

2010-11 Service Plan Summary

BCcampus is a publicly funded organization that uses information technology to connect the expertise, programs, and resources of all B.C. post-secondary institutions under a collaborative service delivery framework.

BCcampus services are grouped into three areas that relate directly to institutional needs:

1. Student Services and Data Exchange
2. Collaborative Programs and Shared Services
3. Curriculum Development and Academic Growth

ApplyBC

ApplyBC is an online tool that allows students across the province apply to any of the province's post-secondary institutions. ApplyBC collects the applicant's basic personal information and submits it to institutions of the applicant's choice, beginning the application process. Each year, ApplyBC helps more than 100,000 prospective students apply to their chosen institution.

CoursesBC

The CoursesBC tool provides an up-to-date directory of online and distance courses available through B.C.'s public post-secondary institutions. Course information is updated daily from all participating institutions. Course transfer information is synchronized with the BC Transfer Database, supported by the BC Council on Admissions and Transfer (BCCAT).

MyCreditsBC

MyCreditsBC provides B.C. post-secondary students with the ability to easily retrieve an unofficial course record from institutions they have attended. They can then view course-by-course transferability, according to Transfer Agreements maintained by the Council of Admissions & Transfer (BCCAT). Transcript information is retrieved in real time from each connected institution's student information system the moment a request is made.

Sept 2010 – Aug 2011

	Number of ApplyBC Applications
Total Across BC	154,050

Aug 2011

	Courses Listed province-wide Through CoursesBC
Total Across BC	2,298

Aug 2011

	Transcript Requests Through MyCreditsBC
Total Across BC	313*

* Denotes requests from July 2011 to Aug 2011. This new service was officially launched on July 28, 2011.

Connect. Collaborate. Innovate.

BCcampus helps the post-secondary system do together what one institution couldn't do alone. There's strength in numbers: the more institutions share knowledge and services, the lower the cost for all.

Transcript Exchange

The pilot Transcript Exchange service has been developed to demonstrate the efficiencies available by replacing paper transcripts with electronic versions when official student transcripts are exchanged between participating institutions. This standards-based mechanism is currently in production for Douglas College, Kwantlen Polytechnic University and Simon Fraser University. Work is underway to extend implementation to the other B.C. public colleges, universities and institutes.

Aug 2011

Transcript Exchange Requests to Date

Total Across BC	2,601
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**Denotes figures from Dec 2010 to Aug 2011. The pilot service between the three inaugural institutions has been in production since mid-Dec 2010. The next institutions slated for transcript exchange implementation are University of British Columbia, Langara College and University of the Fraser Valley.*

Collaborative Programs and Services

BCcampus and partner institutions work collaboratively to deliver programs of study and services to support them. In collaborative programs, courses are delivered completely online. Students take courses from many participating institutions even though they receive a credential from a single institution. In collaborative services, institutions coordinate existing resources to deliver online learning or student services beyond what any individual institution could provide on its own.

2010-11

	Number of Institutions Participating	Number of Registrations	Total Course Registrations
Total Collaborative Programs Across BC			6,501
Applied Business Technology	11	5912	
Information and Communication Technology	3	433	
Aboriginal Early Childhood Education	2	156	
AskAway	25	21,008*	

*Total Referrals

Shared Services

BCcampus helps institutions with their educational applications for teaching and learning by bringing multiple institutions together to pool requirements, and then acquire and support applications. The greater the number participating in educational application shared services, the lower the cost for all. Shared services typically reduce software costs by pooling demand and negotiating system-wide licenses and services.

	2010-11	2010-11
	Institutions Participating	Institutions Considering Participating
Adobe Connect	10	–
Elluminate	8	3
Desire2Learn	14	–
Moodle	7	5
QuestionPoint (AskAway technology)	25	–
Kaltura	–	12

Online Program Development Fund (OPDF)

The annual Online Program Development Fund provides grants to B.C. post-secondary institutions for development of online learning curricula. Detail reports on Online Program Development Fund grants by institution, field of study, and year are available via the OPDF tab at reports.bccampus.ca. OPDF curricula are freely available to all B.C. post-secondary institutions at solr.bccampus.ca.

	2003 – 2010
Grants awarded	144
Participation across the post-secondary system	100%
Percentage of awards to partnerships (mostly inter-institutional but also with K-12, health authorities, not-for-profits, professional associations, e-learning companies, First Nations, foundations, among others.)	83%
Credentials developed in whole or part via OPDF	47
Courses developed	355
Workshops	12
Web sites/tools	19
Course components (learning objects, labs, textbooks, manuals, videos) developed across almost all academic fields of study	396
	2010
Grants awarded	14
Total OPDF funding 2010 round	\$750,000
Courses developed	38
Workshops	2
Course components created (learning objects, labs, textbooks, manuals, videos)	58

Professional Learning Events

BCcampus events, online communities, and professional learning and networking opportunities support academic growth. Educational practitioners at B.C.'s post-secondary institutions contributed to the following BCcampus-supported professional learning communities, events, and networking.

2010-2011	
Attendees	
Educational Technology Users' Group (ETUG) Fall 2010 Workshop (New Westminster)	108
ETUG Spring 2011 Workshop (Nelson)	73
Privacy and Educational Technology in the Cloud Conference April 4, 2011 (Vancouver)	80
Gathering of Online Community Enthusiasts Spring 2011 (Vancouver)	34
Forum discussions (9 total)	508
Web Conferences (11 total)	244

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