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By Cheng Qian, Kitty

Where can we go from here?

My name is Chengqian, and I am studying in EPP level 6 at Kester Grant College. I am happy that I chose KGC as the key to enter BCIT. Before studying at KGC, I planned to take the TOEFL exam and to apply to SFU. I found that it is difficult to get a high mark on the TOEFL, and if I fail to get a high mark on the TOEFL test, I could not study this September and would have to wait until next year to apply to SFU. I was lucky to be able to study at KGC due to the help of an agent. At KGC, my English level improved a lot, especially in writing and speaking. Besides, I collect lots of information from the teachers at KGC and from the internet. Through my experience, I realized that there are so many difficulties in studying abroad, and I think most international students experience these problems, so I decided to help students who really need more information in order to make good education plans.

There are many colleges and universities in Vancouver; however, BCIT is different from all of these colleges and universities because the teaching methods in BCIT are practical based. Therefore, students learn knowledge and at the same time gain practical experience. After getting a diploma from BCIT, students can continue their studying at BCIT to get a degree. In addition, they also can transfer some credits to study at universities such as Royal Road



Students in BCIT

University or SFU.

BCIT offers its own degrees in some areas such as the part-time program in Accounting; full-time and part-time programs in Computer Systems; part-time programs in Construction Management, environmental Engineering Technology, and Geomatics; also full-time programs in Biotechnology, Environmental Health and Nursing; in addition, part-time program in Electronics, Manufacturing, and Forensic Investigation. BCIT also has a program called Bachelor of Technology in Accounting. It is a flexible part-time program so that students can continue their jobs and study at the same time, and this program lead students to a professional accounting designation or to an MBA program. Students also learn to work in teams, which is becoming much important in the workforce nowadays. Some students want to get a degree from a university in the shortest time possible; in that case, I think Royal Roads University would be a wise choice.



BCIT Housing

Royal Roads University is located in the city of Victoria, which is the capital city of the province of British Columbia. Royal Roads University undergraduate degree completion programs are designed for early-career learners

with post-secondary education and/or work experience equivalent to two years of university or college. Particular preference is given to learners who have work experience. Royal Roads University concentrates on its four founding themes: entrepreneurship and management; leadership; environmental sustainability; and conflict resolution. Royal Roads University is committed to providing quality services that create a supportive learning community. These include a full range of fitness and recreation facilities, a fully integrated Learning Resource Centre, computer labs, student counseling, and career services. Learners are encouraged to join academic, recreational and social associations and clubs on campus.

From RRU website

<http://www.royalroads.ca/Channels/for+learners/international+learners/general+information/default.htm>

Students who get a diploma in Human Resource, Financial Management, International Trade, marketing Management, Operations Management, and Management Systems (Human Resource Management, Information Technology Management, and Integrated Management Studies) can transfer their entire credits to Royal Road University, and Royal Road University agrees that if students have taken some courses at BCIT which they can not find at RRU, students can replace some extra courses to take the place of those courses. In addition, when transfer information changes, RRU will announce to BCIT all the details of the changes so that students at BCIT can always know the latest information.

I would like to introduce the degrees of RRU. For example, Bachelor of Commerce in Entrepreneurial Management. This program is about how to become an effective manager in today's developed world. This completion degree (years three and four) is designed for those wishing to further their education or who have relevant work experience. The program includes Managerial Accounting Control, Communications, Entrepreneurial Expertise, Strategic Marketing, People at work, Sustainable Development, Information and Technology Management, Sustainability Strategies Tools, Organizational Change, International Business, Strategy, Corporate Finance, and Entrepreneurial Project (From the third year to the fourth year).

Royal Roads University has its own special teaching methods, which can be called transformative for both faculty and learners. That means the faculty will share their expertise with the learners' own expertise and life experiences. This causes an exciting learning exchange where both teachers and



learners continue to learn.

Students who want to know more about RRU can check RRU's frequently asked questions website at <http://www.royalroads.ca/Channels/about+rru/the+university/rru+frequently+asked+questions/default.htm#four>. Several examples of RRU's FAQs are listed below:

1. What does RRU mean by "working professionals"?

We regard working professionals as adults who are either currently employed or are looking to return to work, and wish advance their careers through applied skills and knowledge. Relevant work experience is an important component of admission to most, but not all programs.

2. How will a degree from RRU enhance my career?

Through integrated and applied studies developed in partnership with practicing

professionals in the field. By providing market-driven programs attracting participants globally. By offering a flexible format and the innovative learning technologies that allow learners to continue to work while they enhance their career.

3. How do the residencies work?

Most master's and undergraduate degree programs offer on-campus residency study periods, which vary from two to five weeks. For more information, please see the program area of interest.

4. What support services are there for International learners?

Royal Roads University is committed to providing quality services that create a supportive learning community. These include a fully integrated Learning Resource Centre, computer labs, student counseling, career services, and a full range of fitness and recreation facilities. Learners are encouraged

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to join academic, recreational and social associations and clubs on campus. The International Office at RRU is available for on-going support and services for International learners.

5. How do I finance my degree?

Most learners at RRU are self-funded or supported by their employers. Most full-time programs at Royal Roads are eligible for Canada Student Loans and Provincial Loans if the individual eligibility criteria are met. RRU offers a number of entrance awards to qualified students.

Although BCIT has its own degrees, and RRU will accept all credits from some BCIT programs, some students still prefer to get degrees from a well known university, so I will talk about Simon Fraser University (SFU), a well known university in B.C. SFU, which is about 16 kilometers from the center of Vancouver, is located on top of 400 meter-high Burnaby Mountain. SFU is well known for its excellent athletic and academic programs. The programs include ESL assistance, which helps students become better English speaker and writers, and prepares students for academic studies; Academic programs include five faculties : Applied Sciences, Arts, Business Administration, Education, and Science. These faculties offer more than 100 academic programs. In addition, Co-operative programs are offered in which students combine semesters of study with a semester of work.



Simon Fraser University Library

Students can transfer their credits from BCIT to SFU, but they must have completed a minimum of 30 transferable credits including the indicated lower division required courses. For example, in the business program, the courses that students must complete are Data and Decisions I (or Stats 270), Introduction to Computers, Information Systems in Business (or 2nd year Computing course), Financial Accounting I, Behavior in Organizations,



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Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics, Calculus for the Social Sciences I (or Math 151 or 154). In addition, students need to choose two courses from the list below:

- * Introduction to Fiction
- * Introduction to Poetry
- * Introduction to Drama
- * Introduction to Prose Genres
- * Introduction to Issues in Literature Culture
- * Critical Thinking
- * Knowledge and Reality
- * Introduction to Moral Philosophy

Please remember important application dates. In the fall semester (September to December), students should send their applications before April 30; in spring semester (January to April), their applications should be send before September 30; in summer semester (May to August) the latest date is January 31.

SFU offers many degrees for students to choose from. I will only discuss some degrees offered by SFU. In business, they have degrees in Accounting, International Business, Management Info Systems, Business Administration, Human Resource Management, Management Science, Marketing Communication and Economics. SFU' s Surrey campus offers a degree in Computing Information Technology. They also have degrees in science such as Earth

Sciences, Environmental Science, Mgmt & Systems Science and so on. In addition, their degrees include Education, music, and art degrees.

In short, after getting a diploma from BCIT, students can continue their studying at BCIT to get a degree or transfer all credits to RRU and take one year to finish their degree. Students also can transfer some credits to SFU, then it may take them only 3 years to get a degree from SFU. In my case, I am going to take the BCIT diploma in business, after that, I want to transfer some credits to SFU and study SFU' s degree program in business. Now I am looking forward to studying at BCIT. I hope from reading the information I provided here students at KGC will be able to better organize their education plans and be successful in reaching their goals.



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