VANCOUVER ISLAND PUBLIC POST-SECONDARY ALLIANCE











Five public post-secondary institutions serve the people of Vancouver Island and together they meet the full range of post-secondary education and training needs of its residents. Together, they make an essential contribution to the lives of Vancouver Island residents and its many communities.

As signatories to this alliance, today all five institutions join forces to further the social and economic prosperity of Vancouver Island and the province of British Columbia through a commitment to collaboration and cooperation. The alliance enhances the education and training of Vancouver Island residents by encouraging participation in post-secondary education and training, and maximizing the capacities and resources of each institution. They are:

- Camosun College
- North Island College
- Royal Roads University
- The University of Victoria
- Vancouver Island University

Each of the five public post-secondary institutions on Vancouver Island has a unique place in the BC post-secondary system and each is entrusted with a specific mandate to serve the people of British Columbia. Recognizing the unique purposes of these five institutions and honouring their individual mandates, obligations and autonomies, the signatories to this agreement agree to collaborate on initiatives that:

- Improve students' ability to access Vancouver Island's full range of post-secondary education and training and to seamlessly move between institutions;
- Meet the educational and regional employment and training needs of Vancouver Island and BC communities;
- Stimulate job creation and investment on Vancouver Island and in the province of BC;
- Increase the participation and success of aboriginal learners;
- Enhance the ability of Vancouver Island residents to participate as citizens of a global world by growing international education and the internationalization of institutions;
- Create new knowledge through research and innovation that strengthens the communities of Vancouver Island and beyond;
- Share resources to expand and enhance the programs and services of each institution;
- Advocate for post-secondary education and training for Vancouver Island, the Gulf and Northern Islands and the BC Coast.

This agreement establishes a voluntary partnership between neighbouring institutions that share a commitment to the people of Vancouver Island. It encourages collaboration between institutions and fosters the development of specific initiatives but is not a formal or binding agreement. Participating institutions shall develop their own governance structures for individual initiatives.

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