



Cuts to Learning Opportunities at Vancouver Community College What the community should know about the damage being done

Vancouver Community College occupies a special place in the public post-secondary system in British Columbia. It is one of the largest and oldest colleges with a unique array of programs.

The provincial government's funding mechanisms have not kept up with inflation or with costs. They are inadequate. The shortfalls have created pressure on VCC.

VCC has announced almost **400 full-time equivalent student** positions will be cut out of its 2008/09 education plan, almost 5%. This translates into about **1000 students losing their opportunity for learning.**

The VCC Faculty Association feels the College has over-reacted.

- > **VCC is slashing learning opportunities** while at the same time **increasing non-education related budget lines.**
- > It is diverting a **third of a million in operating funds** to the opening of a new building on Broadway.
- > It is **not reversing the growth in senior administration** over the past few years.

The whole **International Education ESL program** which now serves about **200 full-time visa students** will be closed down at the end of June

The major areas targeted for elimination and cuts include.

Business Management programs – Accounting, Financial Management, Transportation Logistics

Science, Humanities, and Mathematics university-transfer and adult basic education

Technology Programming – Telecommunications

Denturist, Dental Technician

ESL programming for fee-paying immigrants

Counselling

These cuts will result in the loss of about 80 regular and term instructor spots

Other departments have been put on notice of review for the purpose of **future cancellation.** These include: **American Sign Language and Deaf Studies, Computer Technology, Drafting, Accounting, and Financial Management**

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