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## More information on the CESB

- CESB Applications open on Friday, May 15th.
- You will receive \$1,250 every month for up to 4 months (May to August) if you remain eligible.
- Students who have dependents (e.g. kids) or who are disabled will receive \$2,000 a month.
- The first CESB payment period will start in May 2020.
- While on CESB, you can work and earn up to \$1,000 a month.
- A second initiative, the Canada Student Service Grant (CSSG), will provide up to \$5,000 to students who volunteer in their communities under a new National Service initiative.

## CERB vs. CESB

### Information from CRA

CERB and CESB are meant to cover different groups, with CERB providing \$2,000 per month to workers and independent contractors who have lost employment because of COVID-19. While some students will qualify for the larger benefit, many will not. International students are not eligible for CESB, but many will meet the eligibility requirements for CERB and can apply for the higher benefit. To help offset financial hardship, the government has also temporarily lifted the 20-hour rule that limits the number of hours that international students are allowed to work while in Canada for school during the pandemic, allowing them to take more hours in essential services like food service industry and healthcare.

Here are **SOME** of the differences in eligibility between the two programs:

CERB Eligibility Requirements	CESB Eligibility Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Must be 15 year or older</li><li>- Have made \$5,000 or more in income in the past 12 months</li><li>- Don't have to be a permanent resident or Canadian Citizen</li><li>- Must live in Canada and have a Social Insurance Number</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Must currently be a post secondary student or starting post secondary in 2020</li><li>- Student who graduated in Dec 2019 and are unable to find work</li><li>-Must be a permanent resident or Canadian Citizen</li><li>-Can't make more than \$1,000/month</li></ul>

# Haircuts for Health Care

by Okanagan College Foundation

As we all stay at home and help to 'plank that COVID-19 curve,' hair is getting seriously out of control. None of us want to cheat on our hairdresser, right?

But COVID-19 physical distancing is leading to straggly beards, fuzzy crew cuts, stripy roots, and out of control bangs. We need to take action!

Welcome to the self-isolation salon! Hand the clippers to your kids, the scissors to your spouse. Shave that head, trim those bangs, wax those... well whatever! You get the drift. You can even paint your nails or get a massage.

Every chop, snip and buzz will help raise vital funds to open the doors on a state-of-the-art new Health Science Centre at Okanagan College.

You will receive a tax receipt from the Okanagan College Foundation for your donation by email.

Visit the link below for more information and on how you can get involved.

# June Giveaways

by OCSU

Thank you to everyone who entered our May giveaway. We are beyond pleased to announce that our first ever giveaway was a HUGE success and we cannot wait to do another.

In June we will be doing two giveaways, one on our e-newsletter and another on Instagram. So make sure you are subscribed and following us so you don't miss out!



# Okanagan College Updates

a message from Jim Hamilton, President of OC

To our students and prospective students,

I wanted to let you know that we are hard at work planning for a number of different options for this coming fall that revolve primarily around a blend of online and face-to-face delivery of classes, labs and shops.

Our approach was reaffirmed this week when the province released its Rebuilding BC document. Part of the rebuilding BC strategy is the development of safety standards and guidelines for all post-secondary institutions in BC. We are hoping that this information will help determine how many people we can accommodate in our classrooms, buildings and even on campus. That information is critical for us to be able to decide which programs can be offered in which format.

I want to assure you that we are engaging all departments in the institution in planning for what the fall may look like. Our first consideration in all this is student and employee health and safety. With our focus on student success, it is important that we will provide the best possible education, training and support services that we can, given the circumstances. That's core to our planning right now.

Our Deans, Directors and other members of our Leadership Team have been focused on working with departments, faculty, instructors and student support areas to provide you with clarity about our operations for the coming months as soon as possible. Some of the information we need to make the final decisions, though, is not yet available at this point.

Right now, we are doing all the necessary planning so that we will be poised to move quickly once we know what the parameters are within which we can operate. We are in consultation with student association and employee group leaders and as soon as we are able, we will communicate the parameters to you as well.

We understand that most students would prefer face-to-face instruction. The challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic has helped us realize that there are alternatives and I know that when we end up in what the province is referring to as stage four of the recovery - when we're all back on our campuses, in regular classes, labs and shops - we'll have stories to tell each other and reason to celebrate.

In the meantime, we appreciate your patience and share your desire to achieve clarity as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Jim  
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