

NEWSLETTER

TRANSITIONS AND CAREER ED.



January, 2022

For students that have not applied but are still interested, there are many University and College programs around the province accepting applications but they are closing soon. The EducationPlannerBC website will have detailed information on application deadlines, admission requirements, and costs. For those students that have applied already, please make sure you are checking your e-mail often as offers of admission will start in February.

Successful Applicants will receive a “conditional” offer of admission. To accept the offer, a deposit is usually required along with additional requirements that will be specified in the offer. Many post-secondary institutions offer on-campus housing options. It is strongly recommended that first year students take advantage of these options by applying for student housing **immediately** after accepting their offer of admission. Student housing is usually less expensive and often includes a meal plan at the campus cafeteria.

Please note that the Career and Life Connections 12 course activities are due **January 20th, 2022**. Students can access these activities by logging in to www.myblueprint.ca/sd58 and following the instructions and “How-To” videos in the Class Activities section.

The next portion of CLC12, the required 30 hours of Career Exploration, must be completed by **March 17th, 2022**. Career Exploration is individual to each student and their post-secondary pathway of choice. Consultation with the CLC 12 teacher is integral to developing a plan. The included list of ideas is a great place to start.

Please feel free to contact a member of our team with any questions!

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CAREER EXPLORATION OPPORTUNITIES

VIRTUAL CAREER SPOTLIGHTS

Over the next 9 weeks, the Transitions Team will be hosting virtual Career Spotlights with community members from a variety of occupations. Detailed information and a link to each Career Spotlight will be sent separately.

Jan 20th 7:00pm

Jennifer Dustin BA BSW MSW
-NVIT Term Faculty Member
-Registered Social Worker
-Mental Health Clinician

Jan 27th 7:00pm

Sean Strang CPA CMA
-Deputy Director of Finance & IT for the City of Merritt

Feb 1st 7:00pm

Marshal Kraus BTM.
- Recruitment, Marketing, and Events Officer for NVIT

Recordings of previous Career Spotlights can be found in the “Careers” tab of the Merritt Secondary School website;

<https://mss.sd58.bc.ca/programs/careers>

CAREER AND LIFE CONNECTIONS 12

30 HOUR CAREER EXPLORATION

Students are expected to complete 30 hours of career exploration and preparation. This work is documented in the student's myBlueprint digital portfolio. Career exploration and preparation is individual to each student and their post-secondary pathway of choice. The list of options below are simply suggestions to get started.

STUDENTS ENTERING THE WORKFORCE:

- Certifications such as Foodsafe, First Aide, and Serving It Right
- School District 58 and NVIT employment skills workshops
- Work and/or Volunteer Experience

STUDENTS ATTENDING POST SECONDARY:

- School District 58 and NVIT Post-Secondary Presentations
- Time spent researching for and applying to programs
- securing student housing
- Meeting with post-secondary academic advisors
- Campus Visits and Virtual Tours
- Scholarship applications

STUDENTS UNSURE OF THEIR PATH:

- WorkBC Career Trek (www.careertrekbc.ca)
- ChatterHigh career exploration quizzes (www.chatterhigh.com)
- WorkBC Blueprint Builder (www.workbc.ca/BlueprintBuilder/)

CAREER EXPLORATION FOR ALL PATHS:

VIRTUAL CAREER SPOTLIGHTS

A series of one hour features profiling various careers from a variety of different fields including trades, finance, law, healthcare, and technology.

www.mss.sd58.bc.ca/programs/careers/

EXPERIENCE NVIT

A series of 1 hour sessions highlighting each of the various NVIT programs. The sessions will be available virtually starting in late February.

WORK BC PARENT GUIDE

Full of practical ideas, exercises and resources, the guide will help families as they explore career and educational pathways.

www.workbc.ca/Resources-for/Teachers-Career-Counsellors/2018-WorkBC-Parents-Guide.aspx

NVIT EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

NVIT will be hosting a series of Trades Sampler days where students can spend a day on campus learning more about programs like the Welding and Electrical Foundations Level 1.