



Planning & Process: Post-Secondary

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What do I want to do?

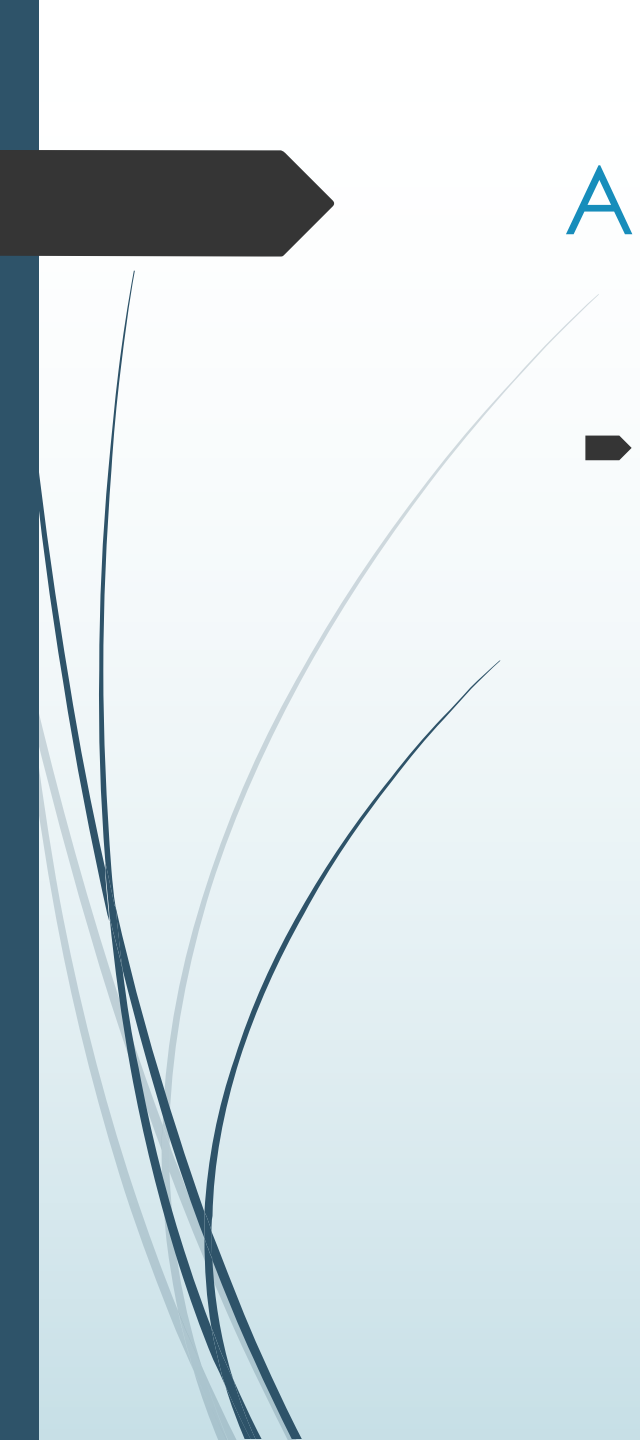
Which path is best for me?

- If you are unsure, you are not alone!
- Research YOU:
 - Interest inventories, aptitude tests, personality tests, etc....
 - Online resources, including:
 - ALIS – Alberta Learning Information Service
 - Check the internet for free personality assessments
 - Students can access myBlueprint from the Western Website under Culture & Environment /Student Services/Career Centre
 - Talk to family & friends – *insights about you?*



Find Your Program

- Research which institutions have what interests you
- Check the entrance requirements
- Check the tuition fees
- Check the application dates and deadlines
- Ensure you have initiated your myPass Account
 - Students need their Alberta Student Number (ASN) to register for myPass



Apply

- Most applications open in October
 - Alberta: **Apply Alberta**
 - Specific Post-Secondary Institutions are listed:
Universities, Colleges, Technical Institutes (e.g., SAIT, NAIT)
 - Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC)
 - May apply for 3 programs
 - Fee: \$156
 - Additional programs - \$50 each



Dates & deadlines...

- deadlines vary
 - e.g., U of Calgary applications open October 1 & close March 1
 - Mount Royal University opens October 1,
 - but has deadlines for specific applications: e.g., Feb 1 for Nursing, Interior Design, Education, & Midwifery
 - other programs accept applications on an ongoing basis until programs are full (or until Aug 1)



University Programs: Required Courses

- Generally, five 30-level courses are required (ELA 30-1 always)
- In Alberta – many programs require 4, 30-level academic courses & 1 option course
- Outside of Alberta, some require 5 academic grade 12 subjects
- Program-dependent
 - E.g., Math 30-2 is generally accepted for Arts, Social Sciences, & Fine Arts
 - Sciences, Engineering, Mathematics - more restrictive:
 - e.g., Engineering: Math 30-1, Math 31, Physics 30, Chemistry 30 & English 30-1



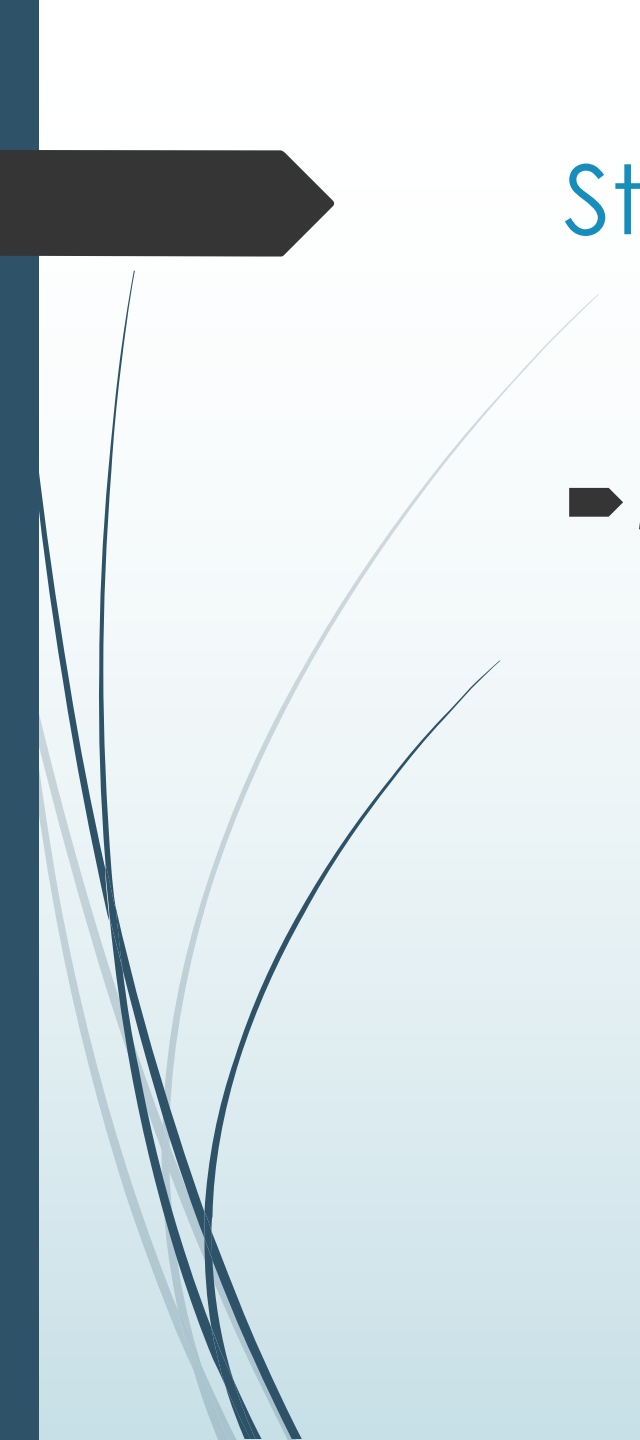
College & Tech Institutions: Required Courses

- Course requirements differ depending on specific program
- E.g., SALT – **wide variety of programs**
 - from Certificates, to 2-year Diplomas, to 4-year Bachelor Degrees
 - So, course requirements **vary widely:**
 - from English 10 and Math 10 (e.g., Professional Cooking Program) to 5-30 level courses, including English 30-1, to do the 4-yr Bachelor of Business Administration Program
- *Moral of the story: check course requirements carefully*



Scholarships & Awards

- Institutions have their own Scholarships & Awards
 - Some are automatic (e.g., entrance awards)
 - Some require an application (e.g., U of C's Prestige Awards, Dec. 1 deadline)
- **Many** Scholarship opportunities online, e.g.:
 - scholartree.ca;
 - scholarshipscanada.com;
 - studentaid.alberta.ca ...



Student Services Support

- Meet with your counsellor
 - Specific institution information
 - Program advising
 - Assistance deciphering application requirements
 - Scholarship application guidance
- Counsellors in Grade 12 classes with handout and short presentation between Oct. 2-13



Fairs, Open Houses, and Presentations

- Study and Go Abroad Fair – BMO Centre September 27 – 2:00 – 6:00 register on website
- In-Province University/College Fair at Western – October 31, Periods 1 & 2, Grade 11 & 12 classes will have an opportunity to meet various post-secondary representatives from Alberta Institutions
- Out-of-Province Post-Secondary Fair – October 24, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, students and parents will have the opportunity to meet with various university representatives from across Canada
- Individual university presentations – at Western over the next couple of months – students need to be checking daily bulletin e.g., U of C – Oct. 12, afterschool
- Universities will also host their own virtual events – check university websites
- U of C Open House – Oct 28; SAIT Open House – Nov. 3 & 4; MRU Open House Oct 21; Ambrose University Oct 21 & St. Mary's University Oct 14



Support on Western's Website...

- WCHS Grade 12 Graduation Information
- Scholarships websites list and links
- 5 Steps to Winning Scholarships
- Link to ALIS: excellent site for career exploration & information, and for scholarships & loan information