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Vancouver Island University: Overview and Priorities

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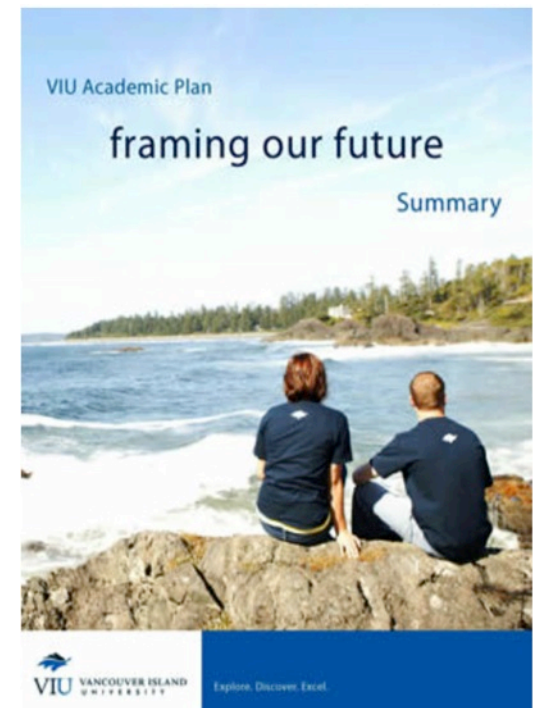
VIU Overview

- VIU is a public university with a range of **graduate, undergraduate** and **vocational** programs, and areas of **applied research**
- **18,000** students (8700 FTEs)
- Main campus in **Nanaimo**
- Regional campuses in **Duncan/Cowichan** and **Powell River**
- **Parksville/Qualicum** Centre
- **Deep Bay** Marine Research Station
- Milner Gardens and Woodland in **Qualicum Beach**



VIU's Academic Plan

- VIU's principal strategic document
- **Visionary Goal**: *Through the promotion of excellence in learning, we inspire students and the people of Vancouver Island and coastal British Columbia as a trusted educational partner in the search for sustainable cultural, economic, environmental and social prosperity.*
- **Objectives**: Student learning, engagement and success // Academic community // Program quality // Community engagement // Institutional effectiveness



VIU's Impact

- VIU produces **\$406 million** annual economic impact – generates **\$38 million** in government tax revenue
- More than **3,000** full- and part-time jobs
- More than **\$75 million** generated by last five capital projects
- More than **1,800 International students** from 83 countries – each invest nearly **\$40,000** annual in the regional economy



VIU's Key Strengths

- **Comprehensive University** with a unique broad scope of programs: Trades + University
- Focus on **Access, Excellence** and **Student Success**
- **Aboriginal** Education and Engagement
- **International** Education
- Applied Research in **Fisheries, Aquaculture, Environment, Tourism** and **Coastal Communities**



VIU & Indigenous Peoples

- More than **2,200 Indigenous students**
- Strong relationships with **First Nations** and communities throughout **coastal BC**
- Aboriginal education and services for students – **Elders**
- **Shq'apthut**: A Gathering Place
- **Shqwiqwal** for Indigenous Dialogue – Shawn A-in-chut Atleo
- Centre for **Pre-Confederation Treaties and Reconciliation** – Douglas White III (Kwulasultun and Tliishin)
- **Totem Project**





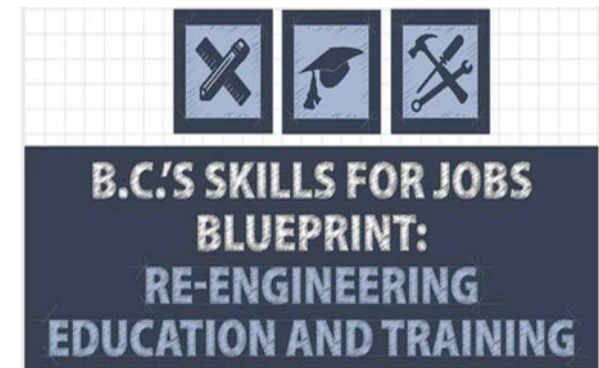
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Update on Key Activities

- BC Skills for Jobs Blueprint
- Building for the Future: VIU's Capital Priorities
- Youth-in-Care Tuition Waiver
- Canada Learning Bond Outreach
- Areas for VIU-City Cooperation

BC Skills for Jobs Blueprint

- Released in April 2014, the Blueprint lays out BC's comprehensive strategy to re-engineer the **education and apprenticeship** systems
- 25% of provincial operating grants to post-secondary must align to **the top 60 high-demand occupations** within four years
- VIU well positioned to take a leadership role with its diverse range of both **academic and vocational** programs
- Strong partnerships with **School Districts**



Building for the future: VIU's Capital Priorities



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VIU's Capital Priorities

VIU is seeking support for its top capital priorities:

- A new **Health and Science Centre**
- **Information Technology** infrastructure and systems upgrades
- A new **Athletics and Physical Education Facility** for VIU and Nanaimo



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Health and Science Centre

- Improves **access** for students
- Enhances program **quality**
- Responds to **industry** needs for high-demand occupations
- Provides economic **benefits** for BC
- Replaces outdated and inefficient facilities – better use of **resources**
- Supports **government strategies**:
Infrastructure, Innovation, Renewable Energy, Aboriginal Education, BC Skills for Jobs Blueprint, LNG development (Team Nanaimo), Health Care



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Health and Science Centre

- 12,000 m² facility built in **two phases**
- **Phase One** to include new space primarily for **Nursing** program – current space to be repurposed for **Trades** classrooms
- **Phase Two** replaces current **Science** facilities, and provides new space for **applied research** (ie. AERL)
- Potential **Geothermal Energy Exchange**
- Total project cost: **\$75 million**
- Requesting support from the Government of BC and Canada, as well as private donors



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Information Technology

- VIU requires investment to modernize its IT infrastructure and systems
- Working with **BC Government** for an investment of \$23.7 million to modernize network and training
- Joining the **CANARIE** network
- VIU aims to partner with the City of Nanaimo along with economic/tech organizations to establish a regional hub



Athletics and Physical Education

- New **Athletics and Physical Education Centre** required to replace current facility (first built in 1976)
- Space required for **Court sports** (basketball / volleyball / badminton)
Phys Ed and **Campus Recreation**
- **Mariners Athletics** program among best in Canada – but facility hampers ability to reach to the next level
- Potential for **wellness centre**, cardiovascular and therapy **clinics**
- Greater **access to the community**
- Estimated cost: **\$50-55 million**

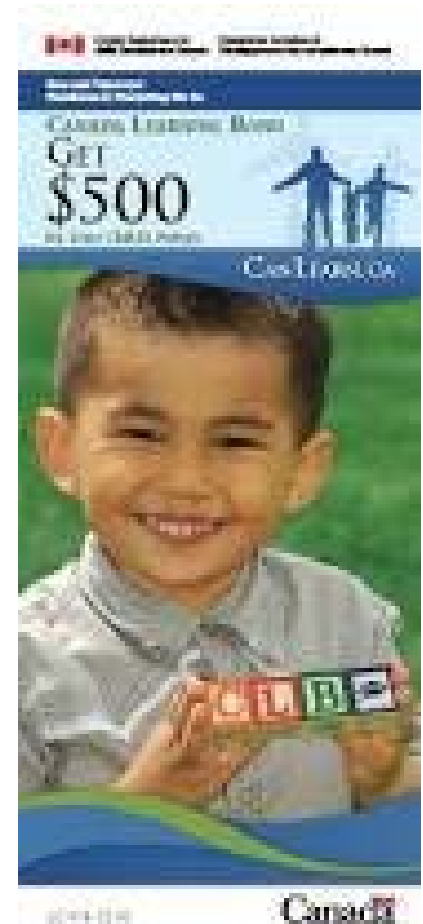


Youth-in-Care Tuition Waiver

- VIU was the first PSE in BC to waive tuition for **former Children and Youth in Care**
- Launched in September 2013 with support from **BC's Rep for Children and Youth**
- **41 students** currently enrolled
 - Average age 24, many single parents and Aboriginal students
- Created **award** to support non-tuition costs
 - Fundraising underway through VIU Foundation
 - Seeking funding partnerships with Vancouver Foundation and United Way

Canada Learning Bond Outreach

- VIU working with Canada Education Savings Program to **increase enrolment in the Canada Learning Bond (CLB)**
 - Member of the national **CLB Champions Network**
- Current enrolment ranges from **19-24%** in the VIU region
 - Target of 75% participation within two years
- Full-time staff person hired to organize **outreach workshops** with community organizations
 - Partnerships with Service Canada, financial institutions, social agencies, First Nations, etc.



Areas for VIU-City Cooperation

- Inspire Nanaimo / Successful Cities
- Team Nanaimo & LNG
 - With Port Authority, Airport, NEDC, Chamber, RDN and Snuneymuxw
- School District #68/NDSS Property Redevelopment
- Vancouver Island Conference Centre
- South Waterfront Redevelopment
- Student Housing
- CANARIE
- Economic Development
- Social Prosperity





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Thank you!

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