



Joint WorkSafeBC – Pacific Coast University for Workplace Health Sciences Scholarship Pilot Project Qualifying Criteria for Admission and Continuation

Qualifying Criteria for Admission to the WorkSafeBC Scholarship

Citizenship, Status, BC Resident

- The WorkSafeBC Scholarship Pilot Project is open to candidates with landed immigrant or Canadian citizenship status who are permanent residents of British Columbia.

Qualification Criteria

- Candidates must meet the admission criteria of PCU-WHS.
- Have graduated with a 2-year diploma, degree or other relevant educational prerequisite.
- Current students must be attending a BC post-secondary institution.
- Students who are converting from an existing career path who have graduated from any university or college.
- Preferred domains:
 - Human Resources
 - Business
 - Allied Health
 - Mental Health
 - Occupational Health Safety
 - Health Promotion
 - Social Work
 - Social Care
 - Nursing
- Grade Point Average (GPA): Candidates with an average post-secondary GPA of 3.0 will be preferred.
- Minimum transfer credits: Candidates must have accrued a minimum of 60 transferrable academic credits.
- Candidates are required to submit a reflective essay of approximately 1,000 words outlining their reasons for wishing to pursue a career in Disability Management.
- Candidates may be required to attend an online interview.
- Successful candidates must be in a position to register as full-time students in the program in September 2019 and to complete the degree within a 2-year period.
- Access to online facilities and high-speed internet is required.
- All WorkSafeBC – PCU-WHS Scholarship students are required to attend an online orientation to the program in advance of the first academic term.
- Students with minimal work experience may be required to complete elective practicum courses, which are outside of the scope of the scholarship.



Criteria for Continuation in the WorkSafeBC – PCU-WHS Scholarship

The Scope of the WorkSafeBC – PCU-WHS Scholarship

The Scholarship will provide \$6,000 annually for each of two years for successful candidates, to a maximum of 25 students, to cover most of the course tuition for the specialized courses required to complete the Bachelor of Disability Management (BDM) degree commencing in September 2019 and completing within a 2-year period.

Students who are admitted to the WorkSafeBC – PCU-WHS Scholarship Pilot Project and who have not completed relevant work experience in the field will be required to complete a Level 3 Practicum course, which is outside of the scope of the Scholarship.

There are some additional costs that may accrue to WorkSafeBC – PCU-WHS Scholarship students including:

- An application fee of \$100 is required.
- The costs of elective courses or additional courses (such as Level 3 Practicum course), if required, are not covered by the Scholarship.
- There may be other incidental costs including textbooks and other materials.
- The costs of a Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) request for any course are not covered by the Scholarship.
- Fees for any course not completed within the Scholarship period of 2 years will be the responsibility of the student.
- The percentage to which the \$6,000 annual scholarship will cover actual tuition costs will be contingent on the number of transfer credits with which prospective students will enter the degree program.

Scholastic standing

- Students participating in the WorkSafeBC – PCU-WHS Scholarship pilot project are required to maintain a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0 in each academic term.
- Students failing to maintain this academic standard in any trimester will be required to restore their academic standing in the following trimester.
- Student who fails more than one course will no longer be eligible for the WorkSafeBC – PCU-WHS Scholarship.
- Students who need to repeat courses outside of the 2-year period of the WorkSafeBC – PCU-WHS Scholarship Pilot Project are required to pay their own tuition for any course required to graduate from the program.
- If repeating a course results in extending student registration beyond the project timeframe of 2 years, all additional costs are the responsibility of the student.
- Students are entitled to request reasonable accommodations to enable them to participate on an equal basis with their fellow students. Requests for accommodation should be addressed to Student Services, usually in advance of embarking on a course.



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Withdrawals

- The WorkSafeBC – PCU-WHS Scholarship covers courses taken only for the first time.
- Students who withdraw from a course under existing PCU-WHS procedures will be entitled to re-register at their own expense.
- Students who withdraw from a course for valid reasons may be allowed to continue within the Scholarship program.
- If a course withdrawal results in a student needing to extend registration beyond the project timeframe of 2 years, this will not be covered by the Scholarship.

Change in program

- PCU-WHS will publish the course schedule for the WorkSafeBC – PCU-WHS Scholarship students prior to the beginning of each academic year.
- This will allow students who wish, or who need, to take elective courses, such as the Level 3 Practicum courses, to schedule these activities in line with their academic workload.
- PCU-WHS reserves the right to adjust the course schedule and will give notice of this to the WorkSafeBC – PCU-WHS Scholarship students well in advance of such a change.

Change in status (part-time/full-time)

- To be eligible for the WorkSafeBC – PCU-WHS Scholarship Pilot Project, students must be registered as full-time students with PCU-WHS.
- Students who opt to change to a part-time registration will no longer be eligible and will be responsible for their own tuition fees.

Interruption of study

- As a pilot project, the WorkSafeBC – PCU-WHS Scholarship operates for 2 years commencing September 2019. In the event that a student needs to interrupt their studies and this results in their requiring to register for courses after the 2-year time period has elapsed, these courses will not be covered by the Scholarship.

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)

- Students who opt to submit a PLAR request for a course rather than completing a course are required to pay the PLAR fee.
- PLAR requests must be submitted at least 8 weeks prior to the selected course being offered by PCU-WHS, so that they can still register for that course in the event that the PLAR request is unsuccessful.
- Students can submit a PLAR request for up to a maximum of three specialized courses.

For additional information, please view the WorkSafeBC – PCU-WHS Scholarship Pilot Project page on the website at:

<https://www.pcu-whs.ca/programs/bdm/worksafebc-pcu-whs-scholarship-pilot-project/>

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