



Bringing Out the Best in Post-Secondary Education



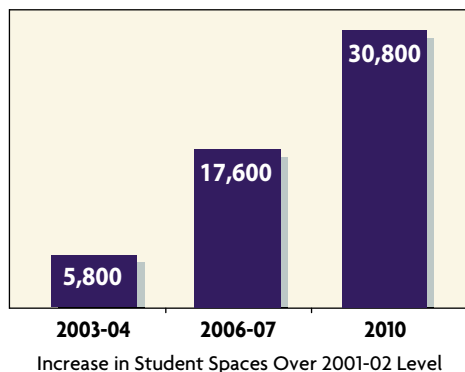
25,000 New Spaces Across B.C. by 2010

To ensure every B.C. student with a “B or better” average can access post-secondary education, the province is:

- ▶ Adding 25,000 post-secondary spaces by 2010 – including 10,000 in B.C.’s Heartlands – on top of the 5,800 spaces added provincially since 2001-02. This will boost post-secondary space much faster than the expected rate of increase in the number of 18-to-29-year-olds in the province.
- ▶ Doubling the number of computer science and electrical engineering graduates over five years. By 2005 -06, a total of 3,310 spaces will have been created in these areas.
- ▶ Almost doubling the number medical school spaces in B.C., to 224 from 128, with \$134 million invested in new medical school facilities at UBC, UNBC and UVic.
- ▶ Adding almost 400 training spaces for nurses in 2005/06, bringing the total number of new nursing seats added since 2001/02 to more than 2,500. In addition, the province is investing in return-to-work, continuing education and loan-forgiveness programs benefiting thousands of nurses.

Over 30,000 New Spaces in Under a Decade

Adding Spaces Above the Rate of Growth in the Population 18-29 years old



Boosting Industry Training by 30% to Meet Growing Demand

The province is working to dramatically increase apprenticeships and trades training by:

- ▶ Dedicating \$77 million to a new Industry Training Authority – and adopting an industry-led training and apprenticeship system – to increase the number of trainees by 30 per cent by 2006-07 and improve completion rates.
- ▶ Providing \$1.2 million for a province-wide program to enable high school students to earn credit towards both graduation and completion of an industry training program.
- ▶ Building a new \$39.2-million centre of excellence for trades and applied learning at Kwantlen College in Cloverdale.
- ▶ Investing \$6.5 million to buy and refurbish a building that will allow the College of New Caledonia in Prince George to relocate and expand several trades training programs.

Expanding Access to Trades Training



B.C. is investing \$6.5 million in this refurbished building in Prince George to relocate and expand many College of New Caledonia programs.

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Increasing Access to Career Opportunities

Over the next decade, more than 70 per cent of job openings will require some post-secondary education. To prepare young people for these opportunities, B.C. has:

- ▶ Established the Aboriginal Employment Partnership Initiative to better match job training and skills programs with real opportunities.
- ▶ Provided a comprehensive, flexible student financial aid package that includes debt relief for students when necessary.

Investing in State-of-the-Art Facilities and Programs

The province has committed more than \$1 billion to strengthen post-secondary research, training and innovation across B.C. since 2001, including:

- ▶ \$202 million to support research projects through the B.C. Knowledge Development Fund.
- ▶ A \$20-million initiative to expand aerospace training facilities and accommodate 500 new student spaces in aerospace and related programs.
- ▶ The \$45-million Leading Edge Endowment Fund to establish 20 B.C. Leadership Chairs in the fields of medical, social, environmental and technological research.
- ▶ \$11.25 million for the B.C. Regional Innovation Chairs program to support social and economic development research at colleges, university-colleges and institutes.
- ▶ 1,145 new spaces in BCIT's technology programs, to meet growing demand for workers in areas like robotics, engineering and technology.

Expanding Post-Secondary Access in Every Region

Highlights of the province's access agenda, which will add 25,000 post-secondary spaces by 2010:

- ▶ Simon Fraser University will gain a new \$70-million campus in fast-growing Surrey – plus 1,150 seats at its Burnaby campus by 2010.
- ▶ Kwantlen will have 1,800 more spaces to spread among its four campuses, including a new \$39-million campus in Cloverdale, which will be a centre of excellence for trades and applied learning in one of B.C.'s fastest-growing communities.
- ▶ Vancouver Island will gain 4,000 new spaces – almost half of them at UVic – ensuring more spaces in nursing, electrical and computer engineering, teacher education and other programs.
- ▶ Kamloops gains a new \$20-million special-purpose university that will increase local spaces by 50 per cent, to 9,000 from 6,000, and incorporate Open University and Open College.
- ▶ Okanagan University College will divide and grow into UBC Okanagan, with 7,280 full-time, undergraduate-through-PhD spaces, and Okanagan College, B.C.'s second-largest college, with 4,820 spaces by 2009/10.
- ▶ The North will gain 1,500 new seats, a new Prince Rupert campus that will accommodate almost 600 students and a new \$12-million campus in Williams Lake.
- ▶ In Prince George, UNBC will get 600 seats and the College of New Caledonia, 400 seats plus a \$6.5-million investment in a refurbished building to relocate and expand many of the college's trades training programs.
- ▶ To expand access to and choice of quality post-secondary educational opportunities for learners throughout the province, 2,000 online seats will be added to the BC Post-Secondary system by 2010.

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General Information on All Levels of Education in B.C.

Achieve BC

(tools to help British Columbians reach their educational and career goals)

Victoria: 250 387-9649

Toll-free provincewide: 1 800 514-0554

www.achievebc.ca

Ministry of Education

www.gov.bc.ca/bced

Ministry of Advanced Education

www.gov.bc.ca/aved

Useful Contacts and Links for Post-Secondary Students

Student Financial Aid

Victoria: 250 387-6100

Lower Mainland: 604 660-2610

Toll-free Canada/USA: 1 800 561-1818

TTY line for deaf and hearing impaired: 250 952-6832

www.aved.gov.bc.ca/student/services

Loan Forgiveness Program for Nursing, Medical, Midwifery and Pharmacy Students

Student Services Branch, Advanced Education

Victoria: 250 387-6100

Lower Mainland: 604 660-2610

Toll-free Canada/USA: 1 800 561-1818

TTY line for deaf and hearing impaired: 250 952-6832

www.aved.gov.bc.ca/student/services/student/finish/debt_red/bc_nurse.htm

B.C. Post-Secondary Institutions

www.aved.gov.bc.ca/branches/psed/institut/institut.htm

Industry Training

Toll-free provincewide: 1 866 660-6011

www.itabc.ca

We want your input

Our government is working to give young British Columbians unprecedented access to post-secondary opportunities that are second to none.

We're investing in new post-secondary spaces and leading-edge facilities, encouraging more students to pursue trades and apprenticeships, and working with industry and post-secondary partners to ensure students are ready for real-world opportunities.

I welcome your input and invite you to contact me for more information on our measures to promote student achievement.

Gordon Campbell
Premier

E-mail your comments to: premier@gov.bc.ca