



Okanagan College

Transforming Lives and Communities

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Objectives

- 1) Learn something new about Okanagan College
- 2) Better understand the economic and social value of a strong, thriving community College in our region
- 3) Be inspired by the opportunities for us to work together to eliminate barriers to post-secondary education for thousands of people in our region



Okanagan College – *Over the years*

1950s – Groups in Penticton, Kelowna, Vernon, Salmon Arm and Revelstoke active in bringing post-secondary services to the region

1963 – B.C. Vocational School opens in Kelowna

1968-74 – Salmon Arm, Vernon, Penticton join what is now Okanagan College

1980 – College expands programming to include university transfer programs, in addition to vocational/trades programs

2005 – UBC Okanagan opens; Okanagan College continues and experiences growth in programming and student population

Today – *Kelowna campus*

Capital projects

- Health Sciences – opened 2021
- Student housing – open fall 2024
- Wellness Centre – groundbreaking June 2024
- Centre for Food, Wine & Tourism – construction starts summer 2024

Student success

- Education planning & advising
- Flexible formats, resources to support student learning
- Partnerships locally: school districts, community groups
- MOU with Westbank First Nation





4. **Background**
The UBC recognizes the importance of the strategic inclusion of WTR representatives in determining and governing the research and innovation strategy of the UBC.

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Largest college in B.C.
outside Lower Mainland
(number of sites, students)

Second largest Trades
training, after BCIT

17,000 students
annually

Over 68% full-time/
part-time students
are local

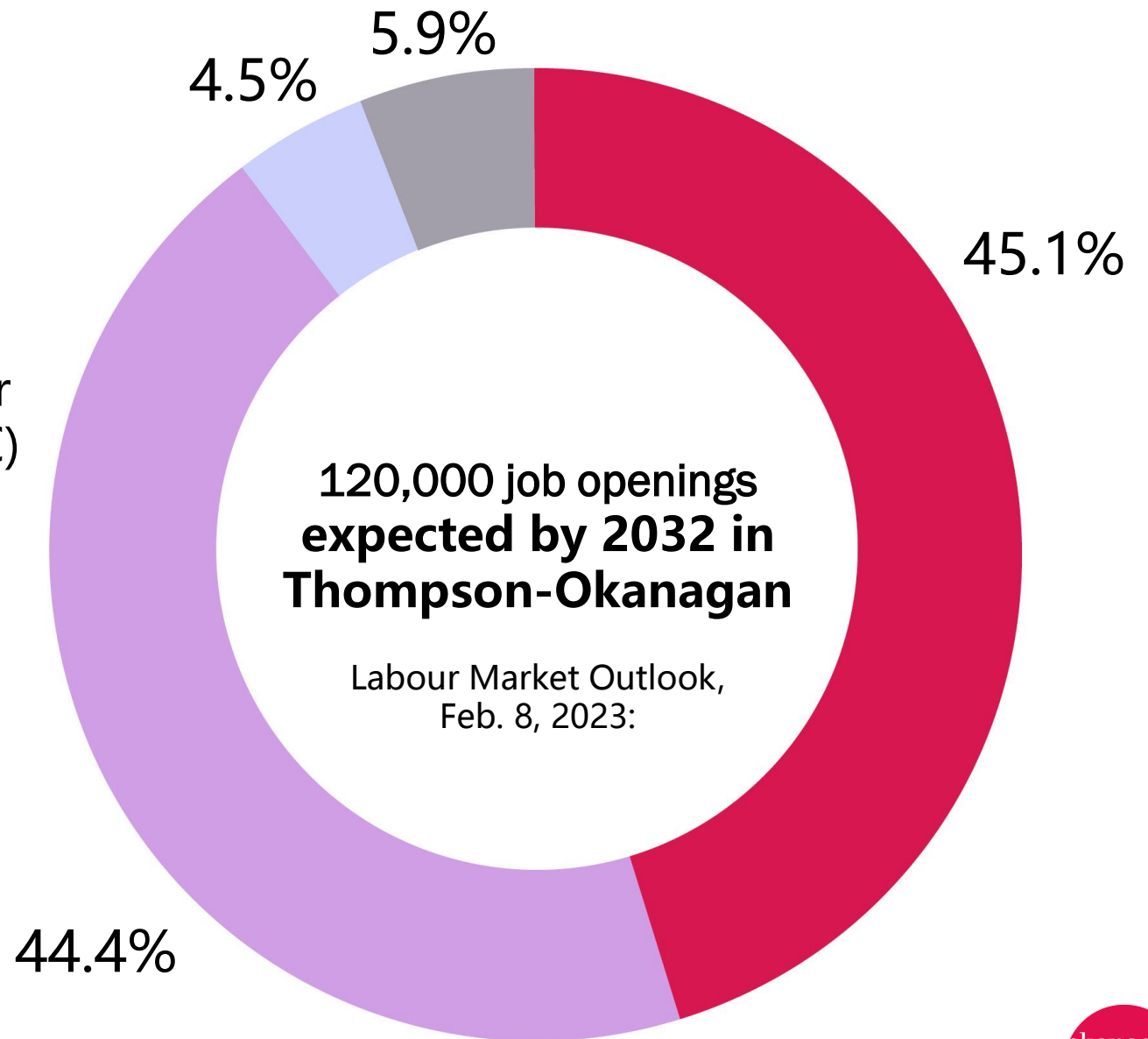
Significantly higher %
local including students
in short-courses

More than 20
communities are within
50km of an OC campus

54.8% or 65,760 job openings requiring College post-secondary education

1 in 2 students in post-secondary in our region should be attending college (OC) for local workforce needs to be met

- Degree
- Diploma /Certificate
- Apprenticeship
- High school /Occupation-specific training



Examples - Jobs requiring Diploma / Certificate / Apprenticeship

- Health care assistants, nurse aides, orderlies and patient service associates
- Retail and wholesale trade managers
- Administrative officers
- Accounting technicians and bookkeepers
- Early childhood educators and assistants
- Sales and account representatives - wholesale trade (non-technical)
- Construction managers
- Home building and renovation managers
- Managers in agriculture
- Licensed practical nurses
- Facility operation and maintenance managers
- Real estate agents and salespersons
- Manufacturing managers
- User support technicians
- Electronic service technicians (household and business equipment)
- Property administrators
- Computer network technicians
- Managers in transportation
- Other assisting occupations in support of health services
- Managers in customer and personal services
- Graphic designers and illustrators
- Medical administrative assistants
- Retail and wholesale buyers
- Police officers (except commissioned)
- Firefighters
- Medical laboratory technologists
- Other medical technologists and technicians (except dental health)
- Supervisors, mining and quarrying
- Medical laboratory technicians and pathologists' assistants
- Court reporters, medical transcriptionists and related occupations
- Medical radiation technologists
- Supervisors, general office and administrative support workers
- Respiratory therapists, clinical perfusionists and cardiopulmonary technologists
- Air traffic controllers and related occupations
- Fire chiefs and senior firefighting officers
- Deck officers, water transport
- Cardiology technologists and electrophysiological diagnostic technologists
- Automotive service technicians, truck and bus mechanics and mechanical repairers
- Contractors and supervisors, heavy equipment operator crews
- Heavy-duty equipment mechanics
- Motor vehicle body repairers
- Contractors and supervisors, mechanic trades



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Experiential learning, hands-on training, and apprenticeship are foundational elements of many of the programs offered at Okanagan College. On campus, the needs of students and industry intersect, resulting in a synergistic partnership.



Inspire: Our priorities and strategic plan

- **Inclusive and equitable access:** including – individualized learning, sustainable rural/remote program delivery, development of market-aligned micro-credentials and short-duration learning options
- **Lifelong learning:** Review & modernize our approach to Student stages of life, and strengthening partnerships in communities to
- **Student experience:** Embed strategies aligned to student health, Indigenization; Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice; mental housing.



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Final thoughts

- Okanagan College is a **strong partner locally** and across the region: **60 years of providing post-secondary education** and training locally, supporting workforce and community goals
- We have an opportunity to **reframe what it means to go to College** – Okanagan College is open to learners of all ages and in all stages of life
- Identify opportunities where we can **partner in innovation, program development and delivery**