

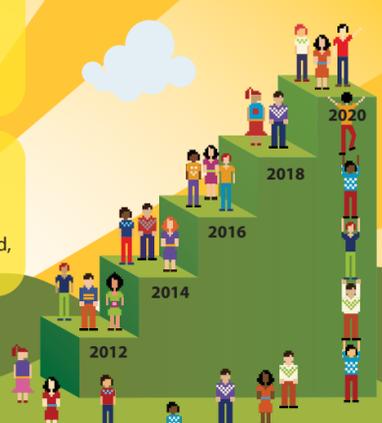
THE ROUTE TO COLLABORATIVE AND COORDINATED COLLEGE EDUCATION IN BC

THE CHALLENGE:

Labour market data predicts growing need for highly skilled college graduates.

OUR ROLE:

Provide access to education and training to produce highly skilled, job-ready graduates.



BC needs job-ready college grads to keep our economy growing.

Our public colleges will play a crucial role.

We have a wealth of student potential.

Collaboration between BC's 11 colleges will create benefits and competitive advantages.

- Better access to programs and services.
- New educational options.
- Quality teaching.
- Lower tuition.

- Good return on investment.
- Collaboration and alignment of program plans and resources throughout BC.

Plus, colleges jointly address labour market needs and create new economic opportunities.

- Quicker completion.
- Study closer to home.
- Timely transition to the workforce.

Lower student costs, How?

How do we move along this route?

The Education Planning Framework.

THE EDUCATION PLANNING FRAMEWORK

This is a decision-making guideline designed to produce optimal results.

It is structured to:

- Identify trends.
- Formalize issues or educational needs.
- Provide analysis.
- Promote discussion.
- Determine strategic direction.

It is informed by data and professional advice and backed by government policy direction.

THE EDUCATION PLANNING FRAMEWORK WILL:

- Ensure college system is aligned with BC's socio-economic future.
- Identify triggers for collaboration or partnership.
- Establish a system-wide framework for education planning amongst colleges.
- Create new options for learners.
- Advance the relevancy of a college education.
- Establish consistency in the learning experience.
- Develop and sustain new education initiatives that benefit students throughout BC.
- Align resources and achieve efficiencies.

HERE ARE THE STEPS TO TAKE

BC COLLEGES PRESIDENTS' GROUP

- Share educational priorities.
- Identify system-wide educational opportunities.

SENIOR EDUCATIONAL OFFICERS' GROUP

- Review labour market needs.
- Identify areas and priorities for system-wide collaboration.
- Solicit input from faculties.
- Provide formal report to Presidents' Group.

PROGRAM DEANS

- Establish and implement a system-wide plan of action.
- Get down to the business of the plan.

DEANS WILL ENLIST THE FOLLOWING AS NEEDED:

- Central Data Warehouse.
- Student Transitions Project.
- BC Council on Admissions and Transfer.
- Senior Financial Officers Group.
- Institutional Researchers.
- Faculty.
- Other stakeholders.

PROJECT OUTCOMES

- Synopsis on priorities for system-wide education and training requirements.
- Multi-year plan that advances collaboration and system-wide education in areas of strategic importance.
- College forum that reviews trends, educational priorities and actions to be taken by college system.
- A report on college system education planning.

Which leads to

BC GRADS!

GOOD SYSTEM-WIDE PLANNING RESULTS IN:

- Improved education services and better options for students.
- A competitive advantage for our post-secondary education system.
- A better prepared, more productive workforce and an economically vibrant British Columbia.
- A college system recognized for advanced education and training.

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