

Update on the BC Certification for Career Development Practitioners

BC Career Information Partnership (BCCIP):

A network of career development stakeholders from organizations representing schools, post-secondary institutions, community-based employment service providers, career practitioners, and federal and provincial governments and departments.

BCCIP's mandate: is to foster a career development culture by providing a provincial forum for federal, provincial and private sector career development leadership partners to inform the development, implementation and evaluation of career, occupational, labour market and learning information and resources.

History of Certification in BC:

- BCCIP has an active Canadian Standards & Guidelines for Career Development Subcommittee
- The original mandate of the Subcommittee: to promote the wider acceptance, adoption and use of Canadian Standards & Guidelines for Career Development Practitioners in BC.
- Spring 2004
 - Subcommittee conducted a survey to identify the current awareness and usage of S&Gs by career practitioners in BC. By conducting this survey, the committee hoped to:
 - Continue to promote and raise awareness of S&Gs
 - Identify concerns or gaps
 - Respond to issues and priorities identified by the BCCIP membership
 - As a result of this survey, the subcommittee began to work on a BC Certification model that utilized the S&Gs as a baseline for competency for people delivering career information, resources and/or services.
- Winter to Winter 2005
 - Draft model created for discussion
 - Ongoing consultation with members and the career development community
 - Revisions to model were needed; further meetings to draft new model
- June 2006
 - Draft model presented to BCCIP community
 - Agreement to develop a formal Expression of Interest process to allow various organizations/stakeholder groups to express their interest and ability to take on the governance role for certification in BC.
- November 2006
 - Expression of Interest document issued; submissions due Nov 30
 - Four submissions received:
 - ASPECT
 - CMA
 - ENET
 - SUCCESS
- March 2007
 - Given more than one organization expressed interest, decision made to issue a Request for Proposals
 - RFP issued March 2007
- June 2007
 - CMA endorsed as organization to move forward with certification in BC.