

# The Story of PCCAT



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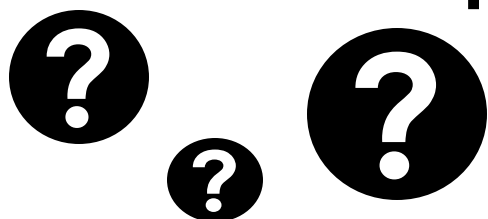
A "Meeting of Credit Transfer Professionals" was held on June 20-21, 2006 to look at potential collaboration on credit transfer development in support of intra- and inter-provincial mobility.

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### CHARLOTTETOWN, PEI

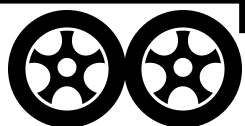
The second annual event focused on identifying mandate, strategy, and potential research projects. Terms of reference were adopted. Delegates attending represented BC, AB, SK, MB, ON, NB, NS, and PEI.

## Identifying the questions



**2010: Best Practices in Student Mobility**

## Momentum gathers

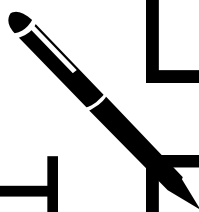


**2011: Emerging Trends and Innovations in Student Transfer and Mobility**

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

*\*Joint Conference with ARUCC*

## PCCAT is incorporated



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

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

*\*Joint Conference with ARUCC*

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

## MONTREAL, QC

- Bylaws for incorporation drafted
- 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."

## 2016: 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/](http://guide.pccat.arucc.ca/en/)*

## 2017: 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.*

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

*\*Joint Conference with ARUCC and CACUSS*

## 2019: Sky's the Limit: The Future of Student Pathways



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

### WINDSOR, ON

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

### VANCOUVER, BC

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

### 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.

### CHARLOTTETOWN, PEI

- Major focus of the conference was strategic planning and consultation with stakeholders across Canada.

### REGINA, SK

- Proceeded with strategic direction setting, based on planning and discussions.

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**2020: NO CONFERENCE**  
**2021: PCCAT LEARNING DAY**  
(online)

**20-21**

**2020-21**

- Due to COVID-19, there is no 2020 conference.
- In 2021, PCCAT hosts its first online "Learning Day".
- PCCAT renews by-laws and membership structure.

**2022: The Rise & Falls: Surviving and Thriving in a Climate of Change**

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**NIAGARA FALLS, ON**

PCCAT has seen dramatic changes over the years, and momentum continues to build 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
- CATCAN - Canadian "CATs" network
- CATNB - Council on Articulations and Transfer of New Brunswick
- CATNS - Council on Admission & Transfer for Nova Scotia
- CMB - Campus Manitoba
- CMEC - Council of Ministers of Education, Canada
- HEQCO - Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario
- MPHEC - Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission
- NSCAT - Nova Scotia Council on Admission and Transfer
- ONCAT - Ontario Council on Articulation and Transfer
- STCLPC - Saskatchewan Transfer Credit and Learning Pathways Council

