

The Story of PCCAT



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Credit Transfer Collaboration in Canada

The story begins...

In 2006, participants met "to explore the possibility of establishing a pan-Canadian association on credit transfer. Stated objectives included: (a) learning about credit transfer activities within jurisdictions, (b) establishing a professional networking mechanism for sharing issues and best practices, and (c) building momentum for a pan-Canadian network to support credit transfer professionals.

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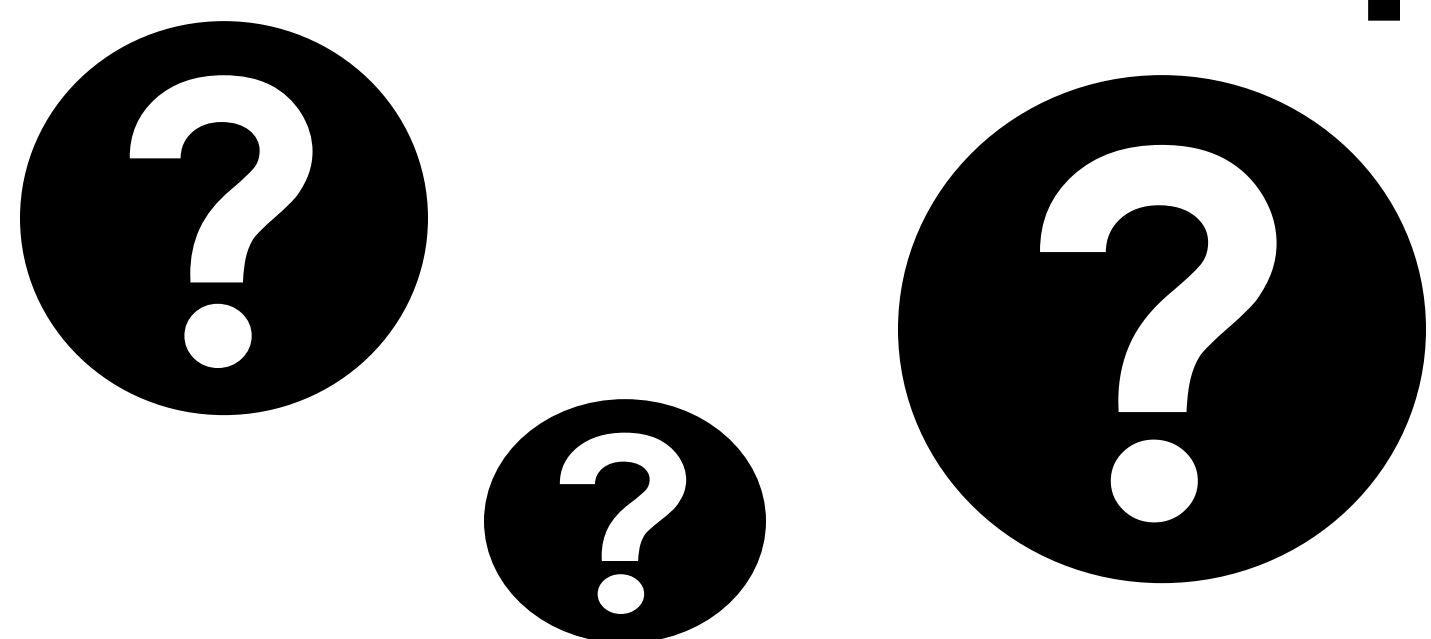
A "Meeting of Credit Transfer Professionals" was held on June 20-21, 2006 to look at potential collaboration on credit transfer development in support of intra- and inter-provincial mobility.

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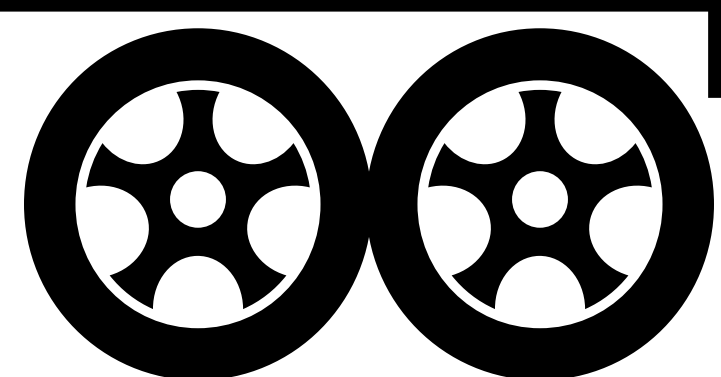
The second annual event focused on identifying mandate, strategy, and potential research projects. Terms of reference were adopted. Delegates attending represented BC, AB, SK, MB, ON, NB, NS, and PEI.

Identifying the questions



2010 THEME:
Best Practices in Student Mobility

Momentum gathers

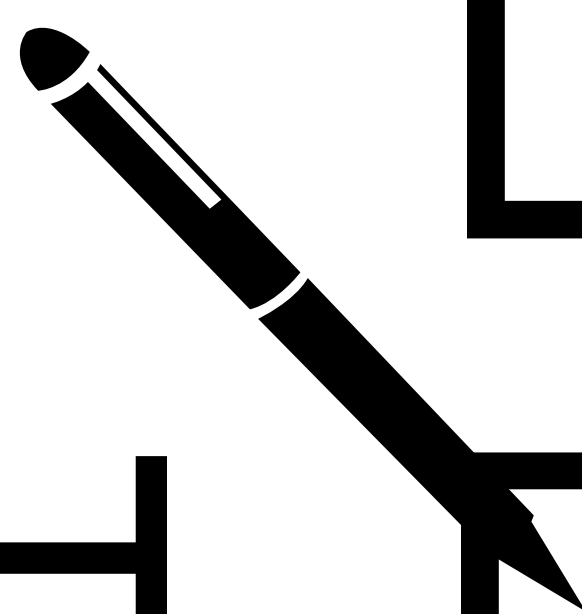


2011 THEME: *Emerging Trends and Innovations in Student Transfer and Mobility*

2012 THEME: *The State of Student Transfer and Mobility in Canada*

**Joint Conference with ARUCC*

PCCAT is incorporated



2013 THEME: *Towards an Expanded Discourse: Student Mobility, Credit Transfer and Global Opportunities*

2014 THEME: *Collaboration and Communication in Support of Credit Transfer and Student Mobility*

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TORONTO, ON

- PCCAT research subcommittee formed to frame national mobility research questions

FREDERICTON, NB

- Event changes from meeting to "conference" format, with plenary and breakout sessions.
- Research subcommittee reports on student mobility research.

VANCOUVER, BC

- Discussions on the structure and mandate of PCCAT
- Committee struck to review the organizational model of PCCAT

MONTREAL, QC

- Drafting of bylaws for incorporation
- Research committee struck to oversee newly formed research agenda

OTTAWA, ON

- PCCAT commissions and publishes national report on student mobility with funding support from CMEC, ARUCC, ONCAT and HEQCO
- REPORT: Student Mobility in Canada Across Canadian Jurisdictions, 2007/8-2009/10.*

EDMONTON, AB

- PCCAT officially incorporated
- Website launched
- ARUCC and PCCAT sign partnership agreement

QUEBEC CITY, QC

- Inter-provincial MOU
- Phase 1 (report) PCCAT/ARUCC National Transcript and Transfer Guide finalized, and Phase 2 (development) begins
- PCCAT participates in ARUCC Groningen Task Force

MOU marks collaboration

In 2014, four provincial credit transfer councils (ACAT, BCCAT, NBCAT, and ONCat) sign MOU "to work together to enhance higher education credit transfer and student mobility within and across their jurisdictions, and on a pan-Canadian basis." See bccat.ca/about/news/mou

2016 THEME: The Case for Collaboration: Approaches and Benefits of Credit Transfer Initiatives

**Joint Conference with ARUCC*

The ARUCC/PCCAT Transcript and Transfer Guide is published as a national online resource to support Canadian registrarial and pathway practitioners to encourage best practices and support student mobility and data portability. guide.pccat.arucc.ca/en/

2017 THEME: 150 Ways to Transfer: A Celebration of Pathway Initiatives and Research

Seven provincial credit transfer councils (ACAT, BCCAT, CATNB, OnCAT, CMB, STCLPC, and NSCAT) expand the 2014 MOU, agreeing to work together to enhance student mobility across Canada.

bccat.ca/about/news/mou

2018 THEME: Bridging the Gap: A Confederation of Pathways to Enhance Student Mobility

**Joint Conference with ARUCC and CACUSS*



2015 THEME: Blending Borders: Expanding Capacity and Access through Student Transfer and Mobility

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WINDSOR, ON

- PCCAT Board holds visioning retreat with ONCAT
- Conference delegates participate in strategy planning session
- National Transcript and Transfer Guide in development

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VANCOUVER, BC

- National Transcript and Transfer Guide launched
- ARUCC Groningen Task Force recommendations adopted and ARUCC signs for Canada

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TORONTO, ON

- 2014 MOU expanded with seven "CATs" signing
- Relationship of PCCAT to provincial "CATs" under review
- Communications and Website Committee formed and site refreshed
- PCCAT and ARUCC participate in ARUCC Groningen Steering Committee, supporting research and consultation on national electronic data exchange network
- PCCAT signs MOU to collaborate with CACUSS for 2018 conference.



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CHARLOTTETOWN, PEI

...what's next?

Just 12 years later, PCCAT has grown dramatically and momentum continues as we work together in support of transfer and mobility for Canada's post-secondary students.

Canadian "CATs"

and other acronyms

- ACAT - Alberta Council on Admissions and Transfer
- ARUCC - Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada
- BCCAT - British Columbia Council on Admissions and Transfer
- CACUSS - Canadian Association of College and University Student Services
- CATNB - Council on Articulations and Transfer of New Brunswick
- CMB - Campus Manitoba
- CMEC - Council of Ministers of Education, Canada
- HEQCO - Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario
- NSCAT - Nova Scotia Council on Admission and Transfer
- ONCAT - Ontario Council on Articulation and Transfer
- STCLPC - Saskatchewan Transfer Credit and Learning Pathways Council



Saskatchewan Transfer Council



See www.pccatweb.org for further information.

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