



L.A. Matheson Secondary

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Dear L.A. Matheson students and families,

The information below is summary of district partnership and apprenticeship programs. While students are in secondary school, they have a chance to earn valuable post-secondary credits from institutions such as KPU, BCIT, Douglas College, NVIT, and VCC.

- Students apply for district partnership programs by Spring Break of their Grade 11 year for available seats in these coveted programs.
- Applying for a partnership program is a detailed process and is time sensitive with specific deadlines.

District Partnerships – First Year Post-Secondary Programs

Automotive Service Technician (KPU)

Drafting/CADD (KPU)

Hairstylist (Surrey School District)

Welding (KPU)

Baking and Pastry Arts (VCC)

Explorations of Aviation (BCIT)

Practice for Child and Youth Care Counselors

Tah-tul-ut Indigenous Education Pathway (SFU)

Automotive Collision & Refinishing (VCC)

Education Assistant (Surrey College)

Horticulture (KPU)

Law Enforcement Prep (CAPS) (NVIT)

Culinary Arts (VCC)

Head Start in Art (Emily Carr)

Metal/Steel Fabrication (BCIT)

Intro to Legal Office Procedures (KPU)

Carpentry (KPU)

Heavy Mechanical (VCC)

Millwright (KPU)

Intro to Health Sciences (KPU)

Electrical (BCIT)

Painter (Finishing Trades Institute)

Piping - Plumbing (KPU)

To view program brochures: bit.ly/36partner

Summer district partnership programs that students attend in July & August after having completed grade 11:

- Intro to Health Sciences (KPU)
- Practice for Child and Youth Care Counsellors (Douglas College)
- Intro to Legal Office Procedures (KPU)

These are individual district partnership courses. Upon completion, students receive 3 post-secondary university-college credits and 4 high school credits.

We also provide **Co-op Program opportunities**. These are a one-semester program in which students go out of the school for 2 full-time work experiences, as well as completing several academic or elective courses specific to each co-op, and receive the core attention and support of 1-2 teachers all semester. Co-op Programs allow students to:

- explore career options, interests and abilities by participating in work experience placements
- ensure that students do not miss instructional time from other courses while attending work experience
- decide if a chosen career does or does not meet their expectations, prior to investing time and money at the post-secondary level
- develop and enhance employability skills
- complete 30 hours of work/volunteer for use with their Capstone presentation
- enable students to network with and obtain valuable references and contacts in a field of their choice.

For the 2021-2022 school year L.A. Matheson has **3 Co-op options** during course selection:

- **Culinary Arts 12 Co-op**
- **Information Technology 11/12 Co-op**
- **the Matheson Co-op** (Composition 11, Spoken Language 11, a Social Science 12, Work Experience 12)

Career Life Education 10 and Career Life Connections 12

These are personalized course that addresses each student's transition beyond high school through step-by-step support, field experiences, networking with specialists in the field, and through guest speakers and workshops. Work in these courses includes:

- Developing awareness about personal skills & strengths
- Career Exploration & building options for post-secondary (school, work, or traveling)
- Building community supports & mentorship opportunities
- Post-secondary program research and campus visits to KPU, SFU, UBC, or BCIT
- Assistance with post-secondary - scholarship & financial aid applications
- Market exploration and networking for future career prospects and current job hunt
- Finances: saving, budgeting, taxes, loan applications, how to pay for living away from home and more

If you are a student interested in any of these opportunities, or a parent who would like more information, or an employer willing to work with students, **please come to the Career Centre or contact the Career Centre at (604) 587-7309.**

Sincerely,

L.A. Matheson Secondary Career Centre Staff - Mr. Deol & Ms. Levinsky