



**VANCOUVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
EDUCATION COUNCIL
CERTIFIED RESOLUTION
May 12, 2020**

I, Elle Ting, Chair of the Education Council of Vancouver Community College (“VCC”), certify that the following resolutions were duly passed by the Education Council of VCC at a meeting held on May 12, 2020.

RESOLVED THAT Education Council approved:

- New course: MATH 0300 Topics in Fundamental Mathematics
- Delivery of the updated second-year curriculum of the Graphic Design Diploma program (approved in March 2020) to students currently enrolled in the first year of the program, with unanimous written consent of all affected students
- The following provisional process for curriculum changes necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic:

Pathway 1: Changes to curriculum driven by the need to transition to alternative delivery due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Departments and instructors are allowed to make changes to courses and programs without seeking prior governance approval, except for changing or meeting program learning outcomes (see Pathway 2 below).
- These changes should be focused on ensuring students can meet overall learning outcomes and competencies.
- Guidelines provided by regulatory, accrediting, or governing bodies (such as the Industry Training Authority) can be followed without internal VCC governance approval.
- A summary of changes must be sent to Education Council for information. The summary can be sent as soon as reasonable; in some cases, this will be after the start date of the program. This chronology of changes will record the College’s teaching approach and facilitate future debriefing that will take place after the COVID-19 health emergency has ended.
- Changes are considered temporary and are only in effect during program/course offerings during the COVID-19 pandemic. The summary of changes sent to EDCO should include dates.
- It is the responsibility of instructors and department leaders to inform students as soon as possible about changes to courses or programs (including evaluation plans, sequencing of courses, and teaching modes). Whenever possible, changes to courses should be established in the syllabus at the start of a class. Given the likelihood of conditions changing, Education Council authorizes reasonable changes to be made that are required on short notice (such as the availability of lab or clinical opportunities).



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Pathway 2: Changes to program learning outcomes (PLOs) for cohort-based programs; changes to course learning outcomes (CLOs) for non-cohort-based courses; and the granting of credentials based on *substantial completion*.

- Changes to program learning outcomes (and some course learning outcomes) require approval from Education Council. These changes will receive expedited review by Education Council.
- For courses that are not primarily part of a program (e.g. University Transfer), and in cases where course learning outcomes cannot be met in that course, changes to course learning outcomes must be approved by Education Council. However, alternate options for delivery (such as delaying a lab component) are acceptable and fall under Pathway 1 above.
- Substantial completion: Programs awarding credentials to students based on substantial completion of the program must submit a description of how substantial completion has been determined for expedited approval by Education Council. Consultation with external stakeholders/Program Advisory Committees is recommended. Programs whose regulatory, accrediting, or external governance bodies (such as the ITA) have provided guidelines for substantial completion are exempt from this requirement but must report these guidelines under Pathway 1.

Dated: May 12, 2020

APPROVED BY

Elle Ting, Chair
VCC Education Council