



COMPUTER SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY (full-time Diploma) DIRECT ENTRY FOR JANUARY AND SEPTEMBER

Successful completion of entrance requirements does not guarantee acceptance into this program. If the number of applications exceeds available seats, BCIT will select those applicants deemed to have the best opportunity for success.

Level 2 (halfway through first year) applicants must complete all level 1 requirements.

Level 3 (second year) applicants must complete all levels 1 and 2 requirements.

Deadlines: Complete applications, including transcripts, detailed course outlines and course by course self-assessment must be submitted by the following deadlines:

- Complete Applications by October 1st for the January intake
- Complete Applications by May 1st for the September intake

There are two methods of Direct Entry:

Option 1: for applicants who do not have a Degree or Diploma

Option 2: for applicants who have completed a Degree or Diploma

OPTION 1: Applicants who DO NOT have a Degree or Diploma

- 1. You must obtain or show proof of** two years of education in English in an English-speaking country with **one** of the following:
 - English 12 (67%) or
 - Three credits of post-secondary English, Humanities or Social Sciences (67%) from a [recognized institution](#)
 - Learn more about [BCIT's English requirements](#)
- 2. You must obtain or show proof of Math: one** of the following:
 - Principles of Mathematics 12 (67%) or
 - Applications of Mathematics 12 (73%) or
 - Pre-Calculus 12 (67%)

Note: Foundations of Mathematics 12 is not acceptable
- 3. You must complete or show proof of** equivalents to ALL first level/year course requirements. This may be accomplished by:
 - a. Successful completion of the daytime (or equivalent evening) courses at BCIT (see below for all levels 1 and 2 full-time and part-time equivalents), or
 - b. Completion of the BCIT Certificate in Software Systems Development (including completion of first level/year communications), or
 - c. Completion of the BCIT Computer Systems Certificate (68 credits), or
 - d. Completing an acceptable equivalent at another post-secondary institution.

Level 1	Full-time Course	Course Name	Full or Part-time Equivalent
	BUSA 2720	Business in a Networked Economy	BUSA 1005 or BUSA 7250
	COMM 1116	Business Communications 1	COMM 1103 or COMM 1106 (pre-requisite COMM 0015)
	COMP 1100	Enhanced Learning Skills	Not required.
	COMP 1111	Essential Skills for Computing	COMP 1002 and COMP 1409
	COMP 1113	Applied Mathematics	COMP 1113 or MATH 1310
	COMP 1510	Programming Methods	COMP 1409 and COMP 1451
	COMP 1536	Introduction to Web Development	COMP 1850 or COMP 1950

Level 2	Full-time Course	Course Name	Full or Part-time Equivalent
	COMM 2216	Business Communications 2	COMM 2216 or (COMM 2202 or 2002 and COMM 2203 or 2003)
	COMP 2121	Discrete Mathematics	COMP 2121
	COMP 2510	Procedural Programming in C	(COMP 2617 and COMP 2717) or COMP 2511 summer day
	COMP 2526	Object-Oriented Programming w/ Java	COMP 2613
	COMP 2714	Relational Database Systems	COMP 1630
	COMP 2721	Computer Organization/Architecture	COMP 2825
	COMP 2910	Projects **Note	COMP 1288 and COMP 2831

Note: Students accepted to Direct Entry Level 2 in September will need to complete COMP 2910 before graduation**

Detailed course outlines (for all non-BCIT courses) must be sent with your application in order to assess for equivalency

OPTION 2: Applicants with a Degree/Diploma from a recognized post-secondary Institution

1. You must show proof of successful completion of a relevant Computing Degree or Diploma from a recognized post-secondary Institution. **You must complete or show proof of** equivalents to ALL first level/year course requirements **which includes all of the courses noted in Option 1.**

2. **Detailed course outlines (for all non-BCIT courses) must be sent with your application in order to assess for equivalency.** These must be submitted with your completed course by course Self-Assessment form.

Applicants who completed post-secondary studies outside of Canada, United States, United Kingdom, Australia or New Zealand must include a comprehensive evaluation of their credentials by the [International Credential Evaluation Service](#) (ICES) with their application.

2. **You must obtain or show proof of** two years of education in English in an English-speaking country with **one** of the following:

- English 12 (67%) or
- Three credits of post-secondary English, Humanities or Social Sciences (67%) from a [recognized institution](#)
- Learn more about [BCIT's English requirements](#)

3. **You must obtain or show proof of Math: one** of the following:

- Principles of Mathematics 12 (67%) or

- Applications of Mathematics 12 (73%) or
 - Pre-Calculus 12 (67%)
- Note:** Foundations of Mathematics 12 is not acceptable

4. You must complete or show proof of equivalents to the following mandatory courses:

Full-time Course	Course Name	Part-time Equivalent
COMM 1116	Business Communications 1	* COMM 1103 or COMM 1106
COMM 2216	Business Communications 2	** COMM 2202 or 2002 and COMM 2203 or 2003

* Level 2 applicants must complete COMM 1116 or equivalent.

** Level 3 applicants must complete COMM 1116 and COMM 2216 or equivalent.

These COMM courses may be waived for students who have completed a Bachelor's Degree at an accredited Canadian or U.S. University. COMM1103 and COMM2202 may be waived for students who have completed a Diploma or Associate Degree at an accredited Canadian or U.S. Institution, however COMM2203 is still required.

HOW TO MEET THE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. You can demonstrate that you have met the requirements by successfully completing:
 - a. The courses, or an acceptable equivalent, at BCIT.
 - b. Equivalent courses at another recognized post-secondary institution. To do this you must submit:
 - a DETAILED course outline (2 – 4 pages) of the course you completed, **and**
 - an official transcript which shows your grade achieved in the course(s).

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When should I apply?

It is recommended that students apply once they have met all of the entrance requirements or are enrolled in BCIT courses that will enable them to meet all of the entrance requirements. Please refer to the application deadline dates above noted. If you are currently registered in BCIT course(s), please indicate this on the self-assessment form. Applications for January start are accepted throughout the year, and November 1st of the preceding year for the September start.

When will I be accepted?

Once your application has been assessed and has been approved for direct entry, a seat must become available in the program you have selected. The Admissions department must wait until the current students in most programs write their exams in either December or May to determine how many seats will become available for direct entry applicants.

Is there a suggested sequence of equivalent PTS courses that will allow me to apply for Direct Entry into the CST Diploma?

Part Time Studies (PTS) course offerings vary from term to term. If you are planning to take PTS courses to qualify as a CST Direct Entry student, you should contact the CST PTS Program Head (see contact information at the end of this document) and state your intention. The CST PTS Program Head will assist you in planning which courses to take, and the best order to take them in.

When will I get my timetable?

Timetables are available online at the CST website: <https://share.cas.bcit.ca/>, and in an online format at <http://timetables.bcitbusiness.ca/ComputingIndex.aspx> . Also, you should print your timetable one day prior to

class start by logging into my.bcit.ca and going to Student Self-Service. You must be registered in your courses in order to access this feature.

When can I buy my books?

It is recommended that students wait until the first week of classes before buying textbooks. Your instructors will tell you which books to buy.

Am I eligible for co-op?

Co-operative Education is only available for full-time day students that begin the program at level 1. If you are applying for Direct Entry you are not eligible for co-op.

What do I do if I have already completed a 2nd or 3rd level course?

As soon as you have been accepted, you must apply for course credit/exemption if you have already completed a 2nd/3rd level course either at another institution or through part-time studies at BCIT. You should attend classes until you receive formal written notification that you have been granted course credit. Please note that this will not reduce your tuition fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have further questions, please review our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) or contact [Program Advising](#).

To register for a part-time studies course, visit [Register for Part-time Courses](#) or contact [Student Information & Enrolment Services](#) at 604-434-1610.

Course descriptions for all CST full-time Diploma courses are online at: <http://www.bcit.ca/study/programs/cst>. (select a CST Program Option from the right panel, and then click on the Courses link to view course descriptions).

Current CST part-time studies (PTS) equivalent courses are listed at <https://share.cas.bcit.ca> (equivalents are listed under the CST/CIT dropdown menu).

Contacts

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Note: Information may be subject to change.