

Open Learning **HANDBOOK**



**THOMPSON
RIVERS
UNIVERSITY**
OPEN LEARNING

WELCOME TO TRU OPEN LEARNING!

Open Learning (OL) is based in the BC Centre for Open Learning building on the main Thompson Rivers University (TRU) campus in Kamloops, BC.

As B.C.'s leading online and distance education provider, we offer over 60 programs and 500 courses. More than 14,000 students study on campus in Kamloops or Williams Lake, and almost 15,000 students study online or by distance.

We offer flexible, accessible, credible and transferable learning options.

Thompson Rivers University campuses are on the traditional lands of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc (Kamloops campus) and the T'exelc (Williams Lake campus) within Secwepmecúl'ecw, the traditional and unceded territory of the Secwépemc. The region TRU serves also extends into the territories of the St'át'imc, Nlaka'pamux, Nuxalk, T̓silhqot'in, Dakelh, and Syilx peoples.



LEARN WHEREVER YOU ARE

Whether you are a recent high school graduate or adult learner, we help find new perspectives, enhance knowledge and prepare for new careers.

We develop many courses in-house with a team of subject matter experts, writers, instructional designers, editors and media experts. Courses are engaging and student-centered, and attention is given to quality, accuracy, relevancy and real-life application.

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CHOOSE YOUR PATH

YOU...

Are a busy, working student looking for a course that's full at your own university

Trades and Technology

Technology
Trades and Technology Leadership
Water Treatment Operations

Are a working professional who wants to get ahead

Science

Anesthesia Assistant
Biology/Life Science
Computing Science
Health Science
Information Technology and Management
Polysomnography
Pre-Health Science
Veterinary Technology

Education and Social Work

Adult Basic Education
University and Employment Preparation
Human Services
Social Service Worker
Master of Education

Want to pursue your dream job

Adventure, Culinary Arts and Tourism

Event Management
Tourism Management

Nursing

Health Care Assistant
Return to Registered Nurse Practice
Seniors Living Management

Are looking for virtual
options to coincide with your
face-to-face studies

Arts

Design
English
History
Fine Arts
Liberal Arts
Psychology
Sociology

Are a lifelong learner
and want to take a
course for fun

School of Business and Economics

Accounting Technician
Commerce
Entrepreneurial Skills
Management
Real Estate (UBC Sauder)
Master of Environmental
Economics and Management

Are a parent and want
to start or finish your
post-secondary education

**More programs are available!*

Have a job and want
to finish your degree





PROGRAMS AND COURSES

Programs

Open Learning programs are your best choice for an online program that fits your lifestyle. We have the support you need to complete your program successfully.

Popular programs in 2022-23

Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Health Science
Bachelor of Computing Science
Bachelor of Science
Bachelor of General Studies
Master of Business Administration
Certificate in
Medical Laboratory Assistant



A full list of our online programs can be found here tru.ca/distance/programs



Courses

Take an Open Learning course and learn online, at your own pace. Our flexible courses allow you to work, play and learn on your own schedule.

Popular courses in 2022-23

ENGL 1101 Introduction to University Writing
ENGL 1001 Literature and Composition 1
PSYC 1111 Introduction to Psychology 1
STAT 1201 Introduction to Probability and Statistics
COMP 1131 Computer Programming 1
PSYC 1211 Introduction to Psychology 2
BIOL 1593 Anatomy and Physiology 1
CMNS 1291 Introduction to Professional Writing



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Distance
Education

SAVE TIME, MONEY AND GET AHEAD

PLAR

Accelerate your program through a process called PLAR (Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition). PLAR determines whether the knowledge, skills, and abilities that mature learners have achieved outside of post-secondary can be demonstrated and assessed to gain TRU credits.

Employment, volunteering, education gained at a private institution, industry-based training, professional development, and self-study are among many possibilities that can be considered in a PLAR assessment.



To find out more about opportunities with PLAR
tru.ca/distance/plar-ol



Transfer credit and partnerships

If you have previous education or training you may be eligible for credit toward a TRU program. We have transfer agreements in place with many partner institutions and organizations across Canada.

These pathways allow students to take current credentials and ladder up to a TRU degree with transfer or PLAR credits.



Find an institution and check transfer opportunities tru.ca/transfer



THE PROCESS

Programs and courses

Our programs have open admissions and require you to apply online. You can enrol in most courses anywhere, at any time and study at your own pace.

Apply to a program

We have open admission to most programs. Whether you are a current student or returning to post-secondary, everyone is eligible for general admission and course registration and can apply for admission into most credential programs including certificates, diplomas or degrees at any time.

1 CHOOSE

Select a program that you are interested in.

2 CHECK

Check admission requirements and academic regulations.

3 APPLY

Domestic

Sign up for an EducationPlannerBC account, submit an online application and pay the application fee.

apply.educationplannerbc.ca

International

Complete the admissions form and mail to:

Thompson Rivers University Enrolment Services
805 TRU Way, Kamloops, BC
V2C 0C8 Canada

Register for a course

The pathways to Open Learning are endless. If you're looking for a course to supplement your program, you can register for a course without applying for Open Learning.

1 CHOOSE

Browse courses at
tru.ca/distance/courses

2 CHECK PREREQUISITES

Review the course description page for more information on prerequisites, materials, assesment breakdown and cost.

3 REGISTER

Online Add the course to your cart and pay with a credit card

Phone TRU Enrolment services 1-800-663-9711
(toll free in Canada)

Kamloops and International 1-250-852-7000

Mail or fax Complete a course registration form at tru.ca/distance/register and send it along with your payments to TRU

Fax 1-250-852-6405

Mail to TRU Open Learning Admissions

805 TRU Way, Kamloops, BC
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Curious about tuition and fees?
Find out estimates at

tru.ca/distance/services/tuition



ORIENTATION

Want to learn more about Open Learning? Or don't know where to begin?

Virtual orientation sessions

Learn about registering for courses and support services for online students. You'll also get tips on how to succeed in online studies.

Open Learning faculty members

Once you are enrolled in a course, you will be assigned an Open Learning Faculty Member (OLFM) whom you can connect with over email, telephone, video or web conferencing to meet your needs and help you navigate the course.

Out in the Open

A space to support TRU students online. Engage with the TRU Open Learning community through live online events, browse past recording, and read staff and student stories.



Find upcoming Open Learning orientation sessions at outintheopen.trubox.ca



Find out about all the events at TRU by visiting tru.ca/events



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[Thompson Rivers University Open Learning](https://www.linkedin.com/company/ThompsonRiversUniversityOpenLearning)

STUDENT SERVICES

TRU is here to help. From tuition and fees to educational advising and final exams, our website provides resources that you need to succeed.

Contact us

Ask questions answered in real time through our LiveChat support.



Explore
tru.ca/distance/services



LiveChat support
tru.ca/distance/contact



STUDENT SUCCESS

What's better than real life experiences? See what our students and alumni have to say about studying online.

It's been amazing—working and learning at the same time—I fit my life around school. I was able to take all the prerequisites for the CPA professional education program.

Matt P.

Bachelor of Commerce graduate



I enrolled in TRU OL because I always wanted to have my RN degree, obtained in the Philippines, honoured in Canada. TRU OL offers solid online learning, paired with labs and practical experience.

Jasper M.

Return to Registered Nurse Practice Certificate

Read other stories at truopen.ca/truestor

Start your education now.

Did you know that you can start a course without enrolling in an OL program? Our online self-paced courses are open for anyone to register.



Many of the other students in my online courses also have jobs and families. We want to improve our education and online is the perfect way to do it.

Lourdes S.
TRU MBA student



Register for a course and see if online learning is right for you.

tru.ca/openlearning



SUCCESS AFTER GRADUATION

Enter the job market with confidence.

Career and Experiential Learning

Set yourself up for success early on. Take advantage of a variety of campus resources at the Career and Experiential Learning (CEL) department. CEL offers career planning and job search support, co-op placements to gain work experience and opportunities to network and develop new skills.

Have a competitive edge

By pursuing post-secondary education, you are setting yourself up for success. The B.C. Labour Market Outlook predicts that of the one million job openings in the next decade, eighty percent will require post-secondary education.¹

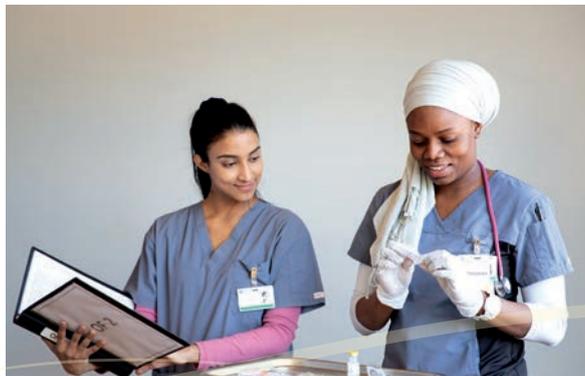
Increase earning potential

Not only does a post-secondary credential boost your employability, but it can improve your job prospects and increase your earning potential.

The typical post-secondary graduate will earn roughly **\$900,000** more than the typical high school graduate over their working life.²

¹ workbc.ca/publication/bcs-labour-market-outlook-2022-edition

² thirdway.org/report/is-college-worth-it-going-beyond-averages



STUDENT STATS

We'll meet you where you're at



60+
PROGRAMS

500+
COURSES



32,223
COURSE ENROLMENTS

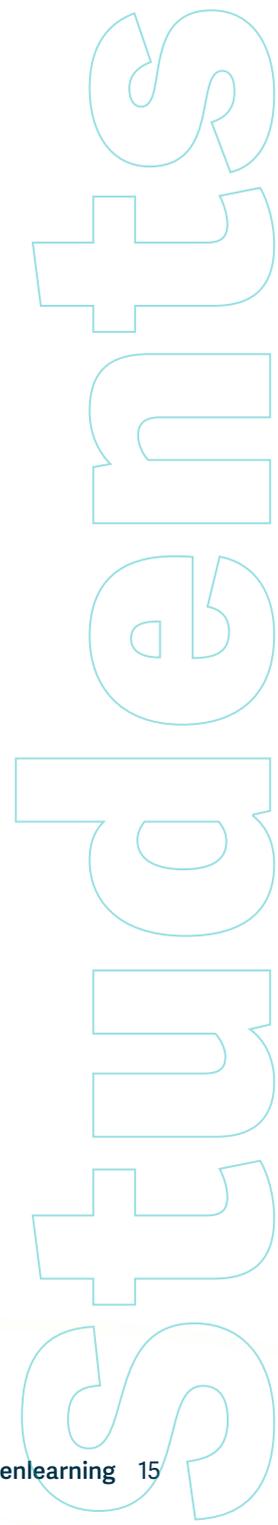



Headcount
(14,996 STUDENTS)

7,607
PROGRAM TAKERS*

7,389
COURSE TAKERS*

**These students took at least one course during the fiscal year.*





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