MODERNIZING TOWARDS AN ENHANCED DIGITAL DESTINY

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ABOUT US

Located in British Columbia, Canada – Most westerly province

25 Public post–secondary institutions

Province–wide service – Sector–Lead & Government Supported

Services include:
- Academic program information
- Common application
- Transcript exchange
EDUCATIONAL CONTEXT

British Columbia post-secondary designed as a collaborative system

Purpose built as a provincial transfer system
  - First 2 years at regional colleges + final 2 years at larger universities

Transfer credit system designed to support this model
  - British Columbia Council on Admissions and Transfer established 1989
  - Formal articulation agreements between institutions
  - Enables student mobility

Integrated program information and shared application service
  - Over 20 years of collaborative efforts
OUR HISTORY

Shared application service initiated

Ongoing development with 17/25 institutions onboard

EducationPlannerBC Project initiated

1996

1996–2015

2015/16

APPLICATION SERVICES

TRANSCRIPT SERVICES

Pre–2008
6 institutions exchanging EDI transcripts via US Hub

2008/09
Requirement: Move exchange to BC

2012
TranscriptsBC launches with intra-provincial service, using PESC XML

2014
XML Exchange with Ontario begins

2016
TranscriptsBC joins EducationPlannerBC

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# ESTABLISHING A SHARED VISION

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<td>Improve post-secondary planning and application services for students, making it easier to plan, search, and apply for post-secondary education in B.C.</td>
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<td>Goals</td>
<td>Students will explore potential career pathways and the variety of post-secondary opportunities available in B.C. to help them achieve their personal goals.</td>
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<td>Students will use a single online resource to easily and conveniently apply to B.C. post-secondary institutions.</td>
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<td>Post-secondary institutions and government will access system-wide data regarding the usage of educational/career planning information and applicant behaviour to inform policy decisions.</td>
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| Principles | • Put student needs first  
• Sector ownership and governance  
• Build on existing strengths  
• Maintain flexibility for institutions  
• Reduce duplication |
CURRENT TO FUTURE

**Improvement of application interface**
Enhancements to program & institutional search functionality

2017/18

2019

20 of 25 institutions onboard for applications
3 more in progress

Complete onboarding

2020–2022

**APPLICATION SERVICES**

**TRANSCRIPT SERVICES**

XML High School transcripts:
All institutions onboard

2019/20

ongoing

PSI to PSI transcripts

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DATA EXCHANGE IN BC

- Hub & Spoke
- Standards – PESC XML
- Interoperability
- SIS Agnostic
LESSONS LEARNED

Change Management – don’t forget the basics!

- Needs an institutional champion at the executive leadership level
- It’s not about the technology
- New processes are needed
- Broad impact
- Collaboration required
- Don’t lose momentum
- Keep process owners involved
- Understand and repeat the ‘win’ message
UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Data Sharing Agreements

Exploring requirements for agreements to enable further data sharing within BC and beyond

New Governance Model

Developing into a non-profit society, with a new governance structure

Enhancing our Digital Data Services

Developing more automated online support options for students and post-secondary institutions
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