applications.
January 31, 2021 = Final application deadline for September 2021 start.
- ❖ **University of Victoria**
February 28, 2021 = Final application deadline for September 2021 start.
- ❖ **Capilano University**
March 31, 2021 = Final application deadline; some programs have earlier deadlines.

Before Applying

- ✓ Find out and ensure that you have met the post-secondary institution's general entrance requirements as well as program-specific requirements.
- ✓ Each institution's website offers in-depth information on entrance requirements.
- ✓ GPA requirements vary and fluctuate for individual post-secondary institutes and programs.
- ✓ How long does the program take? How is the program structured? Does the program have its own post-secondary prerequisites?
- ✓ When is the application deadline? How much are the application/tuition fees?
- ✓ PSIs need to access grades from BC Ministry of Education in order to confirm your courses and grades.
- ✓ Use <https://www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca> to give permission to release online transcripts to PSIs
- ✓ Apply through the www.applybc.ca website. This connects to most PSIs so that you only need to fill out personal information once.
- ✓ You will need the following to apply:
 - Permanent mailing address and telephone numbers
 - Emergency contact and telephone numbers
 - Email address (do not use Hotmail; Gmail account is best)
 - Social Insurance Number (SIN)
 - Personal Educational Number (PEN)
 - Names and dates of secondary schools attended
 - Credit Card and holder's information or cheque
- ✓ Remember your application is not processed until the **application fee is paid**
- ✓ Apply to at least two schools so that you have choices

Seeking more information...?

The following websites offer excellent information about PSIs and wide variety of programs:

www.schoolfinder.com

www.educationplanner.ca