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## Appointment of William A. Garrett, PhD

The Pacific Coast University for Workplace Health Sciences (PCU-WHS) is pleased to announce the appointment of William A. (Bill) Garrett, PhD, as Dean of Student Services, Program Development and Registrar.

Bill's career has taken him through a unique broad cross section of academic and management appointments in both the public and private sectors. Highlights include service as Dean of Instruction and subsequently Vice President Academic at Canadore College of Applied Arts and Technology in North Bay, Ontario, and Vice President Business and Corporate Development, Healthware Technologies, an information systems provider to small and medium sized Canadian hospitals. Most recently, Bill served as Vice President Academic and Provost at the Acsenda School of Management in Vancouver from which he retired last year after successfully leading the introduction of several new programs through the BC Ministry of Advanced Education's Degree Quality Assurance Board approval process.

Throughout his academic career, Bill has focused on developing new and innovative educational programs designed to build student populations while meeting existing and emerging labour market needs.

At PCU-WHS, working in collaboration with the Vice President Academic, the Vice President Strategic Development and others, Bill will provide operational leadership in the review of existing programs, the development of new programs and the optimization of student interaction and instructional technology, while also providing support in identifying and developing new business initiatives.

In addition to these activities, Bill is also a Member of the University's Academic Council and the University Operations Committee.

PCU-WHS was established in 2007 via private legislation which was unanimously supported by all Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, with a physical campus built in part through federal government support on a 3.5 acre parcel of land donated by the City of Port Alberni, and obtained its first degree approval in 2013.

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