

Okanagan College Factsheet – August 2009

College status:

- In March 2004, the Province dissolved Okanagan University College and established two new institutions; Okanagan College and UBC Okanagan.
- Okanagan College registered its first major intake of new students in September 2005.
- The college has campuses in Kelowna, Vernon, Salmon Arm and Penticton.

Annual grants

- Operating grants in 2008/09 were \$40.2M, rising to \$44M for 2009/10, for an increase of \$3.8M.
- Operating funding to Okanagan College has increased by \$12.3M, from \$31.7M in 2005/06 to \$44M in 2009/10 – a 38.8 per cent increase.

Student spaces

- Government is funding a total of 4,801 student spaces for 2009/10, up from 4,600 the previous year.

2008/09 Utilization:

Funded Seats	Actual	Utilization Rate
4,600	4,697	102.1%

- Funded spaces to Okanagan College have increased by 1,109, from 3,692 in 2003/04 to 4,801 in 2009/10 – a 30 per cent increase.

Capital projects: Over \$57.3M since 2005, including:

- \$22.65 million (includes a \$13.5M federal contribution) for the construction of the Centre of Excellence in Green Building Technology at the Penticton campus.
- \$1 million (includes a \$500K federal contribution) to expand and renovate the trades training facility in Salmon Arm.
- \$23 million towards the construction of the Centre for Learning.
- \$565,966 for the acquisition of equipment for the heavy duty mechanics, electrical, welding and plumbing programs as part of ALMD's \$8.75M in one-time capital allocation for new trades training equipment.
- \$253,000 for a gathering place for Aboriginal students at the college's Salmon Arm campus.

Special funding

- \$159,733 from the Aboriginal Special Project Fund for a new Okanagan environmental studies program and an Aboriginal student recruitment, promotions and transitions initiative.

New degree programs approved since 2004:

- Bachelor of business administration
- Bachelor of computer information systems

New non-degree programs approved since 2004:

- Diploma, criminal and social justice
- Diploma, writing and publishing
- Diploma, media and cultural studies
- Diploma, human kinetics
- Diploma, advanced culinary arts.