

Byrne Creek Community School

APPLYING TO POST-SECONDARY PROGRAMS

For many grade 12s 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 Serve”—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. College applications start on the following dates:

- ❖ **Langara: October 1st**
- ❖ **Douglas: October 1st**
- ❖ **KPU: November 1st**

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, 2016** (Early admission deadline for Major Entrance Scholarship candidates) **January 15, 2017** (Final deadline for application for September 2017 start)
- ❖ **SFU: January 31, 2017** (Final deadline for Major Entrance Scholarship application)
- ❖ **February 28, 2017** (Early admission deadline for applications for September 2017 start)
- ❖ **University of Victoria: February 28, 2017** (Final deadline for applications for September 2017 start)
- ❖ **Capilano University: March 31, 2017** (some programs have earlier application 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
- ✓ Complete online **PSI Choices form** at <https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student/>
- ✓ Apply through 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 choice

Seeking more information...?

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

www.schoolfinder.com

www.educationalplanner.ca

Important Visit Dates from Post-Secondary Institutes

November 7th at lunch **UBC advisor** (B104)

November 14th at lunch **KPU advisor** (B104)

November 23rd from 8:45 to 10 am **Post-Secondary Institutions Event** in lower B wing. Great opportunity to meet with advisors and receive information from many of our local PSIs.

November 29th at lunch **SFU advisor** (B104)