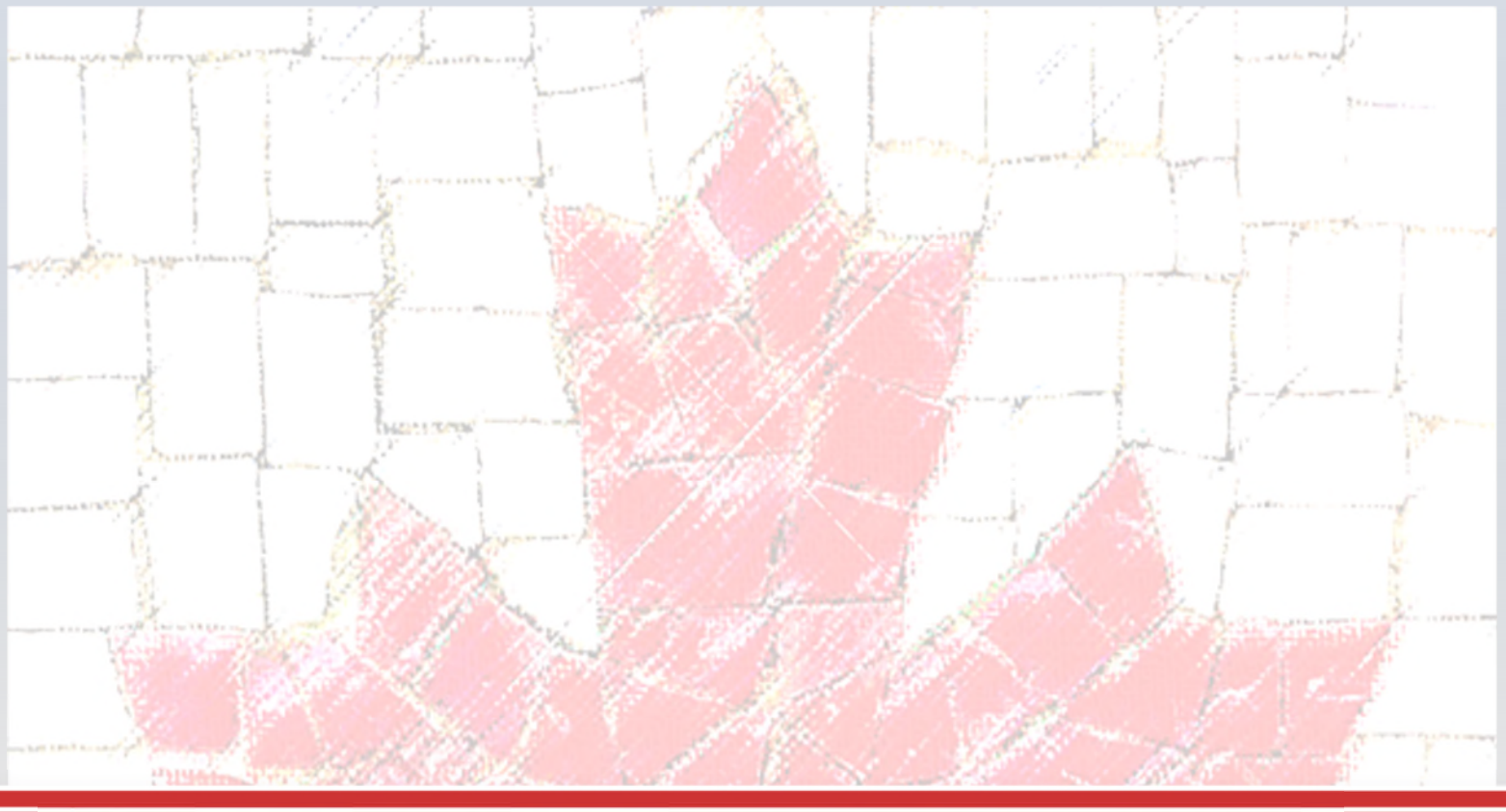


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AN OPEN, COLLABORATIVE GROUP OF VOLUNTEER STAKEHOLDERS THAT ENSURES PESC'S MISSION AND ALL PESC DELIVERABLES, INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT AND RELEASE OF PESC APPROVED STANDARDS, SUPPORTS AND INCORPORATES THE NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF CANADIAN STUDENTS, INSTITUTIONS AND CANADIAN-BASED STAKEHOLDERS

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The Canadian PESC User Group is the authoritative group within PESC to represent Canadian interests.

The Canadian PESC User Group (CanPESC) operates as an open, collaborative and permanent committee of volunteers within PESC. Participation in Group meetings is encouraged and open to representatives of PESC Member organizations and representatives of all Canadian stakeholders.

➢ *User Group Co-Chairs*

Doug Holmes, Acting Manager, eTranscripts, Ontario Universities' Application Centre
Cathy van Soest, Manager, EducationPlannerBC Transcript Services, EducationPlannerBC

➢ *User Group Participant Organizations*

Alberta Post-Secondary Application System
Brandon University
British Columbia Council on Admissions and Transfer
Camosun College
Campus Manitoba
Canadian Information Centre for International Credentials
Canadore College
Conestoga College
Dalhousie University
Digitary
Duklas Cornerstone Consulting
EducationPlannerBC
Ellucian
Maplewood Computing
McGill University
Memorial University of Newfoundland
Nova Scotia Council on Admission & Transfer
OCAD University
OCAS
Ontario Universities' Application Centre
Parchment
Royal Roads University
Saskatchewan Ministry of Education
SRB Education Solutions Inc.
Trevlac Computer Services
Université de Moncton
University of British Columbia
University of Calgary
University of Lethbridge
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University of Prince Edward Island
University of Regina
University of Saskatchewan
University of Toronto
University of Waterloo
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York University

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OVERVIEW

The Canadian presence and influence within PESC has existed since the very formation of PESC. As Canadian students cross provincial and international borders to attain their education, the need for institutions, software providers and systems vendors that support Canadian and international markets to ensure mobility and interoperability has never been greater.

The formation of CanPESC in 2011 solidified the importance of Canada's role within PESC and drew together many Canadians from across the country to work towards a common goal. Its main mission is twofold:

- To serve as a clearinghouse for discussion and new ideas, a coordinator to help support electronic initiatives with several liaison roles established, and as a unifier in the mission toward digitalization of educational records.
- To focus on interoperability, enhanced service and delivery, reduced cost, and improved data quality using PESC Approved Standards. CanPESC communicates these benefits for Canada's students, institutions and Canadian-based educational stakeholders by raising awareness of the importance of standardization and interoperability.

As the voice and official committee representing Canadian interests, CanPESC has participation throughout almost every province and territory in Canada from provincial application centres, leading universities and colleges, and service providers.

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BENEFITS

True benefits of interoperability are enhanced service and delivery, reduced cost, and improved data quality. CanPESC ensures these benefits for Canada's students and institutions by:

- Raising awareness of the importance of standardization and interoperability
- Promoting PESC standards nationally in order to achieve global interoperability
- Participating in other PESC User Groups to remain informed of ongoing initiatives and how they affect Canadian interests
- Ensuring that PESC standards represent Canadian interests and usage
- Coordinating communications and sharing ideas across provinces and territories
- Actively encouraging and supporting interprovincial partnerships
- Ensuring a direct Canadian voice and solid representation in global initiatives as a result of its relationships with PESC and ARUCC, both of which are Groningen Declaration Network signatories

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HISTORY

The Canadian influence and perspective has been a major part of PESC since its founding in 1997 and continues to be.

- In PESC's 1st Annual Best Practices Competition in 1999, the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) won 1st PLACE for its submission, "Ontario Universities' Electronic Transcript System (OUETS): A Model of an Electronic Standardization Initiative."
- In PESC's 14th Annual Best Practices Competition in 2012, the Ontario College Application Service (OCAS) won 1st PLACE for its submission, "OCAS XML Transcript Initiative."
- For PESC's 10th Anniversary Year, the Fall 2007 Data Summit was held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Montreal.
- At the Fall 2011 Data Summit held October 26, 2011 in San Francisco, PESC launched the Canadian PESC User Group.
- For PESC's 15th Anniversary Year, the Fall 2012 Data Summit was held at the Four Seasons Hotel in Vancouver.
- Through establishment of CanPESC, PESC began discussions with ARUCC and in 2013, entered into a formal MOU with ARUCC, allowing ARUCC and PESC to attend each other's events without charge, thereby fostering a closer working relationship.
- OUAC staff have been recognized with PESC's Distinguished Service Award: Doug Holmes in 2013 and Leisa Wellsman in 2016.
- OCAS' William McKee served on the PESC Board of Directors from 2013-2015.

The first deliverable of the Canadian PESC User Group was to introduce PESC at the ARUCC Conference June 25-28, 2012 in Ottawa. PESC staff exhibited at ARUCC and several sessions were held on data standards and interoperability. Soon after, PESC and ARUCC formed a partnership, and in signing a joint Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), combined forces to network across each other's organizations and to raise the level of awareness regarding standards, mobility and interoperability within the profession of higher education administration and management. Representatives of ARUCC also joined the Canadian PESC User Group.

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GOVERNANCE

CanPESC is a permanent group within PESC, ultimately governed by the PESC Board of Directors. CanPESC encourages active participation and diverse membership across Canada. It is semi-autonomous, reporting directly to the PESC Board of Directors, and is responsible for its overall activities, communications, meetings, and outreach.

CanPESC Co-Chairs are from PESC Member organizations and appointed by the PESC Board of Directors.

CanPESC meets via web and teleconference monthly on the 2nd Thursday at noon EST (9 am PST, 5 pm Greenwich); and at PESC Spring and Fall Data Summits (combined in-person and web/teleconference); and communications are supported by a PESC list.

AVAILABILITY & COST

CanPESC is a transparent and collaborative committee open to all Canadian stakeholders free of charge.

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Approved by: Members of Canadian PESC User Group and President/ CEO of PESC.

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ROLE

- Educate Canadian stakeholders while promoting the importance of data standards and interoperability, thereby avoiding duplication of effort and of data standards.
- Promote PESC at Members' individual organizations and within their sectors to raise awareness of PESC Approved Standards and how they support, enhance and simplify inter-system operability, performance and data access.
- Ensure Canadian-based stakeholder interests are represented in PESC.
- Serve as a PESC Approved Standards and implementation leader and resource group to all Canadian postsecondary education sector stakeholders.
- Develop projects that will enhance the experience of students, universities, colleges, administrators and government by enabling effective data exchange across Canada in the postsecondary education sector.
- Encourage participation in PESC Groups developing PESC Approved Standards
- Participate in digital data standards and student national mobility initiatives as invited by ARUCC and other leading education organizations
- Develop and provide presentations on CanPESC initiatives

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CURRENT STATUS

At this time, CanPESC is participating and cooperating in several initiatives through ARUCC and through PESC:

- ***Continuation of the work started by the ARUCC Groningen and Student Mobility Task Force*** – The ARUCC Groningen and Student Mobility Task Force was formed in 2014 to focus on advancing student mobility through data exchange. CanPESC members contributed to this work, which led directly to ARUCC's signing onto the Groningen Declaration Network as Canada's first signatory. Following the signing, the task force's last undertaking was to distribute a national survey, the results of which signaled widespread support for pursuing next steps toward a pan-Canadian transcript exchange network. That work is now underway, and CanPESC and PCCAT will provide expertise and insight to ARUCC during the research phase of this initiative.
- ***The ARUCC-PCCAT Transcript and Transfer Guide*** was launched in early 2016. CanPESC served as electronic data exchange advisors in the creation of this national, online tool. CanPESC has a seat on the ARUCC-PCCAT Transcript and Transfer Guide Working Group.
- ***National survey*** – CanPESC recently conducted a national survey of post-secondary institutions, application centres, and provincial ministries of education and advanced education. The goal of the survey was to obtain details on the code sets respondents use to identify high school and postsecondary institutions within their systems, which is crucial to successful national transcript exchange.
- ***PESC Fall 2019 Data Summit*** – In recognition of the influence and inspiration Canadian education has had throughout the world and prominently within PESC since its foundation, PESC returns to Montreal for the Fall 2019 Data Summit October 22 – 25, 2019. CanPESC Members will serve as the program committee and plans are well underway to host a day-long, Pre-Summit meeting of CanPESC and to launch an international data user group.