

Post-Secondary Information

A Presentation for Grade 12 Parents / Guardians



Grade 12 + Post Secondary Planning

- Explore universities, colleges, trades, and training programs
- Consider location, program options, and fit
- Parents play an important support role
- Today's presentation will help guide the process

While opportunities can feel overwhelming, our collective goal is to provide a roadmap and key resources.

Post Secondary + Career Advisor

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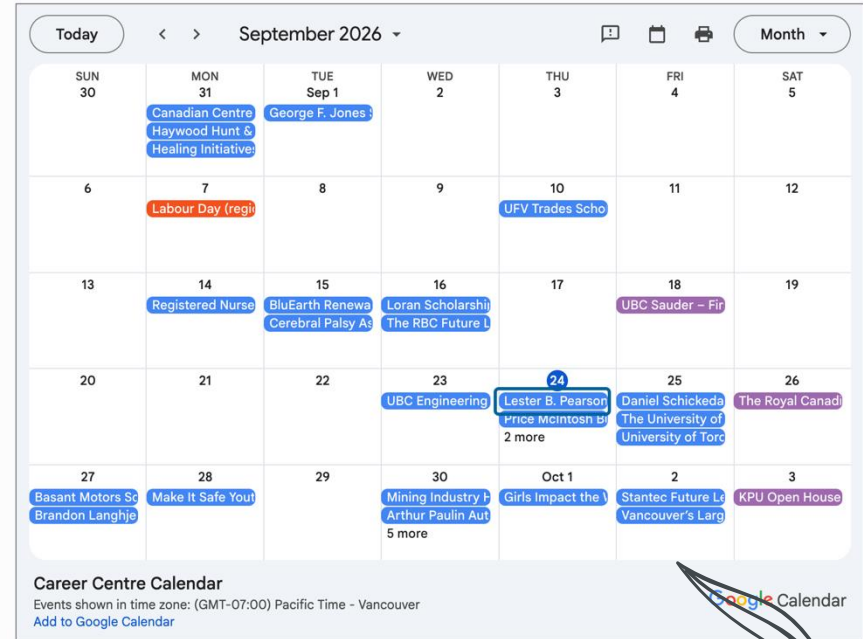
Support with:

- Career exploration
- Post-secondary planning
- Applications
- Scholarships

Available:

- Wed, Thurs & alternate Fridays
- Next to library (across from Snack Shack)
- Drop-in or appointment

Career Centre Calendar



Counselling Team

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We can help with:

Course planning

Graduation requirements

Post-secondary questions

Referrals and supports



Post-Secondary Pathways

There is no one correct path.



College

- Degrees, diplomas, certificates



Trades

- Apprenticeships and technical training



Transfer Pathways



Direct Entry to Workforce



University

- Degrees



Gap Year

Understanding Admissions

Most universities review applications more than once.

Students may be evaluated:

- First using completed Grade 11 and Grade 12 courses.
- Again when additional Grade 12 marks become available.
- Finally after graduation.

An early offer is not required to gain admission.

Grade 12 Post-Secondary Timeline

September - October

- Research programs
- Attend university events
- Begin applications
- Create STS account

November - January

- Submit applications
- Complete scholarship applications
- Monitor student email

February - April

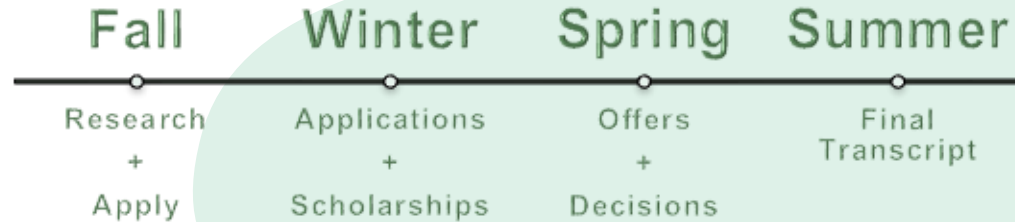
- Institutions review applications
- Continue meeting admission conditions
- McRoberts scholarship applications

May - June

- Receive conditional offers
- Accept offers
- Apply for housing

July

- Final transcripts sent automatically through STS
- Finalize plans



Graduation + Post Secondary Planning

Let's briefly review the:

- Grad 2027 Planning Summary
- Key dates
- Application pathways
- Important resources

GRAD 2025 PREPARING FOR POST-SECONDARY – SUMMARY

Applying to College and University - BC Institutions:

1) Education Planner: <https://www.educationplannerbc.ca>

Information on B.C.'s college & university programs, application dates, tuition costs, admission requirements etc. Students may apply directly to some schools or apply with Education Planner. Fill in the Common Form once, then apply to any institution you choose.

- Create an account before you begin your application process.
- Need a credit card and your [British](#) PEN #
- Ensure that you pay your application fee (otherwise your application will not be processed)
- Print out your confirmation.

2) Student Transcript Service On-Line Form (STS) - Sending Transcripts:

To be considered for admission to university/college programs grade 12 students must select the schools of their choosing - this gives permission to BC's Ministry of Education to release your marks to the post-secondary institutions to which you have applied.

Go to: www.StudentTranscripts.gov.bc.ca and follow the instructions.

1. Register for a [BCeID](#).
2. Register for the Student Transcript Service using your [BCeID](#).
3. Login to your Student Transcript Service
4. Follow the steps [in your ID](#) have your transcripts sent electronically to post-secondary institutions.

3) BC Transfer Guide - www.bctransferguide.ca

Guide that helps find course equivalencies between colleges and universities for transferring. (Great for planning!)

Note: In all applications for [admission](#) you must enter your Personal Education Number (PEN) - this is your Provincial ID. You can see this [9 digit](#) number on your report card. Applications should be submitted to Langara, Kwantlen or Douglas as close to the date of opening as possible. In most cases, registration is on a "first-come first-serve" basis.

If you are planning to enter university directly after high school graduation, you are strongly encouraged to have a back-up plan by also applying to a college that offers the university transfer program of your choice. See your counsellor or career advisor for clarification before applying.

IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

Unless you have already done so, register to write SAT/ACT test at www.collegeboard.com if you plan to attend a University in the USA as soon as possible.

Scholarship Info begins to arrive in the Career/Counselling Centre (Loran Awards, Canada Trust, etc.) and more are added throughout the year. Check our Career Centre Website (calendar), Career Centre Bulletin Boards.

Emily Carr University - Starts accepting applications for admission **September 15, 2024** for fall 2025 start.

Douglas College - [Starts](#) accepting applications in early **September 2024** for fall 2025 start

Canadian University Event (CUE) - Representatives from 55 Canadian colleges/universities will be presenting to Grade 10 to 12 students with information on their respective institutions. To find information, go to: <http://cuetrip.org/2024/>

Monday, September 23rd - [Hilton](#) Metro Vancouver
6083 McKay Ave Burnaby, BC

Thursday Sept 28th @ 6:30pm - [Westfield](#) Country Club 7778 352 St Surrey, BC

OCTOBER

Kwantlen Polytechnic University starts accepting applications on **October 1st, 2024** for admission Fall 2025.

Langara College starts accepting applications on **October 1st, 2024** for admission for Fall 2025.

Post Secondary / Career Centre Website



Your family's most important resource

Find:

- Scholarship updates
- University visits
- Application guides
- Important deadlines
- Parent resources

Check the [McRoberts Career Centre website](#) regularly.

Application deadlines, scholarships, events, and announcements are updated throughout the year.

Student Transcript Services (STS)



Students use STS to send transcripts to post-secondary institutions.

Getting Started

1. Create a Basic BCeID – bceid.ca
2. Log into STS - StudentTranscriptServices.ca
3. Authorize transcript sharing
4. Verify your selections



Register early

Scholarships + Awards

Provincial Awards - [BCed.gov.bc.ca](https://bcgov.bc.ca)

BC Excellence Scholarship (55 x \$5000)

- BC Achievement Scholarship (3K x \$1,250)
- Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship

School Scholarships + Awards

- McRoberts Scholarship Program
 - application on school website

Community + Corporate Awards

- StudentAwards.com

💡 Check the [Career Centre website](#) regularly for updates.

Upcoming Events to Note

Canadian Universities Night

Burnaby – Hilton Metrotown
October 5, 6pm to 8pm

Surrey – Westfield Country Club
October 7, 6pm to 8pm

Register online for info on information sessions - <https://cuebc.org/for-students/>

Global Post-Secondaries Event

Steveston-London Secondary School
October 5, 4pm to 5:30pm

💡 Check the [Career Centre website](#) regularly for updates.

How Parents Can Help

Encourage exploration of different pathways

Discuss finances openly

Visit campuses and attend events

Ask about deadlines

Let your child take ownership of applications

Celebrate progress, not just outcomes

Common Grade 12 Myths

Myth: *"Grade 11 doesn't count."*

Reality

Grade 11 marks often matter a great deal.

Universities commonly use Grade 11 courses:

- During initial admission reviews
- For scholarship consideration
- To predict Grade 12 performance

Strong Grade 11 habits set students up for success in Grade 12.

Key message: *Grade 11 is important preparation and often part of the admissions process.*

Common Grade 12 Myths

Myth: *"All my required courses must be completed in semester 1."*

Reality

Universities understand that students complete courses throughout Grade 12.

Admissions offices review:

- Grade 11 marks
- Completed Grade 12 courses
- In-progress Grade 12 courses

Most students receive conditional offers while still completing courses in Semester 2.

Key message: *Universities know you are still finishing Grade 12.*

Common Grade 12 Myths

Myth: *"Early admission means easier admission"*

Reality

Most Canadian universities now use a rolling or ongoing review process.

Applying earlier:

- Allows your application to be reviewed sooner
- Does not guarantee admission
- Does not lower admission standards

Students who are not admitted during an earlier review are often reconsidered later when additional grades become available.

Key message: *Apply on time and focus on strong grades rather than worrying about "early admission."*

Common Grade 12 Myths

Myth: *"I need AP courses to get accepted"*

Reality

AP courses are **not required** for admission to Canadian universities.

AP courses can:

- Provide enrichment
- Demonstrate academic challenge
- Potentially earn university credit

However:

- Many admitted students have never taken AP courses.
- Universities care most about strong grades in required courses.

Key message: *Success in regular courses is better than struggling in courses taken solely for admissions purposes.*

Common Grade 12 Myths

Myth: *"I need Calculus to get into University."*

Reality:

Most university programs do **not** require Calculus. Calculus is typically required only for specific programs such as:

- Engineering
- Some Computer Science programs
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Certain business programs (check requirements carefully)

Many programs accept:

- Pre-Calculus 12
- Foundations of Math 12
- Other approved Grade 12 math courses

Key message: *Always check the admission requirements of the specific program, not just the university.*

Common Grade 12 Myths

Myth: *"If I don't get into UBC (or my dream school), my future is ruined."*

Reality

There are many successful pathways to the same destination.

Students may:

- Transfer later
- Attend another university
- Start at college and transfer
- Complete a university transfer program
- Discover a program that is actually a better fit

Many professionals and university graduates did not begin at their original first-choice institution.

Key message: *There are many roads to success.*

Common Grade 12 Myths

Myth: *"University transfer programs make me lose time."*

Reality

Many university transfer programs are intentionally designed to save students time and money.

Benefits may include:

- Smaller classes
- Lower tuition costs
- Strong academic support
- The opportunity to transfer university credits later

Thousands of students successfully transfer each year and complete their degrees on schedule.

Key message: *A transfer pathway is not a backup plan. It is a legitimate pathway.*

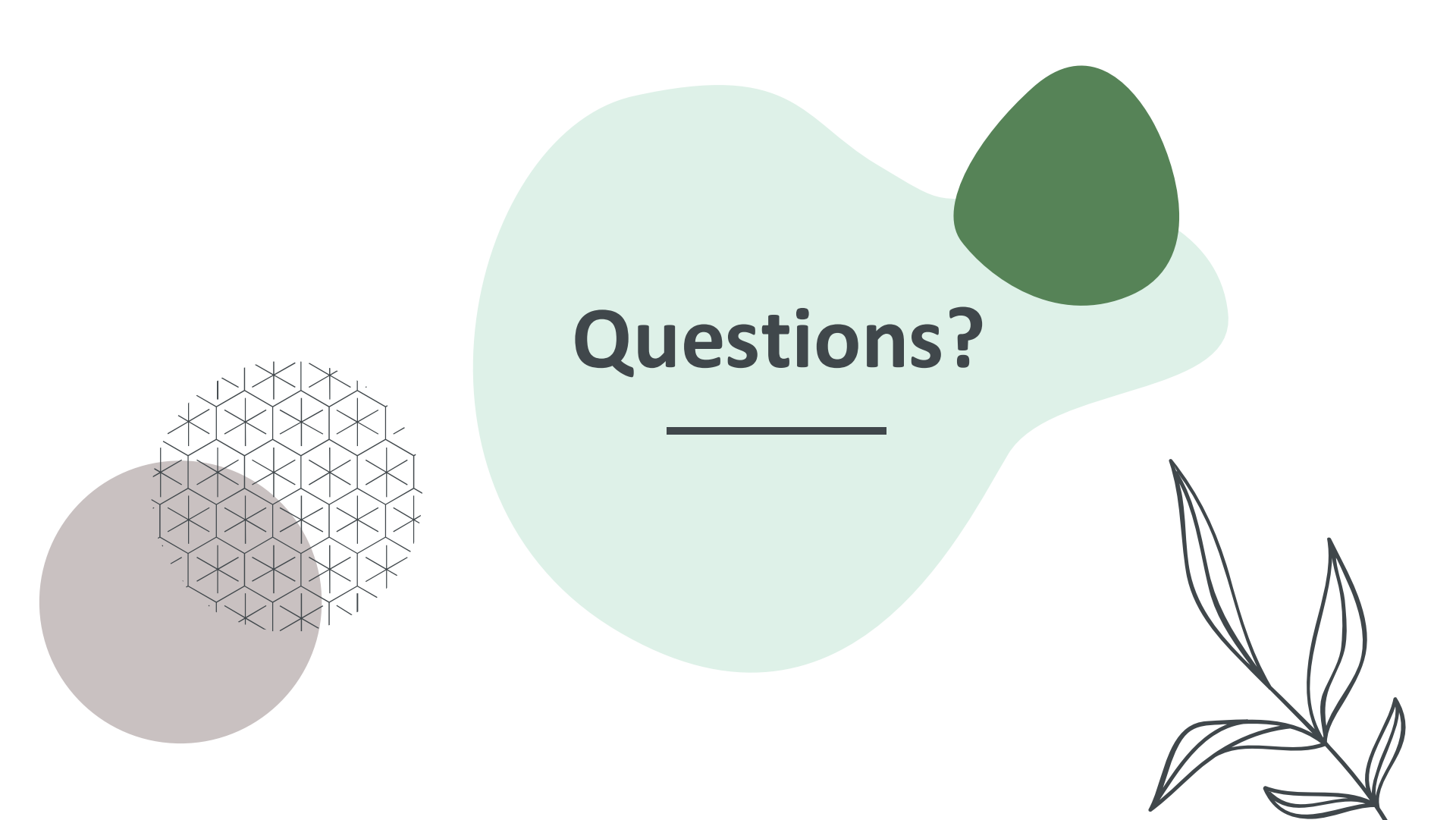
Common Counsellor Advice

The most successful students are usually not the ones who try to follow a perfect formula. They are the students who:

- Meet program admission requirements
- Choose programs that fit their strengths and goals
- Stay academically engaged
- Keep multiple pathways open
- Apply on time
- Apply for scholarships
- Check their email regularly
- Ask questions and seek support when needed
- Focus on fit rather than prestige

There is rarely only one path to a successful future.

The goal is not to find the "perfect" route, but to find the route that best fits the student.



Questions?
