



# Okanagan College

*Transforming Lives and Communities*

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# OC Fast Facts

**Largest college**  
in B.C. outside  
Lower Mainland  
(number of sites,  
students)

Second largest  
**Trades** training,  
after BCIT

**17,000**  
**students**  
annually

Over **68%**  
full-time/  
part-time  
students are  
**local**

Significantly  
**higher % local**  
including  
students in  
short-courses

Growing number  
of students  
choosing  
**flexible delivery**

# The post-secondary landscape in Canada today

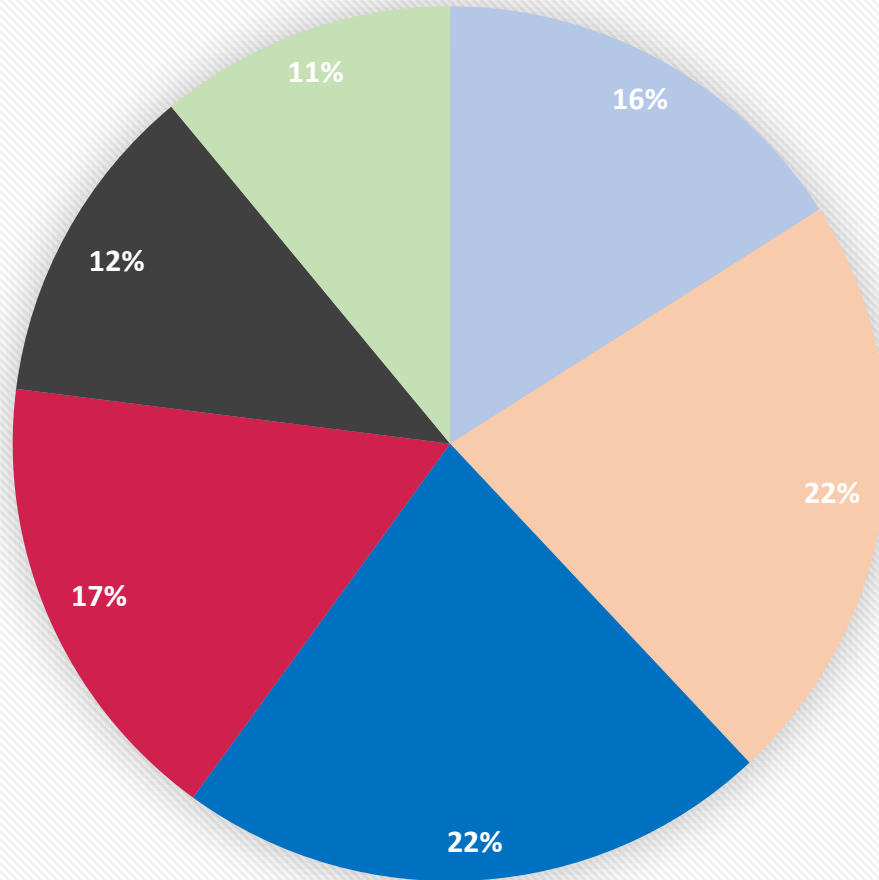


- International student policy changes
- Changing domestic enrolment
- Evolving and expanding student expectations
- Labour market pressures, demands
- Rising costs to deliver programming

## **OC opportunities & focus areas:**

- Workforce-ready, relevant programming
- Flexible options; stackable courses
- Youth and mature student strategies
- Community collaborations

## Job Openings by TEER, 2025-2035, B.C.



■ TEER 0 Management

■ TEER 1 University degree

■ TEER 2 College or apprenticeship (more than two years)

■ TEER 3 College or apprenticeship (less than two years)

■ TEER 4 Secondary school

■ TEER 5 No formal education

## Top 10 Major Industry Groups by Job Openings, B.C., 2025-2035

- Health care and social assistance
- Professional, scientific and technical services
- Retail trade
- Construction
- Finance, insurance and real estate
- Educational services
- Public administration
- Manufacturing
- Transportation and warehousing
- Accommodation and food services





## Skilled Trades:

- **B.C. Government:** \$241M investment over three years
- **Okanagan College:** Industry partnerships, Dual Credit, Foundation programs



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Quinn Carignan & Hayden Gamet



First Place



## Entrepreneurship, Business, Tourism Management

- Applied degree program, nationally recognized
- Work-integrated learning
- Regionally relevant specialties





OC Kanagawa



# Program highlights

- **Health sciences:**
  - OC produces the most Health Care Assistant graduates per year in B.C.
  - Actively working to expand allied health programming
  - In-community delivery, flexible delivery
- **Engineering, technologies:**
  - Growth in domestic enrolment
  - In-demand jobs
- **Short-courses, certificates:**
  - InspirEd
  - Future Skills Grant (\$3500/student)



# Student Housing - new, at all OC campuses





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