

Guaranteed Pathways from North Island College to the University of Victoria:

Dual and Guaranteed Admission Pathways (even in Engineering)!

Student Pathways In Higher Education Conference,
Ontario Council on Articulation and Transfer
February 2013

Lisa Domae, Vice President, Student & Educational Services and Planning
Kathleen Kuhnert, Director of Student Services and Registrar
North Island College

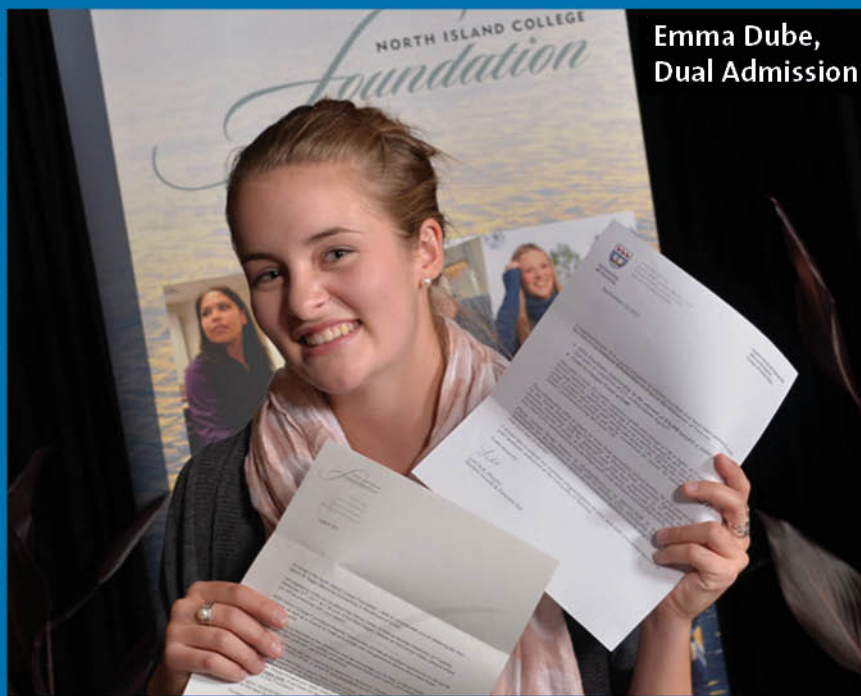
UVic Starts Here



Start your degree at NIC and secure your path to UVic



Jesse Spooner,
Guaranteed Admission



Emma Dube,
Dual Admission

Since 2011, 68 dual admission students have earned more than \$92,000 in awards from NIC and UVic. Emma earned \$23,000.

The North Island College Story





Comprehensive Community College

Over 70 programs and 900 courses

In addition to 15 dual and guaranteed university admission opportunities, North Island College offers education and training in 9 Red Seal trades, over 50 certificates, 14 diplomas, 1 advanced diploma, 2 associate degrees, 3 applied bachelor's degrees, 2 collaborative baccalaureate degrees, and 5 post degree diplomas.



Local Community College

- **Serve rural communities and rural economies**
- **Lower educational attainment than provincial average**
- **9,695 students produced 2,600 FTES in F11/12**
- **90% of NIC students come from our catchment area**

Our Planning Context

BC's Public Post-secondary System

- 11 Colleges, 11 Universities and 3 Institutes

NIC Strategic Plan 2011 – 2015

BC's Transfer System

- British Columbia Council on Admission and Transfer (BCCAT)

Our Planning Framework

Strategic Plan 2011 – 2015 Participation, Partnership & Pathways

Strategic Direction #4 – Strategic Partnerships

North Island College will strengthen and expand partnership opportunities with aboriginal, business communities and educational organizations regionally and internationally to deliver outstanding results.

- Increase degree and diploma opportunities through expansion of partnerships

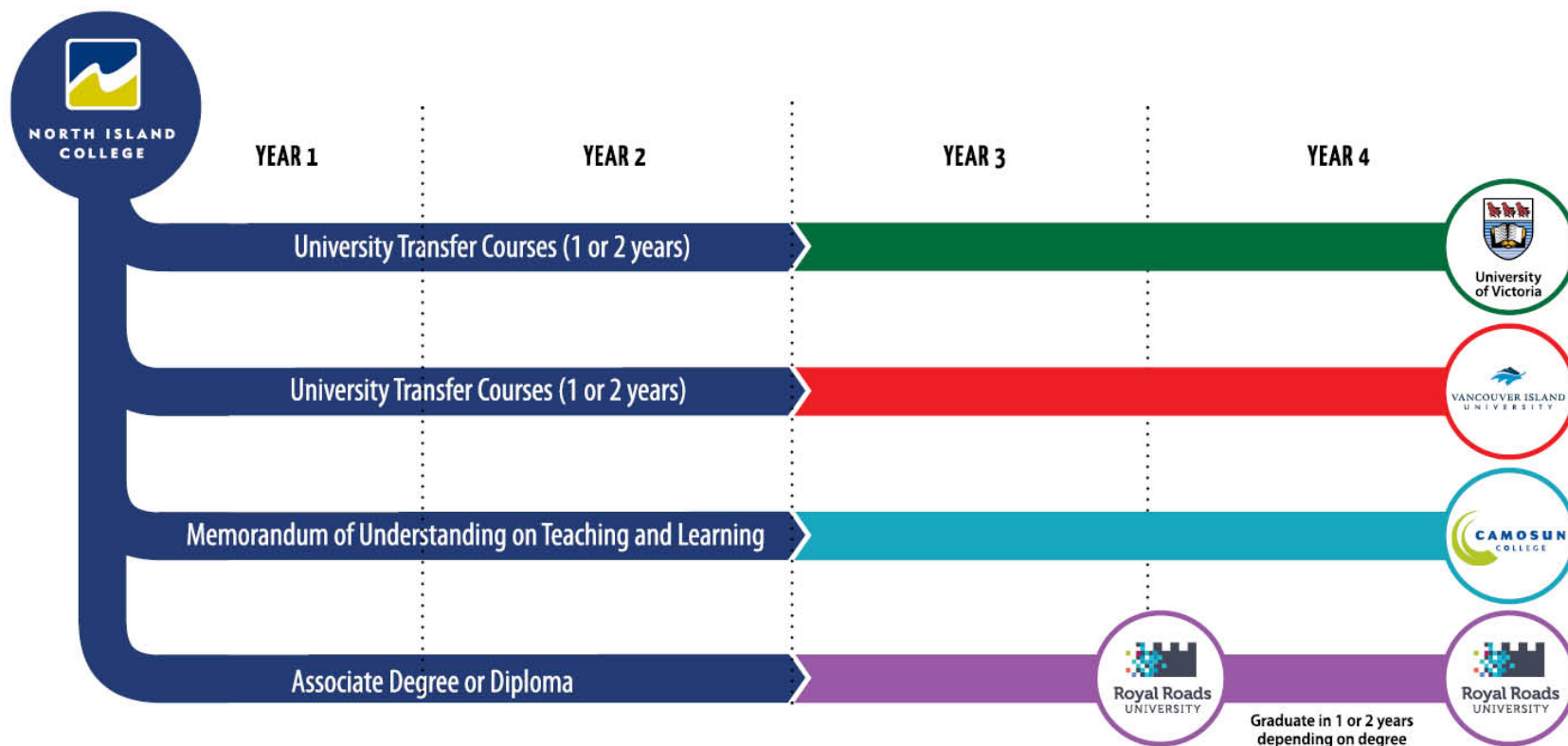


Our Planning Framework

Memorandum of Understanding Vancouver Island Public Post Secondary Network

To provide a broad range of learning opportunities and supports to the various population groups and communities of Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands, and the BC Coastal region through the development of an integrated and synergistic educational strategy that can be developed by the five institutions working together.

Expanding Partnerships





Credit Transfer

Credit transfer consists of the granting of credit by one institution for equivalent courses completed at another. Once transfer credit is granted, the course is accepted in lieu of an internal course and can be applied in the same way as the internal course to fulfill general or specific credential requirements. Block transfer may also be granted for completed programs.

Source: <http://www.bccat.ca/system/principles/>

The Research

“In terms of academic performance, the twenty years of research has found that although transfer students represent a different academic pool of students than direct entrants, their achievements resembled those of direct entry students ... The most striking result is that transfer students and direct entrants have remarkably similar average grades at completion, demonstrating that the transfer system works. “

Cowin, Bob. (2013) Synthesis of Research, Student Transfer, Success, and Mobility in BC Post-Secondary Institutions

The top two reasons for dissatisfaction were difficulty with understanding the transfer process and difficulty in getting information when they sought it.

BC Stats. (2012). Improving the BC Transfer Experience: Feedback from Students. British Columbia Council on Admissions and Transfer: Research Results, May 2012.

A credit transfer system
doesn't guarantee that
students can transfer

Transfer Student

Some institutions formally define a basis of admission for transfer students and specify criteria for that admission category, but the term *transfer student* is also used more broadly to refer to any student who wishes to transfer credit from one institution to another.

Source: <http://www.bccat.ca/system/principles/>

Two processes: *(sometimes mutually exclusive)!*

- Admission to another institution
- Transfer of credit

Listening to Our Communities

- “College is not as good as university”
- “My son went to your college and didn’t get into university.”
- “I got bad advising at NIC and had to repeat courses once I got to university.”

Rethinking transfer by focusing on our *students*



Integrating college and university:

NIC and UVic, the Best of Both Worlds

Dual and Guaranteed Admission

You get to start your UVic degree at home, giving you time to save more money, get used to university level courses, and then move to UVic when you're ready.

The Agreements

Dual Admission

ADMISSION & CONDITIONS

- ☑ Apply to NIC and UVic with one application to both institutions.
- ☑ UVic admission is competitive and based on your high school grades.
- ☑ Submit your transcripts to NIC.
- ☑ NIC transcripts are free and sent to UVic when you tell us you're ready.

Guaranteed Admission

ADMISSION & CONDITIONS

- ☑ Apply to NIC.
- ☑ Complete a minimum of 24 credits, or 8 transferable courses with a 2.0 GPA or higher at NIC.
- ☑ Apply to UVIC and be guaranteed non-competitive admission to one of UVic's Bachelor of Arts, Science, or Fine Arts degree programs.
- ☑ Transcript fees are extra when applying to UVic.

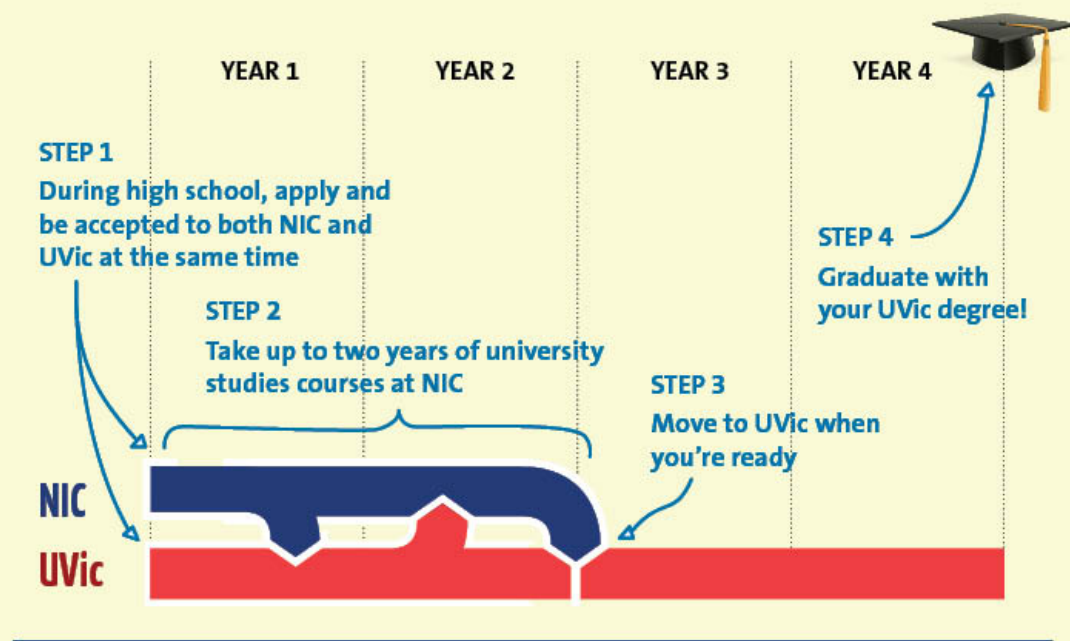
Why choose Dual Admission?

- Secure your path to university at the beginning of your education.
- Be accepted to NIC and UVic at the same time.
- Open the door to a wide variety of awards and academic, athletic, and entrance scholarships from both institutions.
- Stay close to home for one or two years, while you take first-year classes with NIC's supportive instructors in discussion-friendly classes.
- Save \$10,000 per year in education and living costs by starting your degree at NIC.

UVic Dual Admission

for high school students

Qualify and apply for UVic dual admission from high school, then complete UVic transfer courses at NIC for one or two years



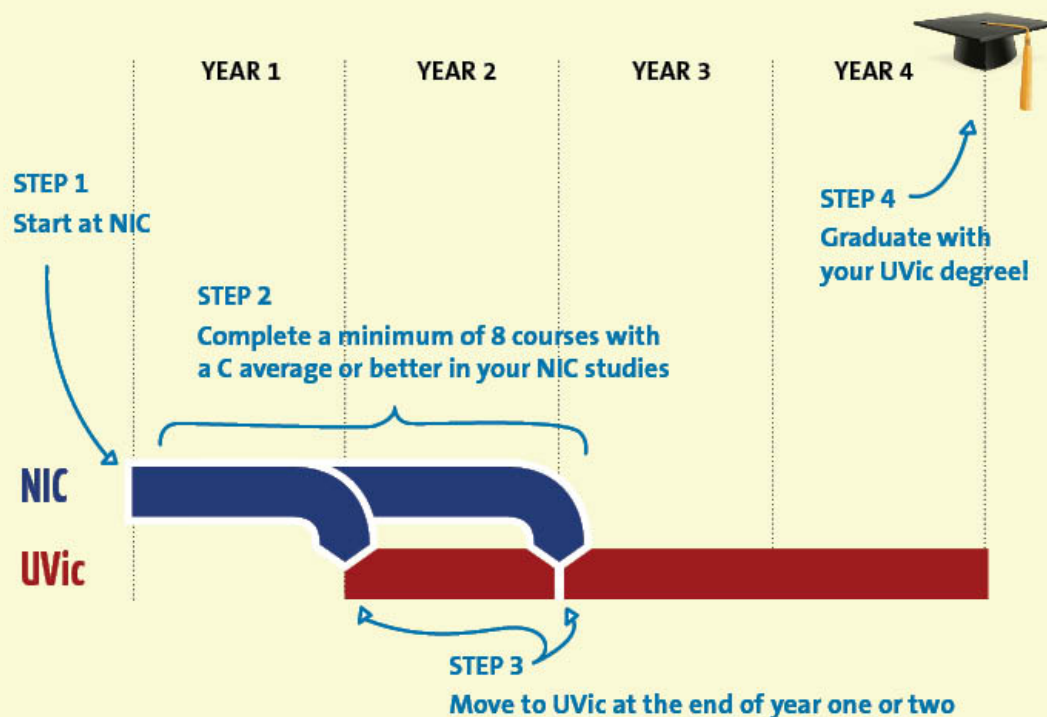
Why choose Guaranteed Admission?

- Explore your interests at NIC. Find out what you're good at and decide what you like. Apply to UVic with a clear path in mind.
- Develop university-level research and study skills through NIC's discussion-friendly classes and instructor support.
- Save \$10,000 per year in education and living costs by starting your degree at NIC.
- Guaranteed admission is open to all NIC students with a 2.0 GPA in eight or more university studies courses.

UVic Guaranteed Admission

for North Island College students

Complete UVic transfer courses at NIC for one or two years, then qualify and apply for guaranteed admission to UVic



What Can You Study?

Specialize your studies with more than 40 majors and a dozen degree pathways with NIC and UVic. Whether you're interested in biology or art history, NIC can help you achieve your goals.

- Engineering
- Social Sciences (Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science)
- Humanities (Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science)
- Science (Bachelor of Science)
- Fine Arts (Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Fine Arts)
- Computer Science (Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts, Co-op)
- Child and Youth Care
- History of Art
- And much, much, more!

North Island College - University of Victoria Engineering Transfer Program

- Dual and Seamless Engineering Transfer available for Engineering (BSc, B Eng, BSEng)
- Competitive entry at second year for Engineering specialty areas i.e., Civil, Electrical and Computer, Mechanical or Software
 - *NIC students compete for admission to a specialty area on an equal footing as University of Victoria students*
- Seamless course transfer to second year Engineering
 - *Commitment by program deans to maintain course and credit transfer by renewing program annually.*

Implementation

Principles of Collaboration

- Mutual recognition that the needs of students are paramount;
- Mutual respect for the autonomy of each institution, including recognition and respect for the educational values, policies, collective agreements, strategic plans and operational processes of each institution;
- Open communication, discussion and dialogue; and
- Equitable division of resources to support this activity.

Implementation

Operational Principles and Processes

- Joint development of application, admissions and transcript exchange procedures;
- Joint development of recruitment and marketing plans and materials;
- Commitment to faculty and program area collaboration;
- Commitment to the early sharing of information regarding any program, service or policy change that will affect a program under this agreement;
- Sharing of institutional data about enrolment and success of students admitted under this agreement;
- An annual review of the project.

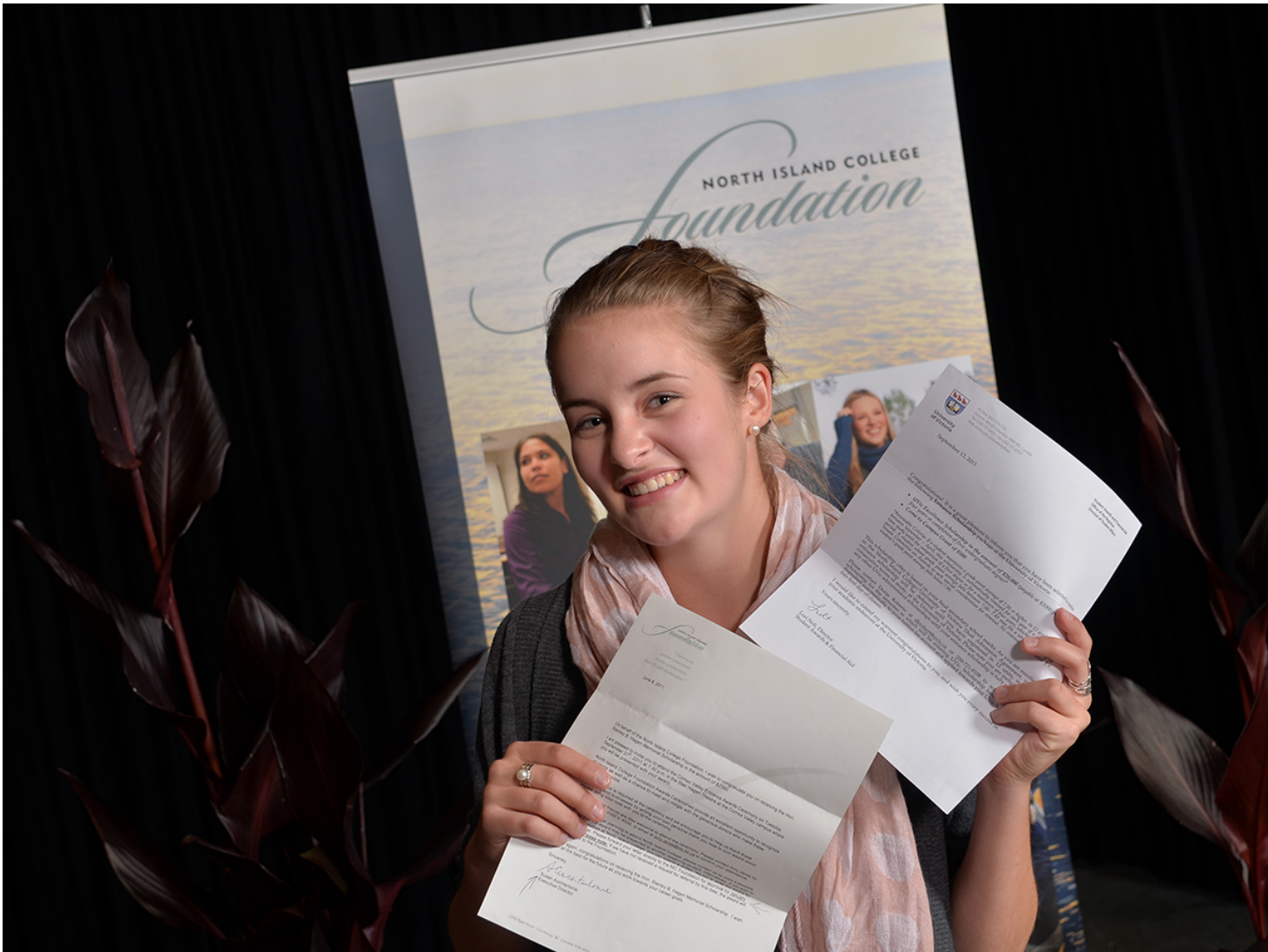
Implementation

Bring the “right” people together

- Where do the students apply?
- Who corresponds with the student?
- Data Transfer?
- Procedures

Lessons Learned

- Transition – clear communication to students
- Residence
- Entrance Scholarships



NIC & UVic Presidents

Dr. Jan Lindsay & Dr. David Turpin invite you to attend a:

special reception

for **NIC – UVic Dual and Guaranteed Admission Students**

Wednesday, March 6, 2013 from 12:30 – 2 pm

Komoux Hall Boardroom, NIC Comox Valley Campus

A light lunch & refreshments will be served.

RSVP: Martha.Mitchell@nic.bc.ca or 250-334-5058

[



let's celebrate!



]

Thank you

www.nic.bc.ca/about_us/Partnership_Agreements

Lisa Domae

Vice President, Student and Educational Services and Planning

Lisa.Domae@nic.bc.ca

Kathleen Kuhnert

Director of Student Services and Registrar

Kathleen.Kuhnert@nic.bc.ca