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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2012

TENTH STREET CAMPUS, NELSON BC



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Selkirk College

Nelson 1.866.301.6601 | selkirk.ca

The Financial Aid office is located in the Administration Building on the Castlegar Campus. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with some of the information and services we offer.

Don't let your financial situation prevent you from furthering your education. Selkirk College strives to make post-secondary education accessible and affordable to its students. Last year Selkirk offered our students over \$500,000 in awards and support.

Contact the Financial Aid office or visit our website at selkirk.ca/students/financialaid for information and/or assistance in:

- Planning and budgeting for the school year.
- Applying for government student loan programs.

For government funding general information, please visit StudentAidBC.ca or CanLearn.ca

The Financial Aid Officer is regularly available on the Nelson Campuses - call 1.888.953.1133 ext. 295 to make an appointment.

ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

The Entrance Awards Program offers awards to students entering Selkirk College who have demonstrated high academic achievement or community involvement. For application details and deadlines visit selkirk.ca/students/financialaid/awardsandsupport/.



SCHOLARSHIPS

The Scholarship Awards Program offers awards to students who have demonstrated high academic achievement while attending Selkirk College. For application details and deadlines visit selkirk.ca/students/financialaid/awardsandsupport/.

BURSARIES

Bursaries are awarded to students who are academically successful and show financial need. For application details and deadlines visit selkirk.ca/students/financialaid/awardsandsupport/.

WORK STUDY

Work Study is a student employment program where you can work on campus while going to school. Job postings are available through the Financial Aid office in September.

SOUTHERN INTERIOR DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE TRUST (SIDIT)

Students in both secondary (high school Transitions) and post-secondary programs may be eligible for this award. For application details and deadlines visit selkirk.ca/students/financialaid/awardsandsupport/.

Need more information?

Contact the Financial Aid office at: 1.888.953.1133 ext. 295 or email financial_aid@selkirk.ca

Visit our website at: selkirk.ca/students/financialaid/awardsandsupport/.

STUDENT ACCESS AND SUPPORT

The Department of Student Access and Support is a cornerstone for Selkirk students. We're here to help students succeed by facilitating access to post-secondary education for prospective students as well as supporting students while they are studying at Selkirk College.

CPT and Exam Invigilation Services - The Computerized Placement Test (CPT) is required of all students applying to Selkirk College. It provides a basis for advising students on appropriate program or course choices. Selkirk College also offers Centralized Exam Invigilation Services. The schedules and online registration for these services can be found on the website at: <http://selkirk.ca/services/sas/cptandexaminvigationsservices> or contact Paris Voykin - 250.365.1313

Counselling – Counsellors help students to work toward their goals by providing career and personal counselling, educational planning and course advising about programs at Selkirk College and at other post secondary institutions, the university transfer system, and career and employment trends.
Robin Higgins - Nelson Campuses
250.352.6601 Ext. 3225
Laurie Read (on leave) and Tami O'Meara - Castlegar Campus 250.365.1273
Counsellors also have scheduled days at Trail and Grand Forks Campuses.

Disability Services - Disability Service Coordinators provide a variety of services to support the educational goals of students with documented disabilities. They assist eligible students to access funding for equipment, adaptive software, and other programs and services. They also provide transition information for prospective students and offer assistance with admissions and registration procedures.
Glynn Woodburn - Nelson Campuses
250.352.6601 Ext. 3205 and
Trish Foy - 250.365.1380 - Castlegar Campus
Nadya Sofonoff - Disability Services Assistant
250.365.1429 - Castlegar Campus

Learning Success Centres - Learning Skills Coordinators provide support to students in three major areas: One-on-one tutoring, workshops and peer tutoring. One-on-one tutoring and workshops focus on effective learning and study skills and include topics such as time and stress management, organizational skills, reading comprehension, note-taking, memory techniques, review, and exam preparation, while peer tutors provide assistance with specific course content.
Laurie Jarvis - Silver King Campus
250.352.6601 Ext. 3247
Martin Keyserlingk - Tenth Street Campus
250.352.6601 Ext. 1361
Todd Solarik - Castlegar Campus 250.365.1338

Early Alert - In the first few weeks of a new semester, there are always adjustments to make. Early identification of issues and timely support may make all the difference to a student's success in a program.

Early Alert is an online referral system that enables instructors to identify students who are facing challenges in their courses or programs.

Students referred to Early Alert will be contacted by email and invited to meet with a member of the Student Access and Support Department. The student will then be connected with appropriate support services or resources.

Early Alert is available for the first five weeks of the fall and winter semesters.
Contact earlyalert@selkirk.ca for more information.



For more information on Student Access and Support go to selkirk.ca/services/studentssupport/

ABORIGINAL SERVICES

The **Aboriginal Services Coordinator** provides support to all prospective and current aboriginal students and works closely with staff, students and communities to enhance aboriginal learners' participation and success rates in Selkirk programs. Services can include such things as assistance with the application process, help with band funding, information on programs and accessing status and advocacy & support during the semester.

For more information about Aboriginal Services contact aboriginalinfo@selkirk.ca or phone 250.365.1357.



Lower Columbia All First Nations (LCAFN) is a non-profit society working to serve Aboriginal people in the West Kootenay/ Boundary region. They administer and provide confidential services and support in the areas of employment, training, work experience, apprenticeship opportunities; mental health and addictions advocacy & support groups; legal services advocacy & family services & advocacy; and resources in Status application, business and other areas. For more information contact: Ed Pongracz at 1.877.304.2246.

The Gathering Place - Castlegar Campus



SELKIRK COLLEGE STUDENTS' UNION HEALTH AND DENTAL PLAN



If you are registered in full-time studies at Selkirk College you will be enrolled in the Selkirk College Students' Union (SCSU) Health and Dental Plan. **If you have existing coverage you must remove yourself from the plan (opt-out) by providing proof of existing extended health and dental coverage to the SCSU by September 17th.** Opting-out can be done at the SCSU office on your campus or online at the SCSU website - selkirkstudents.ca. The online opt-out form will be available as of August 15th, 2012 at www.studentplans.ca

There is an opt-out period at the beginning of each school year. This is the period when students can opt-out of the plan, or add-on additional family members and dependants. **Once the opt-out period is over, changes to your Plan can not be made for the remainder of the school year.**

The opt-out period is from August 1st to September 17th, 2012.

The Selkirk College Students' Union (SCSU) Health and Dental Plan was designed *by* students *for* students to provide many important services and help cover expenses not covered by your basic Provincial Medical Services Plan (MSP) or iMed (if you are an international student). These services include prescription drugs, dental care, travel health coverage, and more.

If you have any questions please contact Sean Rossouw, Campaigns and Services Coordinator, at healthanddental@selkirkstudents.ca.



LIVING ON CAMPUS

TENTH STREET RESIDENCE IN NELSON



Tenth Street Residence is the newest addition to the Tenth Street Campus offering a variety of accommodation from single units, dorm style with shared washroom and kitchen facilities, as well as “Pod” units with 3 and 5 bedrooms with kitchen, minimum of two bathrooms, dining, living area and laundry facilities. Each unit is fully furnished and offers internet and telephone services, the ideal place to settle into campus life.

The residence is surrounded by trees and nature. The sound of the creek, the views of Kootenay Lake, the numerous walking and biking trails at doorstep offer a tranquil setting that is second to none. A short walk down the hill, Kootenay Lake Park offers numerous water-sports and activities to choose from; tennis and bocce course, kayaking, and sailing.

Residence living at Selkirk College supports you academically and socially, giving you opportunities to meet creative, intelligent people and develop friendships that will last you a lifetime as well enables you to take advantage of all the services available to you as a campus resident.

Apply Now:

To download an application and fee schedule visit Selkirk.ca/housing/ or call 250.505.1393 for more information.

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

We can provide students with lists of available rental properties in Nelson, Castlegar, Trail and other local areas. To access the lists go to www.selkirk.ca/students/kootenay-life/off-campushousing/listings.

You can also send an email to housing@selkirk.ca or telephone the college at 1.866.301.6601 in Nelson to request the list.

LOCAL FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES

BUS TRANSPORTATION

For information about bus transportation and passes go to bctransit.com/regions/

PARKING

Parking is free on Castlegar and Nelson campuses.

LIBRARY

Library hours and details are available online at selkirk.ca

CAFETERIA

Castlegar: 7:30am - 2:00pm Mon.-Fri.

Nelson - Silver King: 7:30am - 1:30pm

Mon.-Thurs., 8:30am - 1:00pm Fri.

Nelson - 10th Street: 7:30am - 2:30pm

Mon.-Fri.

BOOKSHOP

The Bookshop carries required textbooks for courses offered at the college, technical & office supplies, and a range of crested gift items.

Bookshop Direct Line: 250.365.1281

Toll Free: 1.888.953.1133 ext. 281

Castlegar Campus: Mon.-Fri.

8:30am - 3:00pm

Silver King Campus: Mon.-Thurs.

8:00am - 1:00pm, Closed Fri.

Tenth Street Campus: Mon.-Thurs.

9:00am - 2:00pm, Closed Fri.

NOTE: Summer hours fluctuate - call to confirm.

NELSON RECREATION/ACTIVITIES

Selkirk College offers a variety of sports, activities, and recreation. Basketball, volleyball, badminton, racquetball, squash and dodge ball are just some of the sports offered in our gymnasium.

Fun social events like the Ski Night, Curling Night, Bowling night and Wine Tours are offered throughout the school year. Various fitness classes (Yoga, Tai Chi, Circuit Training, Capoeira, etc.) are available at great student discount rates, and the use of the gym and weight rooms are free for all students and staff. Various contests and games are scheduled throughout the year, so get involved, get in shape, and have some fun!

Recreation facilities in Nelson are located in Mary Hall, at the Tenth Street Campus. The Student Activities Coordinator posts facility schedules for use of the gymnasium and the weight room each month online at selkirk.ca

Contact Kim Barker at 1.250.352.6601, ext 1325 for more information.

HOW TO DROP A COURSE/PROGRAM

If you have to drop a course, it is important to follow the guidelines.

Guidelines

- You may drop a course online anytime before September 4, 2012.
- After September 4th, to drop a course/program, your decision **MUST** be communicated to the Records Office by filling out & submitting a course change form (found online at selkirk.ca, or in the Admissions Offices) within the deadlines noted below.
- If you do not communicate the dropping of a course/program to the Records Office, this may result in a DNW (Did Not Withdraw) and **NO** tuition refund. Please note that a DNW can have a negative impact on your overall GPA (a DNW receives a Grade Point Value of 0.00).

TUITION IS DUE AND PAYABLE PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES.

Drop Policy – Refund of Tuition*

If you drop a course/program:	You get a tuition refund of:
Between September 4 & September 17, 2012	75%
Between September 18 & October 1, 2012	50%
After October 1, 2012	0%

Drop Policy – Transcript Note

If you drop a course/program:	On your final transcript you will see:
Between September 4 & October 1, 2012	Nothing
Between October 2 & November 9, 2012	W = Withdrew
After November 9, 2012 – Withdrawals not allowed	DNW = Did Not Withdraw

NOTE: For programs with other start dates and/or a shorter semester, refunds are based on the date of notification of withdrawal if received in writing by the Admissions Office. For a shorter semester, refund of fees prior to or during the first five days of instruction is 75 percent of the tuition fee. Refund of fees during the 6th to 10th day of instruction is 50 percent of the tuition fee. After the 10th day of instruction, no refunds will be granted.

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SAINTS NEWS

SAINTS HOCKEY

The Saints hockey team plays under the BC Intercollegiate Hockey League (BCIHL). The league recently accepted Eastern Washington University as a new member. Other teams include SFU, Trinity Western, UVIC, UFV, Okanagan College, TRU and Selkirk College. The BCIHL is a very competitive men's league that attracts players from Junior B, A and WHL. For more information please visit www.bcihl.ca

The Saints 2012-13 regular season consists of a 24 game schedule that begins on the road October 5th at UVIC. The first home game against Trinity Western University is set for October 12th at the Castlegar Community Complex.

Saints exhibition games against the Castlegar Rebels and Beaver Valley Nitehawks are scheduled for September. The Saints first exhibition game is September 9th versus the Beaver Valley Nitehawks in Beaver Valley. The first home exhibition game is scheduled for September 30th versus Eastern Washington University at the Castlegar Community Complex.

For all of the game schedules, up-to-the minute team news and information visit the official Saints website at www.gosaints.ca



SAINTS CLUB TEAMS

Club teams exist at Selkirk College in a variety of forms and according to interest and student leadership. Over the past few years there has been club teams in mens, womens and co-ed volleyball, soccer, bouldering/climbing, rugby, xc running and golf. Students looking to be part of a club team and/or are willing to assist in the organization please contact your campus Athletics and Recreation Department.

