

Suggested Timeline for the Grad Year

Note: This is a guide only. Information may change. You might want to create your own timeline.

September/October

- Ensure that you will meet the BC Grade 12 graduation requirements
- Ensure that the classes you are currently enrolled in meet the admission requirements into the institution(s) or program(s) that you plan on applying to
- Continue working on your Graduation Transition Plan
- Document your achievements/awards to keep organized for scholarships and post-secondary applications
- Draft/update your résumé.
- Find out dates and times of the exams you may require (LPI, SAT, TOEFL, etc.)
- Attend information sessions and/or tours of the post-secondary institutions of your choice
- If you plan on applying to a post-secondary in:
 - BC, create an account on: <https://applybc.ca>
 - Ontario, create an account on: <http://www.ouac.on.ca/applications>
 - USA, start your research at www.collegeboard.org and www.commonapp.org
 - Other areas: Check the institution's website
 - Don't forget to pay the application fee(s)!
- Apply for residence if required
- CONTINUE YOUR ONGOING RESEARCH INTO SCHOLARSHIPS AND OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

November/December

- Find out any additional information that your post-secondary application requires, (e.g., proof of citizenship, letters of reference, essays, supplemental applications, art portfolios, etc.)
- Consider booking an appointment with an admissions advisor at the post-secondary institution(s) of choice for advice on programs or to answer your questions
- Be aware of your post-secondary contacts (know where to send any required paperwork)
- Indicate what institutions you want your marks sent to by using the **Ministry of Education PSI Selections** form found through your Student Secure Web account at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/tsw/tsw/student (This opens in October). Instructions can be found at www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/trx_updates/pdf/psi_selections_instructions.pdf

January/February

- If you have not already done so, apply to the post-secondary institution(s) of choice
- Ensure you have a backup plan if you don't get into your anticipated institution or program
- Regularly check your e-mail and student account provided to you by the institution to keep updated of your application and to find out about any missing documents
- Ensure that your applications are as complete as possible
- Find out how to obtain grades or transcripts for courses that you are taking elsewhere e.g. online via VLN, or other means of correspondence
- Be aware that most BC university application deadlines are the end of January or February. If you haven't already applied and you still plan to, do it now!
- If necessary, contact the admissions office to make any last minute changes to your application

March/April

- Many institutions will send you letters or e-mails advising you to self-report your second term marks
- If necessary, submit hardcopy transcripts to institutions that won't be receiving them electronically
- Follow-up with institutions if you have any uncertainties (e.g., residence, deadlines, paperwork, fees)

May/June

- Last chance to determine if you need to write any additional tests such as the LPI
- Prepare for any provincial exams you will be writing
- If applying for a student loan, do so at www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc

Web Resources

General Career, Education & Labour Market Sites	
School Career Centre	http://schoolcareercentre.wordpress.com
Career Cruising	www.careercruising.com (See Ms. Thomas for the user name & password)
Can Learn	www.canlearn.ca
Government of Canada Youth Site	www.youth.gc.ca
Next Steps	www.nextsteps.org
Service Canada Jobs, Etc.	www.jobsetc.ca
Government of BC WorkBC	www.workbc.ca

Exploration/Self-assessment	
Career Paths	www.careerpathsonline.com
Internet Career Connection	www.iccweb.com
Government of Canada Jobs Etc. (create a free account)	www.jobsetc.gc.ca
Monster.ca Self-assessment Centre	http://assessment.monster.ca

“What can I do with a Major/Degree in ...”	
College Board	https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/majors-careers
Laurier University Career Centre	www.lauriercc.ca/career/students/planning/major.htm
SFU Career Services	www.sfu.ca/career/WCID.html

Education Information	
BC Industry Training Authority (Apprenticeships)	www.itabc.ca
Admissions and Transfer Guide	www.bccat.bc.ca
BC Education Planner	www.educationplanner.ca
Apply to a BC Institution	https://applybc.ca
Apply to an Ontario Institution	www.ouac.on.ca
Assn. of Canadian Community Colleges	www.accc.ca
Association of Universities and Colleges	www.aucc.ca
Search for Canadian or US Institutions	www.campusaccess.com
Search for US Institutions	www.collegeboard.com
BC Ministry of Ed Graduation Program	www.bced.gov.bc.ca/graduation
BC Ministry of Education Provincial Exams	www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams

Academic Testing	
Language Proficiency Index (LPI)	www.lpitest.ca
PSAT and other practice testing	www.kaplan.com
SAT	www.collegeboard.com
TOEFL	www.toefl.org

Financial Aid/Advice/Scholarship Sites	
BC Ministry of Education Awards	www.bced.gov.bc.ca/awards
Government of Canada CanLearn	www.canlearn.ca
Min. of Advanced Ed Student Financial Aid	www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc
Assn. of Universities & Colleges of Canada	www.aucc.ca/programs-services
Student Scholarships	www.studentscholarships.org
Scholarships Canada	www.scholarshipscanada.com
Student Awards	www.studentawards.com
MacLean's OnCampus	http://oncampus.macleans.ca/education
The Debt-free Grad	www.debtfreegrad.com
U.S. advice	www.finaid.org www.scholarships.com
Tips for Athletes	www.millerplace.k12.ny.us/webpages/lally/files/studentathletesgameplan.pdf www.depauw.edu/admission/documents/acsathlete.pdf www.siprep.org/uploaded/counseling/Student-AthletePlanningGuide.pdf

Job Hunting Advice & Job Bank Links	
Employment Tips Archive	www.alis.gov.ab.ca/ep/eps/tips/tips.html?
Job Hunter	www.jobhuntersbible.com
Monster.ca On-line Career Portal	www.monster.ca
Purdue University Job Search Writing	http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/6
The Riley Guide	www.rileyguide.com
Agricultural Labour Pool	www.agri-labourpool.com
Work BC	www.workbc.ca
BC Jobs	www.bcjobs.com
Canada.com	www.working.com/vancouver/index.html
Extreme Jobs	www.extremejobs.ca
Hospitality Careers	www.hcareers.ca
Monster	www.monster.ca
Service Canada Job Bank	www.jobbank.gc.ca
Workopolis	www.workopolis.ca

Volunteer	
Go Volunteer	www.govolunteer.ca
Volunteer Canada	www.volunteer.ca
Youth Challenge International	www.yci.org
Volunteer BC	www.volunteerbc.bc.ca
Volunteer Vancouver	www.volunteervancouver.ca
Volunteer Abroad	www.volunteerabroad.ca
Lattitude Global Volunteering	http://lattitudecanada.org

Working and Studying Abroad	
Canadian Information Centre for International Credentials -Includes post-secondary education abroad info and other on-line resources	www.cicic.ca/384/studying-abroad.canada