



QUESTION: With many BC high schools, on a quarter system [4 terms, with 2 classes per term] this system is vastly different from the year-long system and the timelines/deadlines used by PSBC institutions. Some grads might be taking English 12 and Pre-Calculus 12 in Quarter 4 (April 21 - June 23) and/or Physics 12 and World History 12 in Quarter 3 (February 1 - April 20). These types of academic courses are often looked at more closely than other courses, especially, for example, if a student is applying to sciences or business.

Can we be assured that our schedule this year will in no way disadvantage our grads in terms of their post-secondary applications? **How are the PSI's handling this?**

RESPONSES FROM MEMBER INSTITUTIONS:

*[Note: Where this issue will not have any impact on current admissions processes, the response is **Does Not Apply**]*

British Columbia Institute of Technology: ***Option 1:** Grade 12 registration – If you are registered for a required Grade 12 course and are less than half way through, apply by submitting your final Grade 11 report card* (or official transcript) and your confirmed Grade 12 timetable, available after the start of your school year. [*Note: Your final grade for the Grade 11 prerequisite course must meet the percentage grade specified in your program's entrance requirements.] Admissions may request that you submit your final grades.*

***Option 2:** midterm grades – If you are at least halfway through the required Grade 11 or 12 course, apply by submitting your midterm grade* for the required course. [*Note: Your midterm grade must meet the percentage grade specified in your program's entrance requirements.]*

***Option 3:** final grades – If you have completed the required Grade 11 or 12 course, apply by submitting your final report card or official transcript.*

Camosun College: *Admission for high school applicants will not be impacted where high schools are using a quarter system as Camosun offers conditional admission for most programs without looking at any interim grades before May 15th. Even if no interim grade is posted by that date, as long as we see enrolment in the required courses, applicants would continue to move forward in the process. For the Nursing program with its special timelines, we will be working with UVIC to make sure we find a way around this so that it does not impact the high school applicants.*

Canadian Forces – Royal Military College: *The CAF will accept applications Nationally for our University subsidized education plan called ROTP (Regular Officer Training Plan) – this program is geared towards Gr 12 students whom have just begun their final school year (whatever that may look like). We will maintain our current timelines of Sept- Jan processing and encourage all students to apply before Christmas break whenever possible as we have a detailed application process, so more lead time is better. Our admissions will review the student's prior achievements in Gr 10, with the main focus being on the Gr 11 results and what courses they are registered for in Gr 12 (whatever the academic schedule may be by district) – as students complete courses they may provide us with updates on behalf of their academic studies. Selections will be made next April –July 2021. If there are any concerns once a student has an open application with us we will have Recruiters available to address individual concerns.*

Capilano University: *Capilano University is admitting High School students conditionally based on their Grade 11 grades. If there is a specific Grade 12 mark required, the Grade 11 mark for that course will be used to admit the student conditionally and, at the end of the High School year, the Grade 12 mark will be reviewed to convert the students admission application from a conditional offer to a final offer."*

Coast Mountain College: *The only program that could potentially be impacted is Nursing. We haven't decided how we are going to deal with it yet but, anticipate we will come up with a way that students will not be impacted.*

College of New Caledonia: *The Office of the Registrar is working on a solution to ensure that the new high school semester format does not disadvantage students applying for next academic year.*

College of the Rockies: *The only program that has an admissions deadline is the BSN program. Students will have to complete their admission requirements before February 28, so they have to take the courses in first two quarters.*

Corpus Christi College: *Does Not Apply*

Douglas College: *We do not see this impacting our open enrollment programs, however with our limited enrollment programs we may see some impacts. The Douglas College admissions team is aware of the Quarter System dynamic, and will work to ensure that all applicants are evaluated in a fair and timely manner. More information about the process will be shared with the counsellor community as soon as details are confirmed.*

Emily Carr University of Art and Design: *If students do not have complete transcripts of grades by the time they apply for admission, please have them send either interim or grade 11 transcripts and we will use these until we receive their final transcripts. Students may receive a conditional offer based on the receipt of final transcripts. All final, official documents are due by Aug 01, of the year they have applied to.*

Fairleigh Dickinson University: *The change will not impact admission to any of our programs, as we use rolling admission, so no strict deadlines on transcript submission.*

Justice Institute of BC

Kwantlen Polytechnic University: Limited Intake programs: *Most programs not impacted. Programs that require a self-reporting form indicating interim grades (Mechatronics, Engineering, CADD, Environmental Protection Diploma) will need to identify what courses are still outstanding. Self-reporting forms are required in March.*

Open Intake programs: *Does not apply- there will be no impact. Grades are reviewed in August to remove conditions.*

Langara College: *The quarter system wouldn't impact applications and admissions. However, for our Limited Enrolment programs students must have interim grades of all the required high school courses available before we can make a determination on their application. That is, if students do not have an interim grade available for English Studies or Pre-Cal on their transcript by about May, then they will be at a disadvantage. Examples of our more popular Limited Enrolment programs include Engineering and Criminology. The next concern would be registration. Our registration for Fall begins in mid-June. Students also would need to have interim grades on their transcript in order for them to be able to register for the courses they need.*

Nicola Valley Institute of Technology: *Does Not Apply*

Northern Lights College: *Does Not Apply*

North Island College: *The quarterly system will not disadvantage students or impact their application. Our Admissions Counsellors have indicated that all we will need when a student applies is an interim transcript that shows the student is registered in the required courses based on the NIC program admission requirements. North Island College is now part of the BC high school transcript exchange using the Student Transcript Service. This service is the preferred option for North Island College to accept BC high school transcripts only. This link will provide a step-by-step tutorial on how to order transcripts. North Island College uses the XML function, so ensure you select this function when ordering transcripts. The XML option allows us to request final grades/transcripts to be received electronically directly from the Ministry.*

Okanagan College: *Does Not Apply*

Quest University: *Does Not Apply*

Royal Roads University: *Does Not Apply*

Selkirk College: *Does Not Apply*

Simon Fraser University: *We do not anticipate quarter systems having a major impact on our applicants. For admission to SFU, we require all current Grade 12 applicants attending high school in BC, with an expected graduation date of June 2021, to self-report their grades. We ask that student's self-report all approved Grade 11 and Grade 12 courses that they have completed, are in the process of completing, or will be completing in their second, third, or fourth semester. Any approved courses that will be appearing on their final transcripts need to be self-reported. A comprehensive list of all course approved for admission to SFU can be found here (<http://www.sfu.ca/students/admission/admission-requirements/approved-courses.html>)*

We ask that applicants report:

- *Final grades for all grade 11 and 12 courses that they have completed and interim grades for all courses in progress.*
- *If they are attending a school which operates on a semester system, and they do not yet have interim grade 12 marks, they will self-report the final grade 11 mark for the same or a similar course in place of the grade 12 mark.*

With regards to the quarterly system, applicants will still be required to self-report their grades by March 15th. This would essentially capture all of the Q1, Q2 and interim Q3 marks. For Q4 courses which are not yet in-progress, applicants will be asked to self-report their grade 11 mark in place of their grade 12 marks which is not yet available. There is no change in process to what we have previously been doing (this would also apply to Scholarship applicants, and applicants with an earlier deadline to submit grades based on their program) so students will still be eligible to receive conditional offers of admission based on their self-reported grades.

Where our office may potentially see an impact in our timeline will be when we confirm offers on the basis of interim grade information, as the Q4 grades will be reported later than when we typically see semester 2 interim grades reported. As the quarter system is new for all us all, we will continue to update our processes as any updated information becomes available from the Ministry of Education.

Thompson Rivers University: *At this time TRU can state that the quarterly system will not impact the admissions process for any of our open admissions programs. The flexibility of this process ensures that no graduating students will be disadvantaged. The top 5 open Bachelor degree programs include Arts, Science, Business Administration, Fine Arts and Computing Science. For limited and competitive programs, such as our Bachelor of Science in **Nursing**, students are still encouraged to apply before the deadline and provide interim transcripts. We will be following all Ministry of Education recommendations going forward. Admissions and the faculties are working hard to establish processes that will not negatively impact the current graduating class, and those interested should continue to monitor our COVID-19 response pages, particularly the Student page: <https://www.tru.ca/covid-19/student.html>*

Trinity Western University: *TWU only requires at least two in-progress Grade 12 academics along with a grade 11 transcript to make a provisional admission decision, so the changes to course scheduling should have little to no impact.*

University of British Columbia: *You can be assured that the schedule this year will not disadvantage grads applying to UBC. UBC has experience with secondary systems that operate on quarter systems. Additionally, this is not unlike when students took English 12 or Pre-Calculus 12 in second semester of a semester system and were made a first round offer of admission in January without grades reported for second semester subjects. UBC wants to see that students will be taking the grade 12 degree-specific requirements and we know these are listed as "courses-in-progress" if students have these in their fourth quarter schedule. UBC will look at the grade 11 version of these same courses as we have done*

in the past when these courses were in second semester. UBC evaluates the whole student including grade 11 and grade 12 classes, course choices and responses to the UBC Personal Profile.

University of the Fraser Valley: *We confirm that students will not be disadvantaged in any way by being on a quarter system. We will conditionally offer students in spring and await final records in the summer to confirm they have taken all required courses for the program they applied to.*

University of Northern British Columbia: *We grant provisional offers of admission based on self-declared grades, so like always, if a student can tell us which courses they will be graduating with and a predicted final grade for each, we can assess as normal. We require final report cards/transcripts after high school to verify courses and grant clear admission. Any grade 11 course required for admission (there are only a few and only for certain majors) must be completed before the program's application deadline, so the quarter system may affect that if a student is taking a required grade 11 course in one of the quarters after our program application deadlines, which are between February 1 and March 31.*

University of Victoria: *We base admission on self-reported grades, so the changes to the high school course structure won't have a direct impact for students applying to UVic. What WILL be impacted is confusion for the students because they are not going to know what grade to self-report. We ask that students self-report what they think their final grade will be in the course, even if they haven't started the course or are only a few days/weeks into it.*

We think it will be an even bigger cause of confusion this year with potentially so many of their courses to come after self-reporting. We recommend that students try to take their required courses, especially English, in the fall semester so that they can re-do the course if needed, but that won't be an option for every student depending on schedules and when they are asked to take the course. We are pretty lenient with our distance course deadline (May 31), so a student could take a course by distance if they need to.

Vancouver Community College: *Does Not Apply*

Vancouver Island University: *It only applies to a hand full of programs at VIU, and we are aware that this is an ongoing concern for students and counsellors, and we are currently working hard to address it. VIU should have more communications on that coming shortly.*