

SEAQUAM  
SECONDARY  
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# INTRODUCTIONS

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# MS. GEHIERE

Ms. Gehiere is the Career and Post-Secondary Advisor. Key duties include:

Handles questions and provides detailed support for college/university/trades applications

Scholarship applications and adjudication

# MS. MASSE

Ms. Masse is the Grade 12 Counsellor. Key duties:

Provides confidential counselling to students

Provides preliminary post-secondary information

Timetable/Course adds and drops (process)

Verifies graduation requirements

# COURSE ADDS/DROPS + STUDY BLOCKS

Students looking to add or drop a course for Semester 2 will have that opportunity in the second week of January

Students are allowed ONE study block. If they wish to get a second study block, they need to apply for it

# GRADUATION CREDITS

## Graduation Requirements (Dogwood Diploma)

Summary of Graduation Requirements: Dogwood Diploma			
	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
<b>Required: minimum 52 credits</b>			
<b>English Language Arts</b>	Choose two 2-credit courses: <input type="checkbox"/> Composition 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Literary Studies 10 <input type="checkbox"/> New Media 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Spoken Language 10 <input type="checkbox"/> EFP Writing 10 <input type="checkbox"/> EFP Literary Studies 10 <input type="checkbox"/> EFP New Media 10 <input type="checkbox"/> EFP Spoken Language 10	Choose one 4-credit course: <input type="checkbox"/> Composition 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Literary Studies 11 <input type="checkbox"/> New Media 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Spoken Language 11 <input type="checkbox"/> EFP Literary Studies and Writing 11 <input type="checkbox"/> EFP Literary Studies and New Media 11 <input type="checkbox"/> EFP Literary Studies and Spoken Language 11	Choose one 4-credit course: <input type="checkbox"/> English Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> English First Peoples 12
<b>Mathematics</b>	Choose one 4-credit course: <input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Mathematics and Pre-calculus 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Mathematics 10	Choose one 4-credit course: (Grade 11 or Grade 12) <input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Mathematics 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-calculus 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Mathematics 11 <input type="checkbox"/> History of Mathematics 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science 11	<input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Mathematics 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Apprenticeship Mathematics 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-calculus 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Calculus 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Geometry 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Statistics 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science 12
<b>Science</b>	Required 4-credit course: <input type="checkbox"/> Science 10	Choose one 4-credit course: (Grade 11 or Grade 12) <input type="checkbox"/> Physics 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Life Sciences 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Earth Sciences 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Science for Citizens 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Science 11	<input type="checkbox"/> Physics 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Anatomy and Physiology 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Geology 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Science 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Specialized Science 12
<b>Social Studies</b>	Required 4-credit course: <input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies 10	Choose one 4-credit course: (Grade 11 or Grade 12) <input type="checkbox"/> Explorations in Social Studies 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Francophone History and Culture 11	<input type="checkbox"/> B.C. First Peoples 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Comparative Cultures 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Comparative World Religions 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Theory 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Human Geography 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Geography 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century World History 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Genocide Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Political Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Law Studies 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Social Justice 12

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Summary of Graduation Requirements: Dogwood Diploma			
	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
<b>Arts Education/ADST</b>	Choose 4 credits at either Grade 10, Grade 11, or Grade 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Arts Education (see Table on page 28) <input type="checkbox"/> Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies (ADST) (see Table on page 29)		
<b>Career Education</b>	Required 8 credits in Career Education (Grade 10, Grade 11, or Grade 12) <input type="checkbox"/> Career-Life Education <input type="checkbox"/> Career-Life Connections (including 30 hours of work experience or career-life exploration)		
<b>Physical and Health Education (PHE)</b>	Required 4-credit course: <input type="checkbox"/> Physical and Health Education 10		
<b>Electives: minimum 28 credits</b>			
Depending on the school's offerings and student's choice, the number of electives in each Grade level will vary. The 28 elective credits in Grades 10-12 can come from the following options:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministry-developed or Ministry-approved courses</li> <li>• Post-Secondary ("dual") credit</li> <li>• Board/Authority Authorized (BAA)/First Nation Authorized (FNA) courses</li> <li>• External Credentials</li> <li>• Independent Directed Studies (IDS)</li> </ul>			
<b>Elective Courses</b>	Grade 10: 2-5 electives * _____ * _____ * _____ * _____ * _____	Grade 11: 3-5 electives * _____ * _____ * _____ * _____ * _____	Grade 12: 6-8 electives* * _____ * _____ * _____ * _____ * _____
<b>Total: 80 credits required for graduation</b>			
* at least 16 credits must be at the Grade 12 level, including a required Grade 12 Language Arts course.			
<b>Graduation Program Assessments</b>			
<b>Required for Graduation</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade 10 Numeracy <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 10 Literacy		<input type="checkbox"/> Grade 12 Literacy Beginning in the 2021/22 school year.

# PLANNING — REVISIT MYBLUEPRINT

Great resource available to all Delta School District students. Includes personality assessments, assessment of learning styles, career suggestions based on student responses.

A quick glance yesterday revealed that very few grade 12 students have used it!

If your child is not sure what they want to do after high-school, please have them complete it.

[www.myblueprint.ca](http://www.myblueprint.ca)

Parents must provide permission through ParentConnect for your child to use this platform.

# LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

The big question for your child is: “what am I going to do with my life?” For some of them that means:

- Continuing your education
- Working
- Travelling
- Volunteering
- A combination of all of these things

All paths are valid! Only 20% of students go on to college/university programs right out of high school.



# CONTINUING YOUR EDUCATION

## Meet the Admission Requirements

In order to be accepted into a PSI, you must meet the admission requirements, which are a set of courses you need to take in high school, AND you must meet a competitive grade percentage, called an admission average. Every PSI and every Faculty and/or Program have different requirement. The courses accepted are often referred to as “approved” courses. Every school accepts different courses, so the best source of information for this is the PSI’s *own* website; it is better that you look up this information yourself rather than relying on someone (me) to copy that information into this guide. The reason for this is – if I make a mistake transcribing the information you might find yourself missing a course requirement

# UNIVERSITY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

**VERY GENERALLY SPEAKING** universities require between **4-6 grade 12 academic/approved courses, one of which is always English 12.**

**Science** – requires Chemistry 11 and Physics 11, PC 11, English 12, PC 12, and 3 to 4 additional approved grade 12 academic subjects, at least one of which will be a grade 12 science courses (sometimes even 2).

**Engineering** – as above, but with the addition of Calculus 12 and Physics 12 as 2 of the 4-6 courses required.

**Arts** – English 12, plus 4 to 5 additional approved grade 12 courses

**Business/Commerce** – English 12, PC 12 (in some cases FOM 12 is accepted), plus 3-4 additional approved courses.

# APPLYING

Once you have established where you want to go and what you want to study and that you have met the admission requirements, you can apply.



# COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

If you are not admissible, or if you are not ready for a big university experience straight out of high school, college is an excellent choice. In addition to university transfer programs, colleges offer career specific education. There is nothing wrong with starting at a college, in fact, I bet most of you don't even know the difference between a college and a university. Harvard is both a university and a college. Interesting?

Colleges have open intake and limited intake options. Admission to **open intake** programs requires that you:

- a) Graduate
- b) Have at least a C/C+ in English 12 (or an A in Communication 12)/or write a English placement test

# COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

College programs can lead to university programs. Associate Degrees and University Transfer programs have you complete 2 years at college and 2 year at a university (**you end with a Bachelor's Degree from the University you complete the last 2 years at. Nowhere does it say on your degree parchment that you started at college**).

One of my former students is currently at KPU doing an Associate of Arts degree in Criminology. Next year, she will transfer to SFU, where she will finish another 2 years, after which she will be awarded a Bachelor of Arts – Criminology major - the same degree as she would have undertaken at SFU straight out of high school, but a different pathway to get there. Generally speaking anyone can go to college so long as they graduate and meet the minimum English grade requirement.

Many of our partner universities are recommending that students begin at college!

# APPLYING

**Applying** is the act of telling a PSI who you are and what you intend to study. The initial part of an application is simple: you will provide your name, your address, your date of birth, your high school, your 9 digit Personal Education Number (PEN), the faculty or program you want to study, your grade 11 courses and final grades, final grades for any grade 12 courses you may have already completed, **and** the courses you are currently enrolled in.

**YES, YOU HEARD THAT RIGHT!**

**YOU APPLY BEFORE YOUR FINAL GRADE 12 GRADES ARE AVAILABLE.**

For most BC PSI's apply at:

<https://www.educationplannerbc.ca/plan/apply/how/>

# RESOURCES FOR STUDY IN BC

[www.educationplannerbc.ca](http://www.educationplannerbc.ca)

[www.postsecondarybc.ca](http://www.postsecondarybc.ca)

# RESOURCES FOR STUDY IN ALBERTA

[www.applyalberta.ca](http://www.applyalberta.ca)



# RESOURCES FOR STUDY IN ONTARIO

[www.ouac.ca](http://www.ouac.ca)

# RESOURCES FOR STUDY IN QUEBEC AND MARITIMES

Apply directly to each post-secondary school through their website.

# STUDY IN THE US

## **USA**

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search>

[www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

## **Education USA**

Jenika Heim is our advisor with Education U.S.A. She is a wonderful resource for students who plan to apply to U.S. post-secondary schools. The website is excellent too:

[www.educationusacanada.ca/](http://www.educationusacanada.ca/)

# SATS AND ACTS

SATs and ACTs – to study in the USA, you used to be required to write an SAT or an ACT. BUT, DUE TO COVID, SATS and ACTS are now optional.

Info on SATs can be found at [collegboard.org](https://collegboard.org) or the ACT at [act.org](https://act.org).

# GRADES

## Grades and Transcripts

The grades you earn are communicated to you and your parents in the form of a **report card** each semester, which includes comments and study habits. Your grades are also put together in the form of a **transcript**, which lists all of your course grades. You will be able to access 2 types of transcripts:

- A **school produced** transcript, which you can access from your MyEd account, me, your counselor or the office; this lists everything you have taken from **grade 10-11 and shows the courses (grade 12) you are enrolled (in-progress courses)**
- a **Ministry** transcript, which you can access through BCEID/Student Transcript Service (more on this below); this transcript lists only the courses you have fully completed; **your current courses will not show up on your ministry transcript until they are finished! Because of this, if you log into your ministry account today, it will say your graduation requirements are not met. This is normal. Do not panic. It will be updated when all of your courses are done.**

# TRANSCRIPT VERIFICATION REVIEW (TVRS)

In December, we will invite each Grade 12 student to participate in a Transcript Verification Review

This is intended to ensure that all students have an adequate number of credits to graduate and all of the necessary coursework



# HOW TO SEND GRADES/STS

Most PSIs have moved away from requesting paper copies of transcripts, and instead, receive your interim grades (in May) and final grades (in July) directly from the Ministry of Education.

Some PSIs still request paper transcripts, so if you are asked for one, send it. **Transcripts can be obtained from the Seaquam Office for free. Allow 1-3 days for processing.**

In order for the **Ministry of Education** to send your grades to the PSIs you have applied to, **you** will have to complete the Student Transcript Service (STS) Request Form.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/transcripts-and-certificates/order-a-high-school-transcript-or-certificate>

# ONLINE COURSE DEADLINE

**June 30, 2022**



# APPLICATION DEADLINES

## **Application Deadlines**

Application deadlines vary, but the deadline for most BC PSIs is February 28 and Ontario PSIs March 1.

## **Anomalies for our most popular PSIs:**

***University of Toronto is January 13!!***

<https://future.utoronto.ca/apply/important-application-dates/>

***UBC – December 1 for Major Entrance Scholarship Consideration; January 15 for regular admission.***

<https://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/dates-deadlines/>

***SFU – December 15 for Major Entrance Scholarship Consideration and January 31 for regular admission***

[https://www.sfu.ca/students/deadlines/admission\\_scholarships.html](https://www.sfu.ca/students/deadlines/admission_scholarships.html)

# TRADES - APPRENTICESHIPS

## Careers in the Trades are in demand – Earn while you learn

Look to the **Industry Training Authority** (ITA) for guidance on trades programs like electrical, carpentry, plumbing and culinary arts:

[www.itabc.ca](http://www.itabc.ca)

Like a Bachelor's degree, an education in the trades takes 4 years. The difference with trades' education is that you learn *both* in a classroom and in the workplace. To become a certified trade's person, you will begin as an apprentice under the direction of a journeyman (an expert in their field). As an apprentice, you get *hired* by the journeyman and they *pay* you to learn from them! No loans required!

## Learn how to become an apprentice at:

<http://www.itabc.ca/about-apprentices/apprenticeship-basics>

# MONEY FOR SCHOOL

One of your first options for free money is to apply for “**entrance**” scholarships from the PSIs you apply to. Visit the “financial aid and awards” page for each PSI you apply to.

## **Big Money and Nominated Scholarships**

I facilitate the following BIG MONEY national, NOMINATED/SPONSORED scholarships. A nominated scholarship means that you need to be selected by Seaquam for a chance at these scholarships. You must see me for anything that is nominated.

- The **Schulich** – up to \$100,000. This is a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) scholarship and is also very competitive nominated. Only 1 student can be put forward for this. Applications have not yet been launched, but I will hold an info session for this in late November/early December. Until then, check the Schulich website for more information:  
<http://www.schulichleaders.com/>
- The **TD Scholarship for Community Leaders** – deadline November 15, 2021  
This is a leadership scholarship and is also very competitive. You need a letter of recommendation from the principal, your counsellor, or a community member, but there are no limits to how many students can apply. You do not need to see me for this one. Apply directly to them:

<https://www.td.com/ca/en/personal-banking/solutions/student-banking/community-leadership-scholarship-for-canadians/>

# MONEY FOR SCHOOL

## Ministry Scholarships

The Ministry of Education has yet to update their **BC Excellence Scholarship** application page, so you will have to check back over the next month or so to confirm the deadline and details, but for the last several years the application and the deadline have been the same.

BC Excellence Scholarship – Deadline, February 15, 2022

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/provincial-scholarships/bc-excellence-scholarships>

Pathway to Teacher Education Scholarship – Deadline February 15, 2022

[http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/kindergarten-to-grade-12/support/awards/pathway\\_teacher\\_education\\_application.pdf](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/kindergarten-to-grade-12/support/awards/pathway_teacher_education_application.pdf)

## School and District Awards

Seaquam Community Awards – money from private donors and/or organizations for Sequam students only.

Delta School District Awards – open to all students in the Delta School District

District Authority Award (formerly called the Dogwood Award)

Applications for school and district awards will be available after Spring Break.

## OTHER APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

In addition to doing the simple part of the application (who am I and what do I want to study), you may also have to submit supplemental, or **additional**, application items in order to demonstrate your excellence and experience in activities outside the classroom. For example, UBC requires a **Personal Profile** for all students. SFU's Beedie School of Business requires a **Broad-Based Application**, Sauder School of Business requires a **video interview** etc.... You will be made aware of these items in the application and admission process by the PSI(s) you apply to.

# HOW TO PREPARE FOR PERSONAL PROFILES FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Start putting together a detailed **resume** of your **work** and **volunteer** experience and your **extra-curricular** involvement and **achievements**, as these will be required for your applications.

You will also want to start putting together a **cover letter/scholarship essay** that details your educational goals and why you are a good scholarship candidate.

Scholarships require **letters of recommendation**, so start thinking about who you might ask to provide these to you – teacher, school administrator, coach, community leader. You need to start asking your teachers for letters of recommendation early...at least 2-4 weeks in advance please.

You might also want to consider asking for a **general letter of recommendation** from someone who can write about **you and your activities well**. This person can be a coach, teacher, principal, vice-principal, counsellor, community member, employer, and so on. If you use a teacher, counsellor or school administrator, ask them to include your academic standing and achievements as well. Ask for multiple, signed copies so that if you are presented with a last minute opportunity you will have what you need to apply.

**UBC Personal Profile video is a helpful resource:**

<https://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/how-to-apply/personal-profile/>

# LETTERS OF REFERENCE FROM MS. MASSE

- I have been advising students to reach out to teachers from this year or last year if they need letters of reference for scholarships or applications
- They should be providing those teachers with at least 2 WEEKS notice
- They should also provide their referees with a resume and the application criteria for the scholarship/university

# SCHOLARSHIPS AND VOLUNTEER RESOURCES

## More Scholarship Sources

- [scholarshipscanada.com](http://scholarshipscanada.com)
- [studentawards.com](http://studentawards.com)
- [educationplannerbc.ca](http://educationplannerbc.ca)
- [deltasathleticscholarships.weebly.com](http://deltasathleticscholarships.weebly.com)
- [disabilityawards.ca](http://disabilityawards.ca)
- [GrantMe.ca](http://GrantMe.ca) (there are fees associated with GrantMe)

## Student Loans

[canlearn.ca](http://canlearn.ca)

## Volunteer Resources

[Volunteerbc.ca](http://Volunteerbc.ca)

[Govolunteer.ca](http://Govolunteer.ca)



# WORK EXPERIENCE AND CAREER LIFE CONNECTIONS CONTACTS

Work Experience Teacher – Ms. Deol – [adeol@deltaschools.ca](mailto:adeol@deltaschools.ca)

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# QUESTIONS

