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Director's Message



Happy New Year - I hope you had a good holiday and some time to relax! In this issue we have highlighted all the great staff we have who are helping you with your academic journey. We continue to push ahead with a number of new projects and initiatives (including our seminar series) which we will be highlighting in upcoming newsletters. We are hopeful that this year will be a good one and look forward to 2023!

- **Andre Kushniruk**, Director and Professor of the School of Health Information Science

News and Events



Welcome to Kathleen Bea Araneta, who will be filling in as the Co-op Assistant working with Jason Bond. Kathleen is an International Student from the Philippines who is currently studying Business Administration with UVic.

**Looking for help with your academic journey?
Ask our Health Information Science
Staff and Advisors!**

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Health Information Science Alumni Spotlight



As Vice President, Strategy & Chief Information Officer at Island Health, **Catherine Claiter** is responsible for translating Island Health's vision and strategic framework into action, and advancing key enablers to support the organization in achieving its commitment to Excellence.

Catherine provides executive oversight in three major areas:

Strategy Management, Advancement of the Electronic Health Record (EHR) and Safe Medication Systems and Information Technology (IT) and Innovation.

Catherine brings over 15 years of Executive leadership experience at Island Health to this role, as well as knowledge and skills from her career-long involvement in strategic planning, EHR-related transformation initiatives, and IT operations.

**EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
& CO-OP EMPLOYMENT**



Roz Queen recently completed a coop at the British Columbia Centres for Disease Control. Roz engaged and recruited participants to complete a community sexual health survey at many events in Victoria, including FernFest, PRIDE, night markets and UVic's Thunderfest. Through this work Roz, recruited over 300 people to fill out the survey. This work included raising awareness of the Get Checked Online service and encouraging people to get regular tests to promote their sexual wellness. This data will be used to improve and expand free, anonymous, online STI services in BC. Roz learned how to engage people in discussion about sexual health, spread awareness of services that are available to them, and encourage them to monitor their sexual wellness. Co-op allowed Roz to see how classroom learning impacts the larger world by creating noticeable, meaningful, beneficial changes to communities.



Hiring a Health Information Science Student for Co-op

Ready to hire a Health Information Science co-op student? The hiring process is simple. Students are skilled, enthusiastic, and ready to work for organizations like yours!

Contact the Health Information Science Co-op office hiscoop@uvic.ca if you are interested in learning more about hiring!



Co-op Funding Opportunities

Co-op Funding Update: BioTalent

The Federal government's Student Work Placement Program (SWPP) provides up to 50% of the student's wages (to a maximum of \$5,000) or 70% (to a maximum of \$7,000) for students from underrepresented groups which includes female STEM students, first year students, indigenous students, student with a disability, visible minorities and newcomers to Canada.

SWPP has 12 funding partners who deliver the funding across Canada based on industry sector. Each funding partner has different application processes and there are some slight differences in criteria.

- Consider applying to [BioTalent Canada](#)

Employers, uncertain if your job qualifies? Contact Colleen at 1-866-243-2472, ext. 218 or askme@biotalent.ca

- You have to apply for the funding before the student starts their job.
- Multiple grants are possible eg. Hire two students and receive two grants.
- Student eligibility: This Federal program is only available to students who are Canadian citizens, Permanent Residents or students who have refugee status. International students are not eligible for this funding.

Employers have told us that the application process takes 15-20 minutes to complete. Grants are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis so you are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Should you not find a suitable student for your position, simply inform the funding partner that you do not need the grant.

Tips For Students!

- Find a study space on campus [HERE](#)
- Want to take your assignment or class project to the next level? Use the resources available through the [Centre for Academic Communication](#) and the [UVic Libraries Digital Scholarship Commons](#)
- Numbers not adding up? Check out the [Math and Stats Assistance Centre \(MSAC\)](#) for drop-in tutoring.
- Get personalized help with your research from **Jessica Mussell** the Health Information Science librarian by email at jmussell@uvic.ca
- The Student Wellness Centre provides holistic care to support students' wellbeing. Visit the [Student Wellness Centre](#) online or drop by the new [Health and Wellness \(HWB\) Building](#)
- [Counselling appointments](#) and [Support Connect](#) are available for mental health support throughout your academic journey. It is common to feel overwhelmed or stressed and very important to seek professional support to get the most out of your university experience.
- The [Office of Student Life](#) is a great resource for student clubs & activities, student conduct and student initiatives such as student mental health, sexualized violence prevention & awareness, bystander intervention, pride week and much more.
- Your emotional, physical and spiritual [well-being](#) are extremely important and resources are available for you.
- We are excited to welcome students from around the world. The [International Centre for Students](#) provides international student services, advising and programs.
- [Student Awards and Financial Aid](#) – is your resource for scholarships, awards, bursaries, work study opportunities, loans, grants and much more.
- The [Computer Help Desk](#) is your primary point of contact for computing service and support.
- Be sure to check out the [Academic Important Dates](#) for tuition deadlines, drop deadlines and academic holidays

Model Program Plan for Undergraduate Students

HINF undergraduate students! Check the model program to make sure you are on track!

- [BSc - Health Information Science](#)
- [BSc - Combined Major Computer Science and Health Information Science](#)

Educational Program Deadlines

Undergraduate Degree Admission

- BSc in Health Information Science
- BSc in Health Information Science and Computer Science

Apply by **January 31st 2023** for **September 2023** entry
[Read more](#) and [Apply Now](#)

Health Terminology Standards Graduate Certificate

Apply by **June 1st 2023** for **September 2023** entry
[Read more](#) and [Apply Now](#)

Graduate Degree Admission

- MSc in Health Informatics
- Master of Nursing and MSc in Health Informatics
- PhD in Health Informatics

Apply by **December 1st 2023** for **September 2024** entry
[Read more](#) and [Apply Now](#)

or contact his@uvic.ca for application information

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Scholarships and Awards



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