



The Canadian Education System and Opportunities for Vocational Cooperation With EU Countries

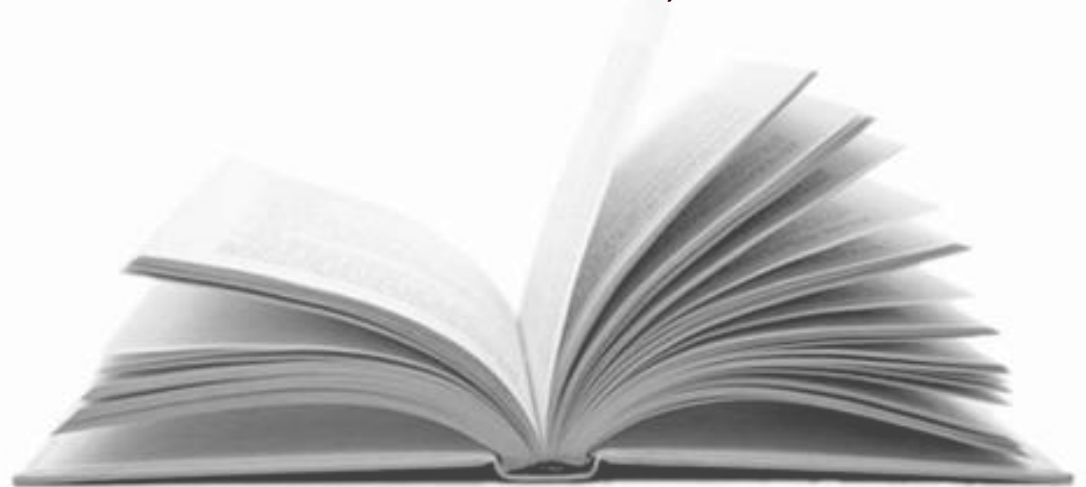


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- BCCIE is committed to advancing the international education interests of the province of British Columbia.
- BCCIE supports and strengthens the internationalization efforts of British Columbia's education institutions for the benefit of the students and communities of the province and of the world in which we live, learn and trade.



EDUCATION IN CANADA

- Education is a provincial responsibility
- There is no national Ministry of Education
- Each of the 10 provinces and 3 territories has at least one Ministry
- There is significant cooperation between provinces
- Approximately 90% of students in K-12 system and post-secondary system attend publicly-funded institutions
- Tax dollars from provincial and municipal governments support education
- Federal government provides direct funding for research, specialized studies, some international scholarships and initiatives
- OECD per capita expenditure on higher education 3rd highest in world

STAKEHOLDERS

- Universities: AUCC
- Colleges and Institutes: ACCC
- Schools and Districts: CAPS-I
- Agencies: CECN, CWY, WUSC, CBIE, CIDA
- Languages: Languages Canada
- Provincial Ministries
- Provincially Supported Bodies: BCCIE, EduNOVA

Canada's College System

- Over 150 members of Association of Community Colleges of Canada (ACCC)
- Also known as Institutes, Polytechnics, and Colleges of Applied Science
- Focus on 1-2 year diploma/certificate programs, adult education, skills & trades
- Increasingly active in internationalization efforts

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN CANADA: TOP TEN SOURCE COUNTRIES

Home Country	Total	% of Total
People's Republic of China	42,154	23.7
Republic of Korea	27,440	15.4
United States	11,317	6.3
France	8,553	4.8
India	7,314	4.1
Japan	6,627	3.7
Saudi Arabia	4,672	2.6
Taiwan	4,127	2.3
Hong Kong	4,126	2.3
Mexico	3,853	2.2

From *Immigration Canada, Facts and Figures 2008*

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN CANADA: BY SECTOR

Primary/Secondary	34,401
Trade	18,954
University	95,414
Other post secondary	22,738
Other	6,720
Total	178,227

From Immigration Canada, Facts and Figures 2008

Vocational Collaboration: CANADA

- New TEP Program for mobility and exchange between EU & Canada
- Funding available through EU
- 2009: Canadian partners from 5 provinces, including BC
- Currently 19 projects involving 1224 people

CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

Post Graduate Work Experience Program (2008)

- international students who have completed an eight month to two year program at an eligible institution can work for a period no longer than the length of time that was studied
- international students who have completed more than 2 years of a post secondary program at an eligible institution can:
 - work up to three years anywhere in Canada
 - receive an open work permit without an existing job offer

Canadian Experience Class (2007)

- allows an applicant's education and work experience in Canada to be considered a key selection factor when immigrating to Canada
- international students who have completed the Post Graduate Work Experience Program, that involved at least one year of full-time, skilled work experience are eligible for consideration for permanent residency

BRITISH COLUMBIA CANADA'S PACIFIC GATEWAY

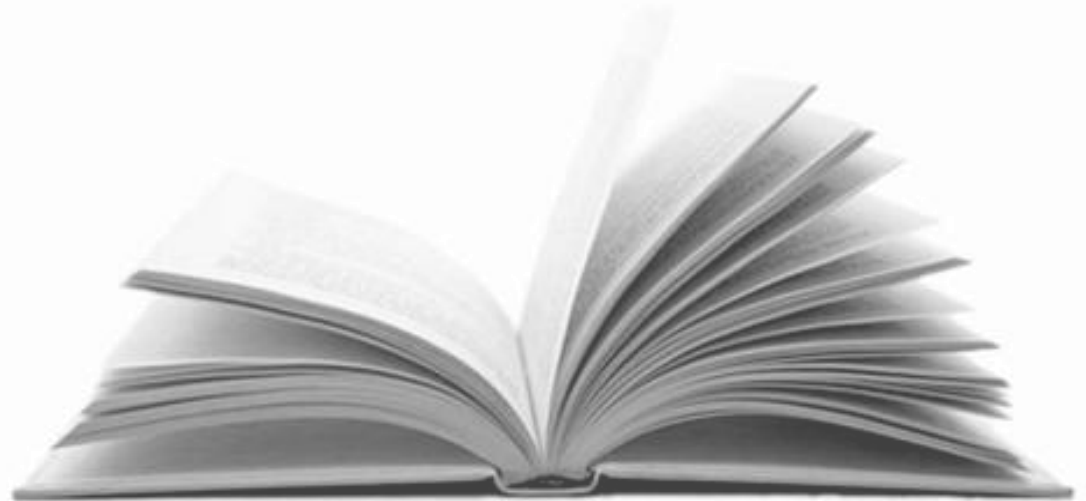


A SNAPSHOT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Population of just under 5 million
- Major cities: Vancouver (2 million); Victoria (400 000); Kelowna (100 000); Kamloops (100 000)
- 50 per cent of Vancouver residents born outside Canada
- Major industries: forestry, mining, fishing, agricultural
- Growth industries: film, new media, environmental technology, eco-tourism, IT, health science

BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Extremely high quality of education
- Great diversity of institutions, districts and regions
- International reputation
- Seamless system of transfer at all levels
- Excellent career training/work options
- Low relative cost
- High quality of life
- Safety and diversity
- Dynamic and cosmopolitan

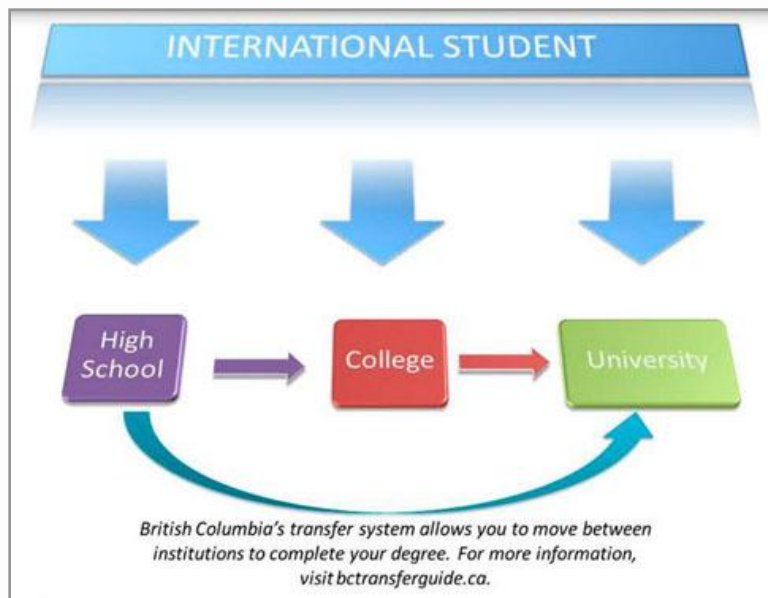


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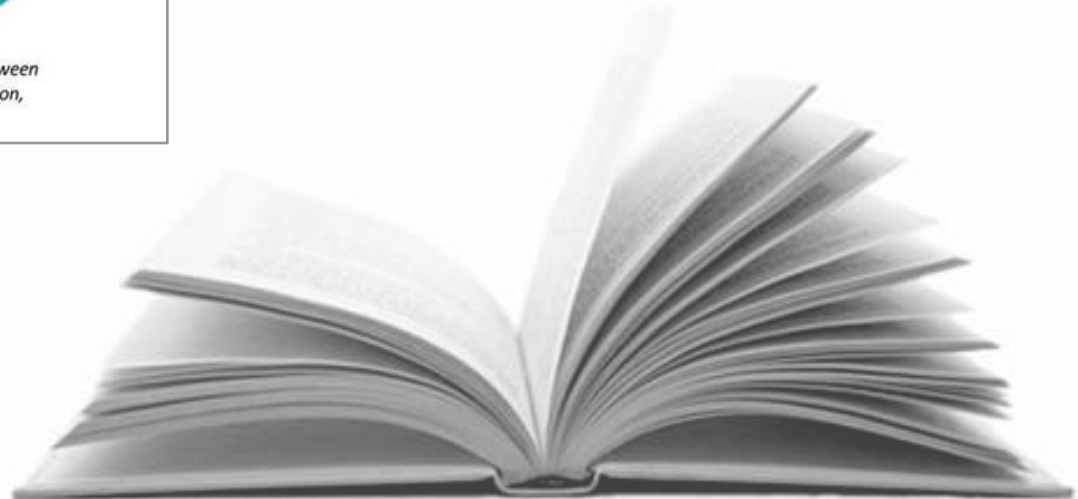
- Vancouver ranked by *The Economist* as World's Most Live-able City
- Canada regularly tops UN Quality of Life Index
- BC is safe, clean, with exceptionally high standard of living
- Our cities and towns are diverse and welcoming
- Smaller towns and cities also provide excellent recreation and cultural opportunities
- Clean, multicultural cities
- Pristine beaches, incredible mountains and parks
- Over 12 per cent of province is protected parkland
- BC plays host to the world for 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games



OVERVIEW OF BC EDUCATION SYSTEM

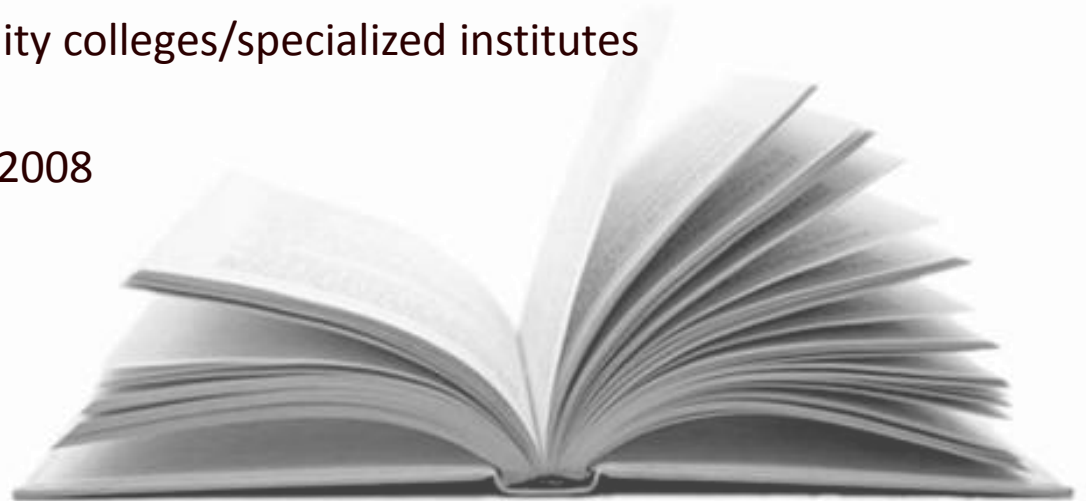


- Accredited, regulated K-12 public/private system
- Over 1900 programs in BC's post-secondary system
- Seamless transfer from high school to college/university



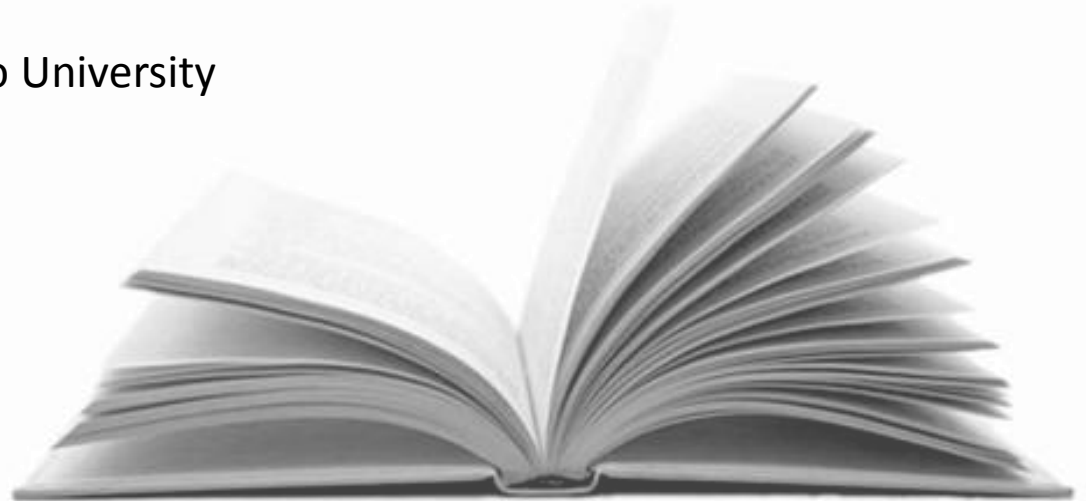
EXCELLENCE IN POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

- Twenty-five post-secondary institutions: institutes, colleges, teaching universities and research universities
- UBC among world's top 35 universities, according to *Times of London* ranking
- Simon Fraser and University of Victoria tied for number 1 comprehensive university in Canada (according to *MacLean's* national survey)
- Larger, research based universities OR regional teaching universities
- Network of leading community colleges/specialized institutes throughout province
- Six new universities in BC in 2008



NEW UNIVERSITIES – RE-ORGANIZATION

- Malaspina University-College → Vancouver Island University
- Kwantlen University-College → Kwantlen Polytechnic University
- University College of the Fraser Valley → University of the Fraser Valley
- Emily Carr Institute of Art + Design → Emily Carr University of Art + Design
- Capilano College → Capilano University



Vocational Training in BC

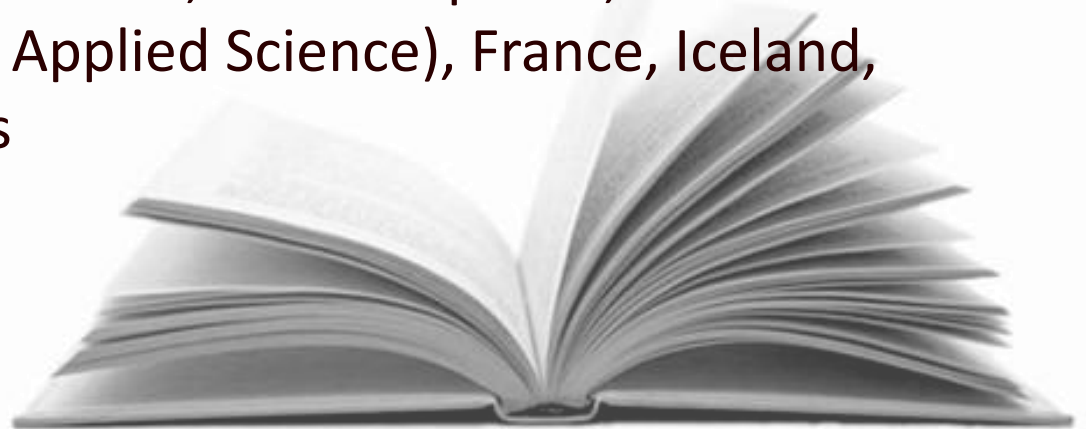
- Range of Community Colleges, Institutes, Polytechnics
- Vocational efforts partly focused on skills re-training & adult education, particularly for workers in resource-based industries (forestry, fishing, mining)
- BC leader in Canada for internationalization of vocational opportunities
- BC transfer system (through BCCAT) offers transparent credit transfer options between vocational & university

Collaboration Opportunities with BC

- Student Mobility (Exchange, Field School)
- Faculty Exchange
- Technology Transfer
- Consortia Development Projects
- EU-funded partnership schemes

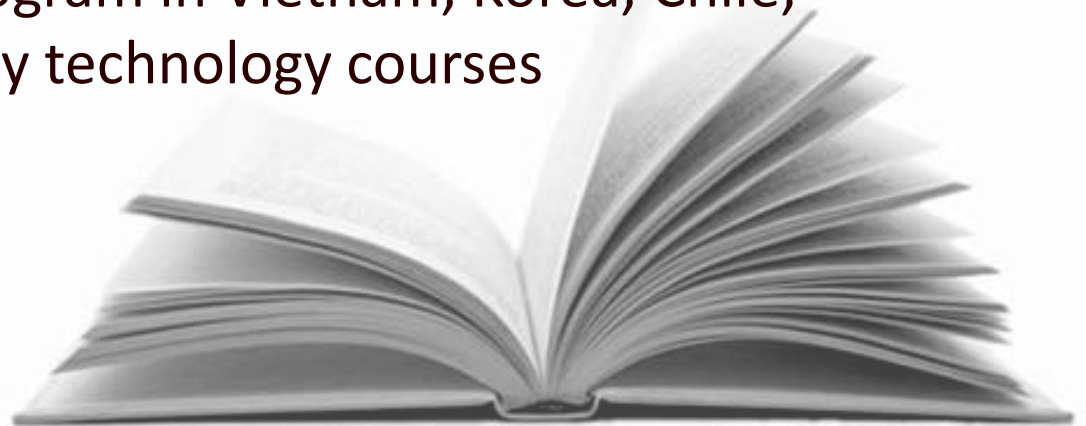
Case Studies: Camosun College

- Based in Victoria, BC's capital city
- Range of certificate/degree/university transfer programs
- Culinary arts, tourism & hospitality, sports management
- Home of Pacific Sport Centre for Excellence
- Exchange partners in Austria, Czech Republic, Finland (Kajaani University of Applied Science), France, Iceland, Spain, Sweden, Wales



Case Studies: BCIT

- Main campuses in downtown Vancouver & suburbs
- One of Canada's leading institutes of technology
- Major customized international projects around world
- Technology transfer programs offers offshore training
- 17 partner institutions in Asia offering joint diplomas
- Student exchange program in Vietnam, Korea, Chile, China, Ukraine, mainly technology courses



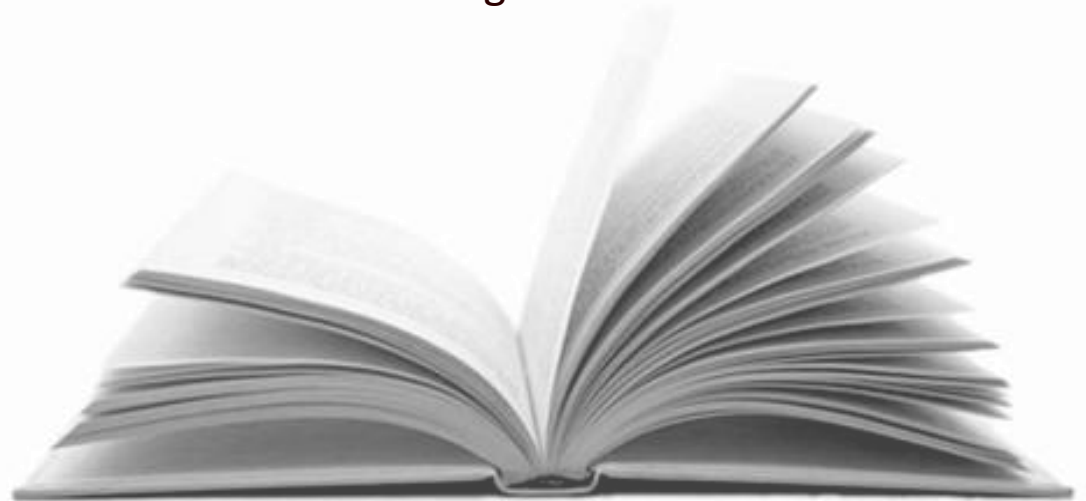
Case Studies: College of the Rockies

- Community College in small city in Rocky Mountains
- International contract training in health care, forestry & mining, tourism, emergency & fire services
- Current international training projects in Eco-Tourism, Environmental Entrepreneurship
- Canada-Europe Student Exchange Program in Sustainable Tourism



EDUCATION QUALITY ASSURANCE: A BRITISH COLUMBIA GUARANTEE

- All public and private K-12 schools accredited by Ministry of Education
- Universities and colleges accredited by Ministry of Advanced Education
- Overseas BC curriculum schools inspected by Ministry of Education
- Private career colleges/language schools may be accredited by either PCTIA or Languages Canada
- Provincial EQA designation to be administered starting Fall 2009



STUDY AND WORK IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Full-time post-secondary students can work after 6 months of study
- University/college students can work up to 20 hours per week
- Full-time students can work in BC during summer
- Post-graduate work permit allows work in Canada for up to 3 years following graduation
- Co-op programs allow students to earn credit while you work in your field
- Paid internships are available with large companies in many fields
- Focus on "hands-on" learning in vocational and technical programs
- BC universities are leaders in research and collaboration with industry

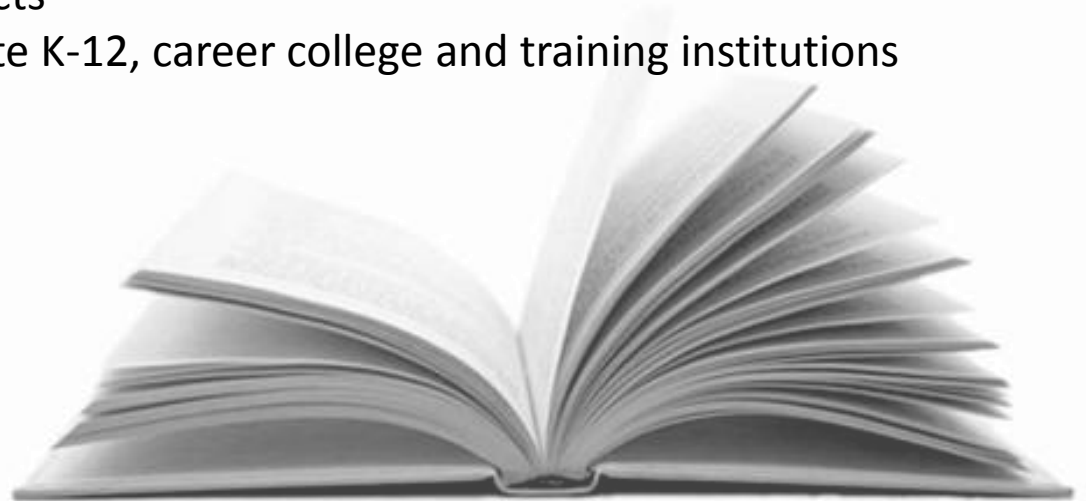
A PATH TO TOP CAREER PROSPECTS IN BC

- BC is facing projected skills and labour shortage
- Provincial Nominee Program streamlines application for residency
- Science and technology, health sciences, tourism and hospitality, film, gaming and media, and environmental science all sectors targeted for growth
- *Live Learn BC* website can provide further information



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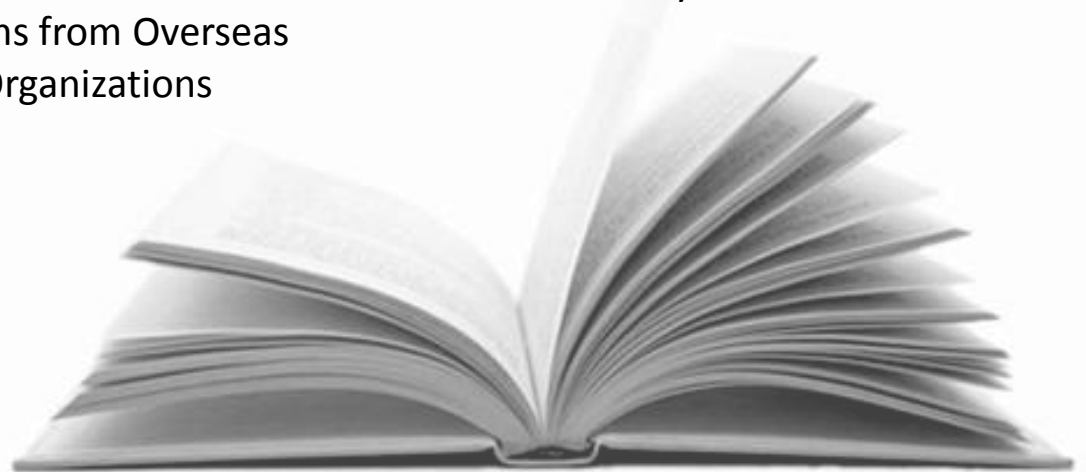
- BCCIE was established in 1990 as a non-profit society responsible for strengthening international education within B.C.
- Funded by provincial government
- Re-created and re-purposed in January 2009
- Mandated with developing and implementing a coherent International Education Strategy for BC
- Represents all 25 public post-secondary institutions
- Represents all 60 K-12 districts
- Represents accredited private K-12, career college and training institutions and universities



BCCIE: MISSION AND ACTIVITIES

BCCIE supports British Columbia's diverse education sector by ...

- Providing cohesive and professional information for international students, parents and educators
- Supporting the growth of sector-wide capacity, quality and professionalism
- Encouraging the two-way mobility of scholars and staff
- Coordinating and delivering effective marketing and recruitment initiatives through activities such as
 - Team BC Education Missions and Provincial Presence in Key Markets
 - Coordination of Marketing, Recruitment, Communications and Advocacy
 - Welcoming Education Delegations from Overseas
 - Liaison with Governments and Organizations



FURTHER INFORMATION

BC COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

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EDUCATION IN CANADA

www.educationau-incanada.ca

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