

Happy
Holidays!

"ACAT Council and the Secretariat wish you and yours all the best for the Holiday Season and New Year. We thank you for all that you do in support of students and the system, and look forward to the exciting changes under development to support the admissions and transfer system through our collective efforts in the Learner Pathways Modernization Initiative." *Dr. Robin A. Fisher, ACAT Chair*

ACAT LPMI UPDATE

Learner Pathways Modernization Initiative (LPMI) Phase 2: Admissions and Transfer Modernization

- October to November 2015: Completed first set of collaborative Phase 2 LPMI working group sessions regarding modernizing the Alberta Admissions and Transfer System.
- December 2015 to January 2016: Finalizing and presenting a transfer credit evaluation system conceptual model for implementation. The conceptual model supports and outlines the replacement of the existing Transfer Agreement and Archival Retrieval System (TAARS), and supports the development of a catalog to share program admissions-related information, transfer decisions and transfer credit information.
- December 2015 to May 2016: The three Phase 2 LPMI working groups (advisory; admissions and transfer; website modernization), will continue to meet and work on the admissions and transfer conceptual model. Modernization development of the new Transfer Alberta website will also commence, including a new fully responsive design and layout, new content, and functionality to improve the user experience. This website will be built on a new Content Management System (CMS) and house the new Transfer Alberta Search Tool and link to an updated version of the Transfer Alberta Mobile App. Dialogue is also continuing with other interested provinces regarding potential development of an interprovincial consortium to support shared transfer system platform technology.
- Check out *Spotlight* for LPMI updates and exciting developments in the new year, with an estimated initial set of supports for the system available in late Spring 2016.

For questions about ACAT items, please contact the ACAT Secretariat: Ann Marie Lyseng (annmarie.lyseng@gov.ab.ca) or Eric Dohei (eric.dohei@gov.ab.ca).

The purpose of *Spotlight*, launched in June 2013, is to share items of interest related to admissions and transfer in Alberta. All issues are posted at www.acat.gov.ab.ca/.

ACAT MEETINGS AND COLLABORATION

ACAT's Winter Council Meeting: planned for March 4, 2016.

Articulation Committee Chairs/Vice-Chairs Annual Meeting: scheduled for March 3, 2016 and will include discussion of ACAT/BCCAT collaboration. Please see ACAT's website for a summary of [articulation committees](#) and meetings.

Interprovincial Meetings

- * The **Western Canadian Consortium on Admissions and Transfer (WestCAT) Annual Meeting** was held on September 22, 2015, with dialogue about provincial issues and initiatives, including potential development of an interprovincial consortium to support shared transfer system platform technology.
- * The **BCCAT Joint Annual Meeting (JAM)** regarding articulation committee work and the transfer system was held on November 6, 2015, with ACAT and ONCAT also participating.

SITE VISITS

In 2015, to connect with stakeholders in Alberta's Transfer System and inform its work, ACAT met with MacEwan University; University of Lethbridge; Yellowhead Tribal College; NorQuest College; Aurora College; Nechi Institute; Centre of Indigenous Learning; Alberta College of Art + Design; NAIT; and SAIT Polytechnic. Further site visits, including meeting with institution representatives and student associations, will be planned in 2016.

ACAT SECRETARIAT—INTERCHANGE OPPORTUNITY

ACAT is offering an exciting opportunity for someone from the post-secondary system to work as an Articulation Manager with the ACAT Secretariat for a two-year temporary interchange. The successful candidate, experienced in skills and competencies that support articulation and transfer, dual credit, and prior learning assessment and recognition, would remain as an employee of his/her institution/organization. The Government of Alberta would pay the individual's employer for this two-year period. The successful candidate will help to contribute to learner pathways and mobility on a provincial level in Alberta. In January 2016, please look for the complete posting at <https://www.jobs.alberta.ca/>.

RESEARCH AND REPORTS REGARDING LEARNER PATHWAYS AND MOBILITY IN CANADA (ALBERTA, INTERPROVINCIAL, NATIONAL)

- [Interprovincial Transfer Forum Report \(2015\)](#)
- [Community Learning Campus \(CLC\) Dual Credit Symposium Report \(2015\)](#)
- [Canadian Association for Prior Learning Assessment \(CAPLA\) Quality Assurance for the Recognition of Prior Learning \(RPL\) in Canada Manual \(2015\)](#)
- [ARUCC/PCCAT National Project Transcript Guidelines and Transfer Credit Nomenclature Study \(link active January 2016\)](#)