



New Routes To Transfer

The two largest programs offered by the colleges, university colleges and institutes are the academic arts and science program, and the business program. In both these areas, transfer just got easier!

1. Associate Degree Transfer: To Baccalaureate Degree Programs

The Associate Degree is a rigorous two year program of study in arts or sciences that provides a solid foundation for life as an educated citizen, and for further study. Acknowledging that the associate degree constitutes an excellent first two years of a baccalaureate degree program, all public universities and university colleges in B.C. that offer traditional arts and science degrees now give *special transfer credit recognition* for students who have completed an Associate of Arts degree or an Associate of Science degree.

What This Means

Students who have completed an associate degree are guaranteed to receive two years of transfer credit (60 credits or 30 units) upon admission that can be applied towards completion of their baccalaureate degree. Students will receive credit for all their associate degree courses according to the course-to-course equivalencies in the *B.C. Transfer Guide*. Courses that do not normally transfer to that institution will be given unassigned credit.

Advising Pointers

- Students will still be required to complete all of the lower and upper division requirements for their particular degree area. Therefore, they should continue to plan their college course work carefully to ensure that they will meet specific prerequisite and other major or minor program requirements at the institution to which they intend to transfer. The *B.C. Transfer Guide* can be used to identify course equivalencies for such required courses.
- Unassigned credit can be applied to general education (elective) requirements at the degree granting institution.

- The granting of guaranteed credit for the associate degree will not replace the existing course-by-course equivalencies listed in the *B.C. Transfer Guide*. Students who do not complete an associate degree will still obtain transfer credit as specified in the *B.C. Transfer Guide*.
- Two universities, SFU and UNBC, provide *priority admission* to students with an associate degree over other transfer students who do not have such a degree.

Advantages of Associate Degree Transfer

- Encourages students to stay at college for two full years.
- Maximizes the amount of transfer credit that students can receive towards their degree.
- Provides priority admission over other transfer students at two universities.

Where to Find the Details

The specific associate degree credit transfer policies at each receiving institution can be found on the BCCAT web site at www.bccat.bc.ca. Just click on the "Online Transfer Guide" button and then on the "Associate Degree Transfer" link in the blue sidebar. A link is also provided there to all of the general and specific requirements for associate degrees.

2. Business Management Transfer: Between Diploma Programs

All colleges, university colleges and two institutes in B.C. offer Diploma Programs in Business Management or Administration. Many students in these programs are employed full- or part-time, or are working towards designations in accounting or other professions. They often take courses from a variety of institutions, and hope to transfer these credits to the institution from

which they wish to graduate. Now a new initiative under BCCAT's Transfer Innovations Program has resulted in the first Business Management Diploma Programs Transfer Guide. It is designed to facilitate the transfer of credits between diploma programs in colleges, university colleges and institutes.

What This Means

The Business Diploma Programs Transfer Guide takes a unique approach to articulation. Courses are not listed under "sending institution" or "receiving institution." Rather, all courses are assessed against objective criteria by a team of content experts who establishes tables of equivalencies for each subject area. Students are *guaranteed* to receive transfer credit for courses listed as equivalent in the tables.

Advising Pointers

- The minimum grade for transfer is a Passing grade, as defined by the sending institutions (normally a 'P' or 'D'). However, most institutions require a higher grade for prerequisite courses, and some have program requirements that specify minimum grades. A grade of 'P' or 'D' may not be sufficient for credit.
- Refer also to the course-to-course section of the Transfer Guide. Many courses offered within Business Management Diploma Programs also transfer to universities.
- For other transfer opportunities in the Business Management area, check out the Block Transfer section of the Transfer Guide (found under the Program Transfer Menu). Many completed diplomas will transfer to Business or Commerce degree programs at universities and university colleges.
- Individual programs normally have residency requirements – that is, they require students to complete a certain percentage of credits at the institution awarding the diploma. Students should ascertain how many credits they can transfer.

Online TRANSFER GUIDE

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For the most up-to-date transfer information, check your Online Transfer Guide.

Advantages of the Business Management Diploma Programs Transfer Guide

- Takes the guesswork out of transferring credits from one diploma program to another.
- Enables students to work towards a diploma even if they can't always take courses from the same institution.

Where to Find the Details

From the BCCAT Home Page (www.bccat.bc.ca), click on the "Online Transfer Guide" button and then on the "Business Management Diploma Programs Transfer Guide" link in the blue sidebar.

OTHER NEW ROUTES TO TRANSFER

Many articulation committees are working on projects to improve, clarify, or simplify transfer in their discipline or program area. As they are completed, the reports are posted in the Online Transfer Guide, in the "Program Transfer" area. Where the project results in new Block Transfer Agreements, these agreements are incorporated under "Inter-Institutional Block Transfer Agreements." Others are listed under the heading "General Program Transfer Accords." Explore links here to valuable information on transfer in Environmental Programs, Tourism Management, Engineering and Geo-Science, and Child and Youth Care. Check back occasionally for updates!

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