

SFU students win top spot in app contest

APPATHON

Post-secondary education costs compared on winning app

Daniel Hendriksen
For Metro

Imagine an application that could compare the costs of post-secondary education anywhere across the country. That is exactly the type of app that a team of Simon Fraser University (SFU) students created at a 48-hour “appathon” contest.

The entry was good enough

for the SFU team to win top spot in the student category at the federal-government-run competition. Canadian Open Data Experience (CODE) 2015 was an event that afforded software developers, graphic designers, and students the opportunity to build an app using Government of Canada open data available on the CODE site.

The team from SFU made up of Jonathan Bhaskar, Bradley

SFU Appathon winners. CONTRIBUTED

Ellert, Jasneet Sabharwal, and Maryam Siahbani submitted their app called “High School Down, Where Next?” and won Best Student Team and \$5,000 for their efforts.

The app that won them top spot features a map of post-secondary institutions across Canada, along with charts showing the number of post-secondary

institutions by province, their program costs, and average local rents.

“At a glance, users can view the average rent and tuition fee for any program and institution in the country,” said Sabharwal in a media release.

“Other apps currently on the market only permit students to compare two or three in-

stitutions.”

What makes their win even more impressive is the fact that the SFU team didn’t even know about the competition until the day of the event, and were actually several hours late in getting started.

The 125 teams and 1,300 participants had just 24 hours to create an idea for an app,

followed by another 24 to build it. Being that they were late getting started, the group from SFU was at a disadvantage, but was still able to come out on top thanks to some teamwork as they all worked together in residence.

The app is now available online at sfu-data-crunchers.herokuapp.com.



JIBC honours fallen paramedics

A new student award at Justice Institute of Technology (JIBC) will honour paramedics who have lost their lives in the call of duty.

The Fallen Paramedics Tribute Award will be distributed to JIBC students pursuing careers in paramedicine.

The new award is in honour of two British Columbia paramedics and JIBC alumni who were killed on the job. Jo-Ann Fuller and Ivan Polivka’s ambulance plunged into Kennedy Lake on Oct. 19, 2010. Between them, Fuller and Polivka served B.C. for more than 37 years as paramedics with the B.C. Ambulance Service.

“Paramedics are passionate, dedicated responders who play a vital role in the health and safety of everyone in the community,” said Kathy Harms, director of the health sciences division at JIBC.

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ship of our fallen paramedics.”

The \$500 award will be distributed twice per year to the JIBC paramedic student who demonstrates strong leadership and considerable involvement in their community. Deadlines for applications are June 30 and Oct. 30. To be eligible to win, students must be currently enrolled in Primary Care Paramedic Program, Advanced Care Paramedic Program, and EMS Diploma at JIBC.

The Fallen Paramedics Tribute Award is supported by the JIBC Foundation and public donations for the honour are welcomed. To donate, visit jibc.ca/support-jibc or call 604-528-5750.

“Donations play a fundamental role in the institute’s ability to deliver quality education and the best training possible,” said Bernie Magnan, chair of the JIBC Foundation Board of Directors.

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+ JOURNALISM

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It all started in 1965 at Vancouver's former King Edward High School, and now the journalism department at Langara College is celebrating its 50th year. The program is Western Canada's oldest and has quite a storied history. From the humble beginnings at King Edward, the department was part of Vancouver City College. At that time students took courses in shorthand, industrial cost accounting, use of the camera, and public opinion. Since then, the program has evolved into what it is today at Langara College, where it produces some of the country's finest journalists. Over the span of 50 years, some very accomplished journalists have come from Langara — some of which are quite well known. They include National Globe and Mail columnist Gary Mason, CKNW radio host Simi Sara, Vancouver Sun columnists Shelley Fralic, Iain MacIntyre and Douglas Todd, and Black Press columnist Tom Fletcher. Several of B.C.'s local newspapers are run by journalists who are products of Langara as well. Frank Bucholtz of the Langley Times, Susie Quinn of the Alberni Valley News, Burnaby Now's Pat Tracy, Richard Dal Monte of Tri-City New, and Paula Carlson of The Surrey Leader all got started in journalism at Langara.

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Langara College launches bee keeping program

EDUCATION

Courses come at a time when bees need our help the most

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For Metro

A new and exciting beekeeping program has been unveiled by Langara College. Getting underway this summer, the Sustainable Urban Beekeeping Certificate Program is designed for both beginners and experienced bee enthusiasts.

The curriculum encompasses six courses within 36 instructional hours and also includes a final exam. Students will learn in a hands-on environment with 12 hours of field experience; in fact, five of the six courses have practical components.

Run out of the Langara's Vancouver campus, the program is taught by instructor Brian Campbell.

Campbell, the founder of Blessed Bee Apiary, is very experienced in the field and is also the president of the Richmond Beekeepers Association.

Now is the perfect time for this program to take place as the industry is in need of more trained beekeepers, according to Campbell.

"Bees need our help more than ever, this certificate program is designed to address the needs of pollinators and



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Instructor Brian Campbell

how we can best look after them in our urban environment," said Campbell, in a press release.

"Bees provide so much: honey, pollen, propolis, apitherapy, and through pollination, one out of every three bites we eat. The challenges of creating a sustainable beekeeping practice demand a knowledge-based management system and not one dependent on chemical controls."

The courses involved in the certificate are: Getting Started in Beekeeping; Spring Management and Hive Inspections; Integrated Pest Management for Beekeepers; Taste of Honey; Sum-



New bee keeping course adds to the Continuing Studies division of Langara. BRIAN CAMPBELL

mer Management and Honey Harvesting; Bee Conservation and Bee Garden Design; and Winterizing Your Hive.

"The Continuing Studies division of Langara College has a long history of offering community oriented programming, especially in

the sustainable development field. This summer our new beekeeping certificate will add to that proud tradition," said Daniel Thorpe, Dean of Continuing Studies at Langara. "Focused on sustainable practices and the role of bees in the whole ecosystem, this

will be a valuable as well as timely addition to our Sustainable Communities program."

The cost of the program is \$625.

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New staff at BCIT

There are soon to be some new faces among the faculty at the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) as the school has appointed three new people to various roles.

Calling BCIT home will be Lara Johnson (associate vice president, marketing and communications), Doug Callbeck, (vice president of industry partnerships) and Dr. David Porter (associate vice president, education support and innovation).

Johnson will take over her new role on June 8 after spending time with Shaw Communications as that company's vice president of advertising. In the past, she has also been employed by Cossette Communications Marketing. Johnson will lead marketing and communications strategies at BCIT.

"I'm thrilled to be joining BCIT, an institute that is integral to the prosperity of British Columbia," said Johnson in a press release. "I look forward to building on BCIT's strong brand and legacy, and to contributing to the success of an organization that is so valued within our province."

Callbeck started with BCIT



David Porter CONTRIBUTED

on May 1 and will work with the school on a one-year term.

His resumé boasts 25 years with the B.C. government, including 10 years as an assistant deputy minister and executive financial officer in energy and mines and economic development. His duties with BCIT will centre around identifying revenue sources and building on the institution's partnerships with industry.

Starting on June 15, Dr. Por-

ter will bring almost 20 years of higher education experience to BCIT. He joins the school after serving in key roles at Simon Fraser University. He also spent 11 years with BCCampus.

"I'm delighted to be joining BCIT, an institution that provides its students with skills and knowledge that are vital for their personal success as citizens, and as members of the workforce," said Dr. Porter.

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+ UBC NAMES NEW VP OF FINANCE

Starting June 22, the University of British Columbia (UBC) will have a new vice president of finance. The school's Board of Governors approved the appointment of Andrew Simpson to the position. Simpson comes to UBC from Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand, where he had been employed since 2009 as chief operating of-

ficer. Simpson's career spans more than 25 years at post-secondary institutions in both New Zealand and Canada. In addition to his time at Victoria University of Wellington, Simpson has held important roles at Queen's University in Kingston, Ont.; at the University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand; the Central Institute of Technology, Wel-

lington, New Zealand; the University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand; and Ernst and Young. "Andrew Simpson's focused strategic experience and long history of success managing financial and operational decisions in the higher education sector is extremely rare," said Arvind Gupta, president and vice-chancellor of UBC.

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AJA Trio finds success

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The wins keep piling up for a group of musicians from Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU). Thanks to a pair of first place finishes at local competitions, KPU music students Alexander Chernata (clarinet), Julie Lin (violin) and Andrea Pedro (piano) have now qualified for a BC-wide festival.

The group has been dubbed KPU's 'AJA Trio' and they are now preparing for the 2015 Performing Arts BC Festival in Powell River on May 26 to 30. This was made possible thanks to their performance at the recent Kiwanis Fraser Valley International Music Festival. The group was victorious at the 61st Annual Young Musicians Competition put on by Vancouver's Friends of Chamber Music. The AJA Trio also won the Senior Ensemble First Prize in the open chamber ensemble section of the Vancouver Kiwanis Festival.

"The trio was praised highly by adjudicators at both festivals. Distinguished cellist and Vancouver Kiwanis Festival adjudicator Paul Marleyn described them as a very mature ensemble



AJA Trio CONTRIBUTED

who played beautifully. These three are a young group with a lot of promise. They should be very proud of their accomplishments," said Bo Peng, the trio's coach, and cellist for the internationally acclaimed Borealis String Quartet.

Chernata, Lin, and Pedro will take part in two categories at the

festival in Powell River. If they succeed there, they will advance to the National Chamber Music Class, they will have the opportunity to proceed to nationals in Edmonton this August.

"What these students are doing is remarkable. They are playing and performing at such an advanced level for where they

are in their careers. All three of them have such promising futures ahead of them, and in the way they play it's apparent that they're motivated to reach new heights, both personally and professionally," said Peng.

For more information on KPU's music department, check out kpu.ca/music.

KPU joins with HRMA

A new agreement between Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) and the Human Resources Management Association (HRMA) is the first of its kind in Western Canada.

The partnership, which was signed at the end of April, will allow students enrolled in KPU's HR management programs to benefit from HRMA's networking, and learning and employment resources. It will also provide them with an HRMA membership, mentorship opportunities and practicum work placements.

"All of the skills, resources and tools available to HR professionals throughout their careers will be made available to KPU students at the start of their academic ones," said Dr. Sal Ferreras, KPU's provost and vice-president academic in a media release.

KPU students will also be afforded the opportunity to meet the professional certification requirements of HRMA's national knowledge exam.

The agreement will see KPU's HR courses reviewed by HRMA.

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KPU HRMA Partnership, from bottom left, clockwise, KPU provost and vice-president academic Dr. Sal Ferreras, KPU School of Business dean Wayne Tebb, HRMA CEO Anthony Ariganello and HRMA board chair Shannon Raiton. CONTRIBUTED

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+ KPU TO RECOGNIZE WILSONS

Their companies — lulu-lemon athletica, West-beach, and Kit and Ace — are recognized worldwide. But it is the extreme philanthropic efforts that have founders Chip and Shannon Wilson being honoured by Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU). At the post-secondary institution's spring convocation on May 21, KPU will present the Wilsons with honorary doctorate degrees.

"Chip and Shannon have made a strong commitment to leaving their

community, both local and global, better than they found it," said dean of KPU's faculty of design Carolyn Robertson in a press release. Over the years, the Wilsons have gone above and beyond in their philanthropic efforts. In 2012, they donated \$12 million to help create the KPU Wilson School of Design building. Also in 2012, the Wilsons donated \$1.5 million for the art piece, A-maze-ing Laughter, to the City of Vancouver.

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Stay busy with work and volunteering

There's only so much laying around, soaking up sun that one can do, right? Well, while that statement may be up for debate, the idea of putting those summer days to a more scheduled use is appealing for many students.

Whether students choose to spend their summer volunteering or entering the workforce, there are positive experiences to be had both ways.

WORKING

Some work by choice; others work by necessity. Some look to save up funds to be used during the school year for tuition and board, while others are taking a page out of *Foreigner's* book — simply working for the weekend.

The Pay: Let's face it, we can all toe the party line about working for satisfaction, but that paycheck certainly helps get us through the ol' 9-5 (or, for students, often

the 5-9).

The People: As a teen, you generally have two groups of friends — those from school and those from work. Sometimes the two combine; often work relationships allow you an opportunity to meet new people and experience new things.

The Experience: Speaking of experience, working during the summer can help you long-term. If you can find a job in your eventual desired career path, those early years can help you get a head start on success. And even if your current job has nothing to do with you aspirations, the lessons you can learn about responsibility, teamwork, and task completion can stick with you for years.

VOLUNTEERING

Some students volunteer because of a passion; others volunteer due to graduation obligations (and some combine both). But



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there are plenty of advantages to volunteering.

The Community: Getting involved with volunteer community is a great way to network with people who may be beneficial to your future. Many corporate citizens, politicians, and others spend time volunteering and it's a good way to

ingratiate yourself with them.

The Common Good: Finding a cause in which you're passionate and making a real difference can be one of the most rewarding experiences of your life. You can also discover new interests you may never know you have and lead yourself down a path to making the world a better place.



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Not every career allows you to see the confident, bright smile you put on your client's face. CDI College's dental technician program — one of five programs in Canada recognized by the College of Dental Technicians of British Columbia — provides consistent, world-class education that gives students the hands-on training and precision they need to fabricate complex

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"Hands-on practical training is better because it prepares you for situations that arise in which no traditional textbook methods can," says CDI College graduate Nikki N.

As part of the curriculum, students will also partake in multiple practicum placements where they can observe lab procedures as well as acquire direct work experience building dental appliances and more.

"My career choice has changed my life by giving me a purpose; a career instead of just a job," says graduate Allison E., "I would recommend this program to anybody who is looking to start a career in the field."

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The school is featuring three courses: Makeup, manicure and nail tech, and barbering — all of which offer advantages to the student.

“With our makeup course, we're trying to offer an affordable alternative for students,” explained Martin Constable, the London School's director. “There are a lot of good courses in Vancouver, but many of them focus on makeup for the film industry.

“We offer a comprehensive course without all of the expensive sections that our students won't use.”

The school offers a nail tech course that's gained renown globally with past participants earning accolades at the International Beauty Show nail competitions. And the school also offers a barbering course that features the area's only straight-razor shaving component.

Constable and his wife go above and be-

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– Martin Constable, the London School's director

yond to ensure that their students have a positive experience at the London School, he explains.

“We are a family-run school so we have a vested interest in ensuring that our students do well and enjoy the experience,” he said. “If students don't come to our school, we don't get paid. And we've been around for over 30 years now with not one single complaint.”

For more details on the programs, visit londonschool.ca. Or you can take the more personal approach.

“They can call us and they'll likely get me straight away,” Constable says. “They can come to the school, sit in on a class or two, and we'll introduce them to some students as well.”

Teach at an English school in China

Starting a career in teaching can be a challenge in Canada — it's a tough job market to crack and positions are few and far between. But thanks to Maple Leaf Educational Systems, prospective teachers can get their start a little farther afield — in China.

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Maple Leaf teachers are not teaching English as a second language, but rather are teaching in English schools in China that follow the British Columbia curriculum. Maple Leaf facilities are accredited as a certified B.C. off-shore schools. It's an incredible opportunity that's backed by the experience and support that Maple Leaf Education Systems has in the region.

"We've been around for 20 years — we're the oldest school of this type in China," Du-

kowski explains. "We'll get your visa for you; we'll work with you to find accommodation if there's none in the school. We take care of everything."

Teachers interested in applying should visit mapleleafschools.com and click on the employment tab. There are a number of jobs currently available, but Dukowski added that the earlier people can get in contact the better, as Maple Leaf requires at least a month for arrangements.



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The event will be held on June 17, 2015 from 10:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will be located in the Vancity Theatre at 1181 Seymour St.

The Cyber Security Symposium will focus on 10 things you need to know about cyber

security in the 21st century. It features a talented group of panelists with experience in corporate, government, and military organizations who will bring perspectives as academics, consultants, directors, and specialists both from B.C. and around the world.

The event will feature guest speakers including: Dominic Vogel, an enterprise security analyst and security awareness evangelist; Dr. Babak Dastgheib-Behesthi, NYIT's associate dean; Lloyd Jura, a senior managing security consultant with IBM; and Lachlan Turner, from Ark InfoSec Labs.

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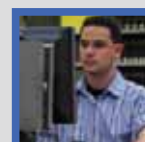
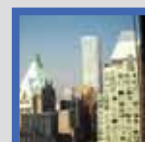
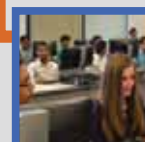


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Keep the brain active over the summer

Education can be integrated into fun activities

Many students would love nothing more than to take the summer off, shut down their brain, and put a pause on learning. Unfortunately, a summer of slacking doesn't just leave your brain idling in neutral — it can actually send it in reverse.

Research quoted by the Reading is Fundamental Program in the United States suggests that students can lose approximately 2.6 months' worth of grade-level equivalency in mathematical computation skills over the summer months. There are varying degrees of impact on reading, as well, based on age.

And the issue is exacerbated at lower income levels.

SO WHAT'S THE SOLUTION?

Summer school isn't always an option. For the most part, in North America, we treat summer school as an opportunity to catch up to grade levels or to repeat classes. And kids do need time to be a kid — a summer full of reading, writing, and arithmetic won't exactly endear most children to the idea of lifelong learning.

Here are some quick-and-easy options that may help put a little bit of fun back into learning the fundamentals.

SNEAK IN EDUCATION WHEN YOU'RE ON VACATION

There are plenty of opportunities to help your kids learn without them even realizing it. Most cities have museums and galleries that cater to kids; some cities have science centres, observatories, and pioneer villages. Children get immersed in the experience and the education happens almost by osmosis.

MAKE MATH MATTER

You don't have to force math into your life — it exists all around us. Use highway distance markers to encourage your kids to figure out how far you've travelled; ask your kids to help you bake and let them do the measurements; or play board games together that require some element of addition or subtraction. There are also a number of video games that combine fun with learning elements.



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TAKE TIME TO READ

Designate 15-30 minutes per day for your kids to read — anything. From novels to comic books, as long as they're reading, it's a positive. It's also a good way to help your children wind down from a busy day.

Don't forget the library. Often libraries will institute summer reading clubs to help structure your child's reading schedule.

And, of course, set the example yourself. If your kids see you reading for enjoyment, they're bound to pick up the habit themselves.

KidsSafe locations are a supportive haven

At-risk children can focus on having fun

With summer coming, many students are filled with anticipation of an exciting season of fun and frivolity. For others, though, thoughts of summer aren't so sunny. The Vancouver School Board is proud to partner with the KidSafe program to help at-risk kids put their focus where it should be — on enjoying the season, safely.

KidSafe offers a familiar place of safety, nutritious meals, emotional support, and

positive activity alternatives outside regular school hours. The program is aimed at helping children build confidence and self-esteem, while providing them with opportunities for social development.

"We understand that for vulnerable families, school is so much more than academics, it's a safe, free space in a child's community where they receive support from caring adults, socialization and meal programs," says Gerhard Maynard, acting supervisor, the Vancouver School Board's CommunityLINK and Alternative Programs.

"Those supports cease to exist when schools close for winter, spring and sum-

mer breaks so KidSafe along with support from the Vancouver School Board, keep the schools open and continue to provide those essential services for children who need them the most."

Inner-city school principals, concerned citizens, and the Vancouver Sun newspaper launched KidSafe in 1993 in response to a brutal tragedy that left an eight-year-old child brutally beaten, then abandoned in a vacant Eastside apartment.

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Vancouver Community College adds 3 courses

Ethical hacking, virtualization and cloud computing designed to meet industry needs

Information technology security is a field that's constantly changing — and is constantly placed at a greater premium in our lives. Whether it's smartphones, online shopping, or day-to-day work, the need for secure technological environments has never been greater, and Vancouver Community College is working to ensure it's at the vanguard of the industry with the upcoming addition of three new IT security courses.

"These courses aren't going to provide you with a certification, but they are going to help you move towards industry certification," says the curriculum's designer, Robert Hawk.

There are three new courses that will be offered in the coming fall term: Ethical hacking, virtualization and cloud computing, and advanced security. Hawk, who has 20 years of experience in the IT industry, along with seven years in investigative security, designed the programs to meet the needs of today's — and tomorrow's — industry.

"Many of the people who will be interested in this program are coming to continuing education either because

they're transferring jobs, or they're trying to work their way up the ladder in the information technology industry," he says, adding that each course is comprised of 10, three-hour classes, combined with required reading and homework.

Students also get a good blend of the theoretical understanding and practical application in these courses, Hawk added.

"The ethical hacking course is probably a little more hands-on — it's about 50/50," Hawk says. "The other two courses are more theoretical in nature — it's about a 70/30 split."

Though the courses are non-credit, they will provide students with a tremendous amount of information and benefit as they continue to build their careers. Hawk is a leading expert in the field, speaking recently at an RSA convention that brought together 20,000 of the world's top security experts. Hawk has also won industry awards, including recently being named the March 2015 thought leader of the month by InfoTech.com.

For more information about the program, please visit vcc.ca/programs/courses/continuing-studies.



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Tuesday, May 19, 5 p.m. - room 413

Downtown

Interior design

Tuesday, May 19, 5:30 p.m. - room 718

Downtown

Skin and body therapy

Wednesday, May 20, 4:30 p.m. - room 201

Downtown

Hair design

Wednesday, May 20, 4:30 p.m. - room 201

Downtown

Auto collision repair and auto refinishing

Wednesday, May 20, 5:30 p.m. - lobby, building B

Broadway

Culinary arts

Friday, May 22, 9:30 a.m. - room 112 (theatre)

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SCIP receives both federal and provincial funding. Training Innovations program includes supports to address immigrants' employment needs in career targeting, job

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"Skills Connect is a program to help job seekers developing strategies for finding jobs, understanding what employers look for, and getting to know Canadian workplace culture," explains Mehdi Sadeghi, a project engineer who found work through this program. "During their workshops, job seekers are able to

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Inspiring the future of education

For many, a career in education is a calling that is often inspired by a teacher or a personal experience. For Hoda Mohamoud, Vancouver Career College's early childhood education graduate, it is the latter.

Having two children with special needs, Hoda witnessed firsthand the attention, care, and interaction delivered by early childhood educators to her children. "Seeing the impact they had on my children's lives, I felt that it was a career that I wanted to pursue," says

Hoda. Unlike traditional educational institutions, Vancouver Career College offers smaller class sizes, allowing for a more intimate environment that encourages students to communicate more openly with each other as well as the instructors, which is especially helpful during practicum placements.

"The moment you see a child improve physically, socially, emotionally, or any overall improvement, it is an honour," said Hoda. "I live for those moments when a parent comes and hugs you thanking you because they spotted an improvement in their child's life."

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