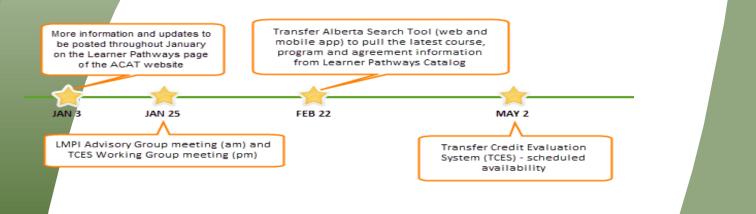
"ACAT Council and the Secretariat wish everyone all the best in 2017. Thank you for all you do to support students and learner pathways. We look forward to the exciting roll out of the new Alberta Learner Pathways System, including Transfer Alberta." Dr. Robin A. Fisher, ACAT Chair

Dependent Learner Pathways Modernization Initiative (LPMI) Roll Out

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Phase 2: Worked with Alberta students and stakeholders and other provinces to create the new, custom-developed Alberta Learner Pathways System (LPS). This exciting new system includes:

- the newly <u>redeveloped Transfer Alberta website</u> and search tool, which have been rolled out, as well as the Mobile App (available at <u>Google Play</u> and <u>iTunes</u> stores)
- tools for partner institutions, including a central data repository application and a mass uploading application for courses, programs and transfer agreements/decisions.



ACAT Update: Meetings and Collaboration

ACAT appreciates the contributions of all partners and stakeholders in the development and success of its work in support of students.

- ACAT's Winter Council Meeting is planned for late February 28, 2017.
- Articulation Committee Chairs' Annual Meeting supports the efforts and input of the 18 current articulation committees and their impact on the transfer system. This meeting will become an annual Conference with Articulation Chairs and committee members, as well as students and other stakeholders. This year's Articulation Conference, scheduled for April 24, 2017, will include a focus on learning outcomes and articulation.
- Interprovincial and Alberta Meetings: To complete key action items that support learner pathways and mobility and student success, ACAT collaborates with:
 - PCCAT, WestCAT, ONCAT, BCCAT, Campus Manitoba, SaskCAT, CATNB, NSCAT, and CAPLA across Canada
 - Alberta's student groups and leaders, SAOs, SSSOs, Provincial Adult Upgrading Committee, Foreign Qualifications Recognition Steering Committee, and the Government of Alberta's Provincial Dual Credit Strategy.
- Site Visits: In 2016, ACAT met with Grande Prairie Regional College, Mount Royal University, Saint Mary's University, Bow Valley College, University of Calgary, and University of Alberta. Further site visits planned for 2017.

• Welcome NEW Member to Alberta Transfer and Pathways: University of Regina (40th member).

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- ACAT Action Plan 2017-19: Available on the <u>ACAT website</u>. Focus is on five goals: learning outcomes and pathways, research, communication, national and interprovincial collaboration, and governance.
- Advanced Education's Agencies, Boards and Councils (ABC) Review of ACAT is estimated to be complete by the end of February.
- ACAT Contractors hired to conduct research on transfer credit student success will be in place in January.

Questions about ACAT, please contact the ACAT Secretariat at <u>acat@gov.ab.ca</u>.

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