

ALBERTA COUNCIL ON ADMISSIONS & TRANSFER (ACAT) UPDATES

Learner Pathways Modernization Initiative

The Learner Pathways Modernization Initiative began in 2014 and is sponsored by Innovation and Advanced Education, governed by the Alberta Council for Admissions and Transfer (ACAT), and supported by the ACAT Secretariat. The Initiative aims to remove barriers to student mobility; enable learner pathways; and improve organizational processes and tools to enable better administration of learner pathways.

A business needs assessment, which started last October, will inform the Initiative and identify requirements for pathway guidelines, business process and workflow, and new supporting technologies. Eight focus group sessions were held in November and December, 2014 to kick off the assessment. They included broad stakeholder participation from institution Contact Persons, students, student advisors, Vice-President Academics, Articulation Committees, Alberta Education, and other provinces (BC, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan). Focus group feedback will be reviewed by participants with a draft summary report (estimated for March 2015), and then the next steps for learner pathways modernization and redesign will follow. If you have questions about this Initiative, please contact the ACAT Secretariat ([Ann Marie Lyseng](#) or [Eric Dohej](#)).

Education System Dialogue

The new draft regulations for the *Education Act* are now available. Alberta Education is accepting input/recommendations from stakeholders until January 31, 2015.

The annual ACAT Articulation Committee Chair meeting will be held on February 25, 2015 at Concordia University College of Alberta.

ACAT SECRETARIAT CONTACTS

ACAT Council Information and Overall Administration:

If you have questions related to Council, please direct your inquiries to [Wendy Pruden](#).

Support for Contact Persons and Articulation Committee

Coordination: If you are 1) an institution Contact Person seeking information about Transfer Alberta, or 2) an Articulation Committee Chair/Vice-Chair seeking information about Secretariat support for coordination of your articulation committee meeting, please contact [Wendy Richer](#).

Support for SharePoint PINs

and Site: If you are an institution Contact Person or Articulation Committee member requiring assistance with ACAT SharePoint access, please contact [Jim Samide](#).

QUICK LINKS

LEARNER PATHWAYS AND STUDENT MOBILITY-RELATED RESEARCH AND WEBSITES

- * [ARUCC/PCCAT National Project Transcript Guidelines and Transfer Credit Nomenclature Study](#) (June 2014)
- * [CAPLA Pan-Canadian Recognition of Prior Learning Quality Assurance Project—What's New?](#) (2014)
- * [Student Transfer, Success and Mobility in BC Post-Secondary Institutions: A Synthesis of Research](#) (February 2013)
- * [Articulation Committees in the BC Transfer System: An Examination of Factors Contributing to their Effectiveness](#) (2014)
- * [Summary of ONCAT-funded Pathways and Transfer Research](#) (September 2013)
- * [Academic Resourcefulness and Transfer Student Success: Direct Entry, College Transfer and University Transfer Student Comparisons](#) (June 2014)
- * [Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario \(HEQCO\) Report Finds Dual Credit Pathways Benefit Students](#) (2014)
- * [Transfer Alberta](#)
- * [BC Transfer Guide](#)
- * [eCampus Manitoba](#)
- * [ONTransfer.ca](#)
- * [New Brunswick Transfer Credit Portal and NBPLAR Action Group](#)