

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Reporting to Public Session on Tuesday, May 26, 2026

1. Community and Continuing Education – Helping the Community Prepare for the Next Challenge

Burnaby Community & Continuing Education is one of the oldest adult education programs in the province having served our community since 1928. During this time, our graduation credit, vocational and Federally funded programs have worked with many in our community and across the Lower Mainland.

There are currently 5 locations where we run programs across Burnaby; Riverway West, Burnaby North Adult Education Centre, Sapperton (at the Marian site), Edmonds Community School and the Windsor Adult Education Centre.

Tonight, Kevin Brandt, Director of Instruction, Cesare Martino, District Principal, Scott Spracklin, District Vice-Principal and Monika Dhillon, Academic Advisor, will be highlighting the many opportunities our programs provide and celebrating some of the success stories of our graduates.

Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education receive the information.

BURNABY COMMUNITY & CONTINUING EDUCATION
NEW JOB. NEW FRIENDS. NEW LANGUAGE. NEW KNOWLEDGE. NEW OPPORTUNITIES.

Literacy FOUNDATIONS



LITERACY FOUNDATIONS PROGRAM

Key Details of the Program:

- ✓ **Target Audience:** Adults looking to improve English skills for work or future studies.
- ✓ **Cost:** Classes are tuition-free for eligible B.C. residents, including citizens, permanent residents, and refugees.
- ✓ **Course Structure:** Seven levels from Foundations 1 (beginner) to 7 (advanced), including specialized reading, writing, and speaking/listening courses.
- ✓ **Academic Focus:** The curriculum covers literature, Canadian culture, and current events to build comprehension

Objective: The program is designed to bridge skills for employment or prepare students for Grade 10-12 academic courses.

Inclusive Flexible Scheduling: Day and evening classes designed around adult life and work commitments.



MEET SOME OF OUR FOUNDATIONS LEARNERS



High School COMPLETION



HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION PROGRAM



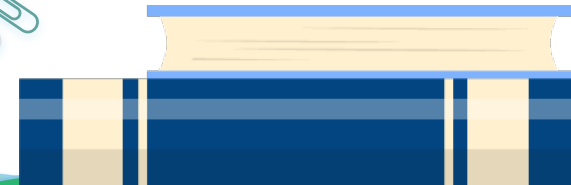
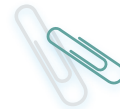
Adult Dogwood

BC Adult Graduation Diploma

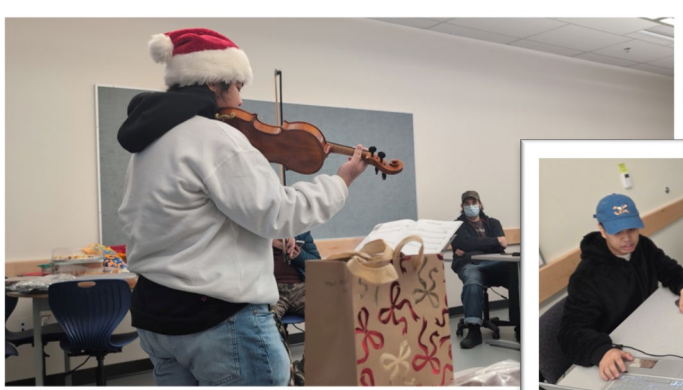
A second chance at graduation — available to adults of any age.



- ✓ Students can earn a full BC Adult Graduation Diploma at any age — no upper limit.
- ✓ Higher lifetime earnings: each diploma reduces social costs and grows economic contribution.
- ✓ Flexible, self-paced pathway designed for adults with jobs and families.
- ✓ Opens doors to post-secondary, apprenticeships, and career advancement.



MEET SOME OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL LEARNERS



CONNECTION TO THE DISTRICT'S STRATEGIC PLAN



● Empowered Learners

- Rooted in active student participation and identity exploration
- Supports adults at their level, building agency from literacy to competency
- Adult Dogwood diploma opens post-secondary, apprenticeship, and career pathways previously out of reach

● Safe & Caring Community

- Designed for inclusion, equity, and accessibility for ELL, special needs, and Indigenous learners
- Integrates Aboriginal content and First Peoples Principles of Learning
- Offers a stigma-free, tuition-free, pathway for non-graduated adults
- Supports Burnaby's most vulnerable residents — newcomers, refugees, and non-graduates

CONNECTION TO THE DISTRICT'S STRATEGIC PLAN

Inspired Learning Environments

- Uses a research-based, holistic approach across reading, writing, and communication
- Blended model combines in-class instruction with self-paced learning for adults' needs
- Two dedicated CCE centres create supportive adult-specific learning spaces
- Shows that engaging learning environments are essential for all ages

Connection & Partner

- SD41 co-developed and pilot the provincial Literacy Foundations curriculum
- The Foundations to High School Completion pathway reflects intentional, connected programming
- Graduates transition to post-secondary, employment, and trades — contributing back to Burnaby's economy and civic life
- Grant partnerships strengthen and expand district's investment

SUCCESS STORIES

Fiona Joyce completed her high school diploma with Burnaby Continuing Education and became an Educational Assistant working with the Burnaby School District.



"It changed my life"

"CCE gave me a chance when I felt scared and unsure of my future"

"The amazing teachers and staff helped me rediscover a love for learning"

- Fiona Joyce, HSC graduate

SUCCESS STORIES

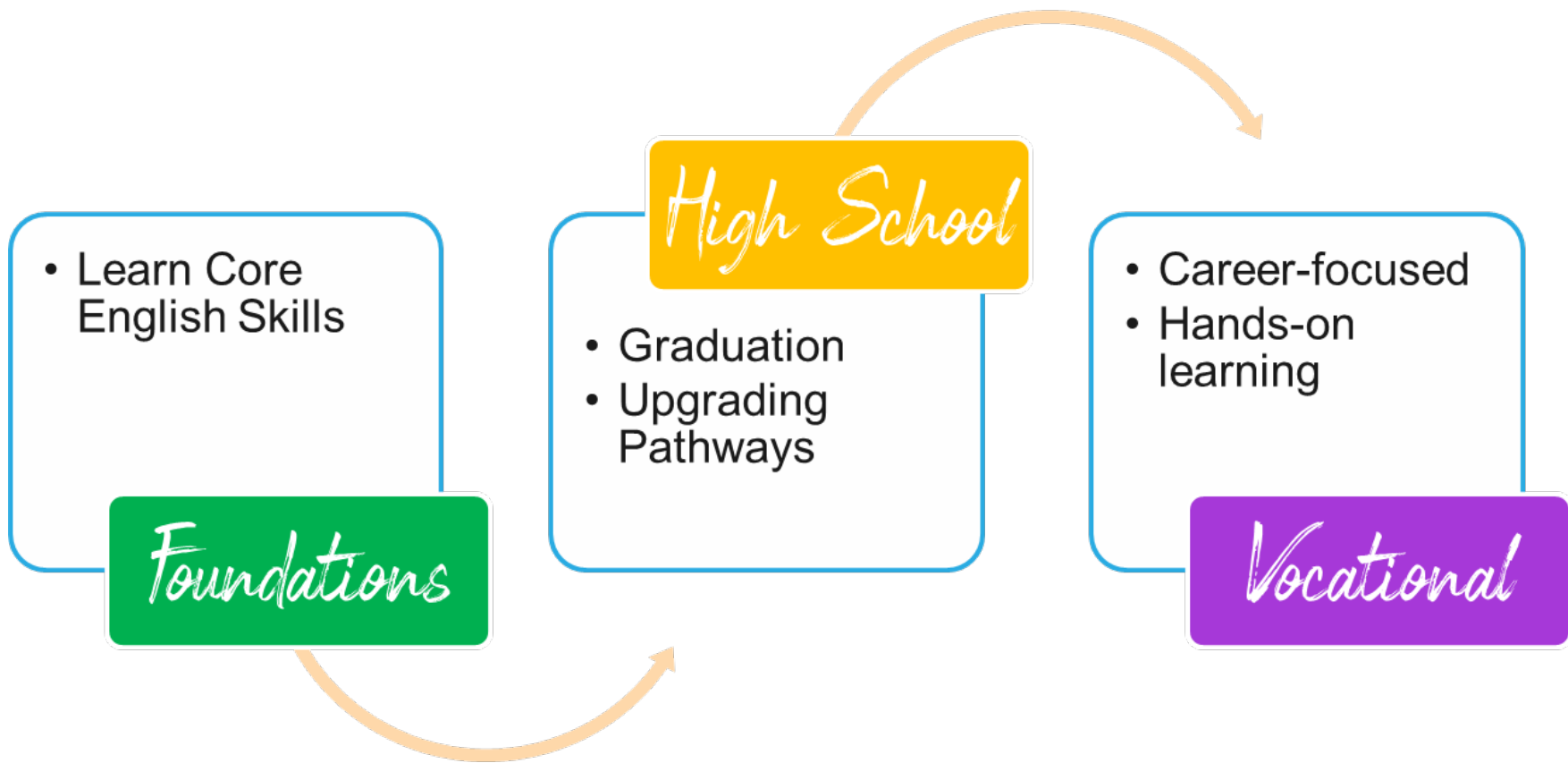
Danielle is thriving as an Administrative Business Partner at Omicron AEC after completing courses with Continuing Education.

"I was nervous to go back to school but faculty at CCE made the process feel so much easier than expected"

"CCE helped open the door to the next chapter of my life"

- Danielle Dang, HSC graduate





VOCATIONAL



Early Childhood EDUCATION

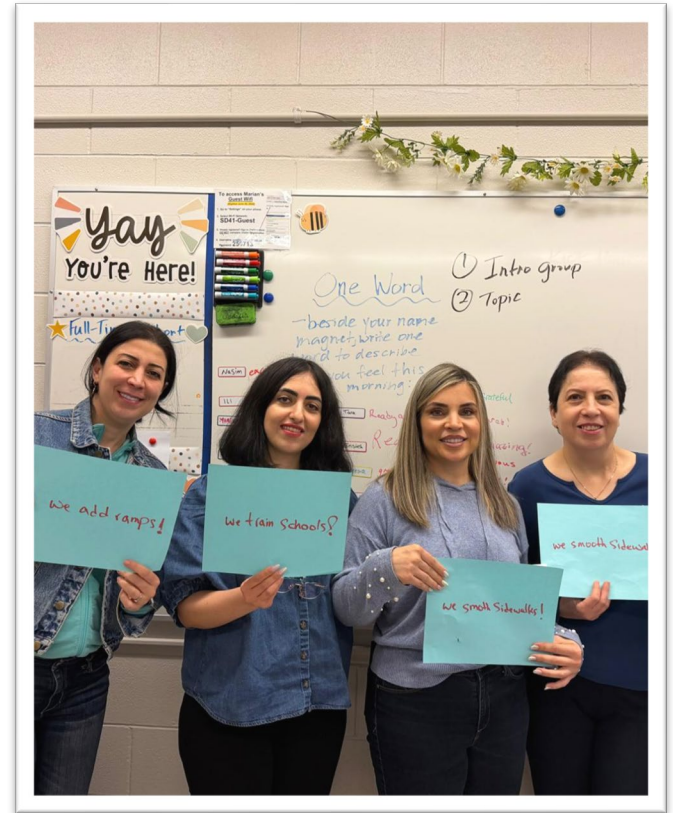
- ECE Basic Certificate and ECE Post-Basic Specialty Diploma programs offered (full-time and part-time)
- This program has been running since the early 1970s
- ECE program graduates successfully secure employment with existing ECE centres or open up their own childcare facilities
- Very competitive tuition fee and anecdotal feedback from childcare facilities that our students have strong pedagogical knowledge and training



Education ASSISTANT



- Program has been running since 2018
- 3 cohorts run annually (two full-time and one part-time)
- Cohorts regularly reach the maximum enrollment of 30 students
- Many EA program graduates successfully secure employment with SD41
- Lower tuition fee than private post-secondary institutions, and stronger training from anecdotal feedback

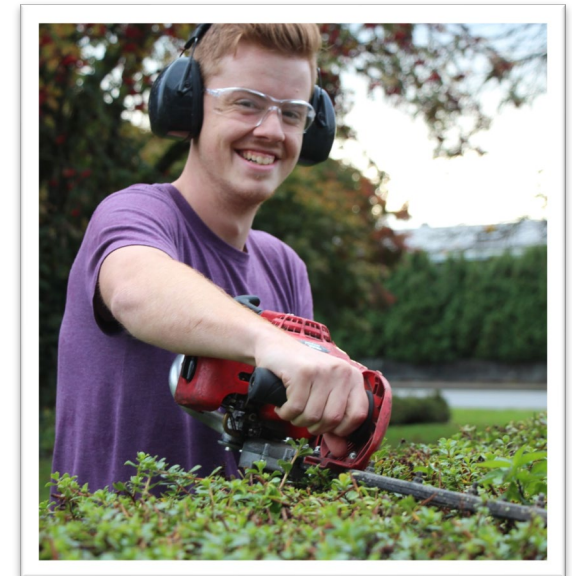


Horticulture

VARIOUS PATHWAYS



- Programs are well supported by local professional landscaping companies, which regularly send staff for skills upgrading and professional development
- The **Landscape Horticulturist Apprentice Program** (governed by *SkilledTradesBC* - leads to *Red Seal certification*) serves both experienced industry professionals and individuals new to the field, supporting workforce development
- Additional short courses and smaller programs are offered to support ongoing professional upgrading and general horticultural knowledge for community members



Dental RECEPTIONIST



- Three cohorts run annually (each program is 12 weeks and full time)
- 85-90% success rate with successful graduates finding employment right away (NOTE: others get offers from practicum placements but choose to find employment elsewhere)
- Students often use this program as a stepping-stone to further their career in dentistry (e.g. becoming a Dental Assistant or Hygienist)

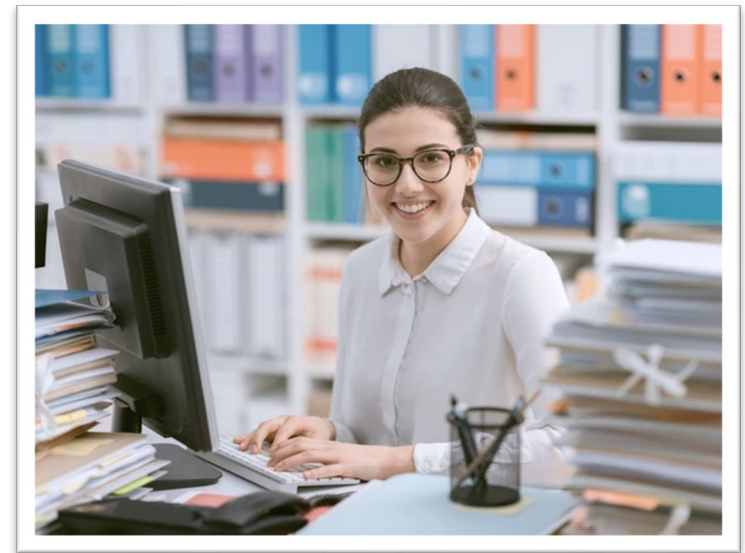


In a recent letter to the Board: "As the manager of a large dental office, I have had the opportunity to hire graduates from many different programs over the years, including VCC and Douglas College. I can confidently say that the students graduating from Tina's course consistently stand out far above the standards I have experienced elsewhere"

Accounting & Payroll ADMINISTRATION



- Three full-time cohorts run annually over a 12-week period
- Graduates demonstrate a strong employment success rate, with many securing interviews—and in some cases securing employment prior to program completion!
- The program attracts both experienced industry professionals trained internationally, and individuals new to the profession, supporting workforce entry and transition



Floristry DESIGN

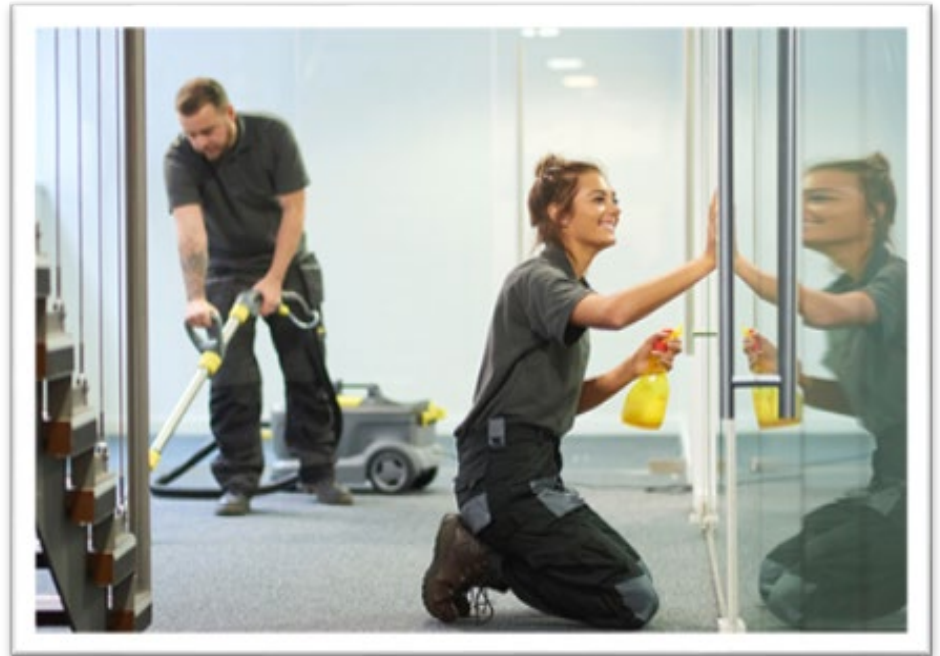
- Designed for learners interested in personal enrichment, or employment in the floristry design industry
- Emphasizes hands-on, practical learning aligned with industry practices
- Features strong instructor-to-student ratios, supporting individualized instruction and skill development



Building Service WORKER



- Nine cohorts run annually (6-week evening program)
- Cohorts regularly reach the maximum enrollment of 16 students
- Many BSW program graduates successfully secure employment with SD41



SUCCESS STORIES

After completing the Foundations program, Pragati took the Accounting & Payroll Administration (Part-time) with us. Pragati is currently working with BCCE as our Bookkeeper.

"I was fortunate to learn from supportive and knowledgeable teachers and instructors whose guidance and encouragement greatly enriched my academic experience"

"My journey with the BCCE began as a student, and after a fulfilling academic experience, I'm proud to now be part of the same institution in a professional capacity"

- Pragati Pawar, Accounting & Payroll Administration graduate



Thank You