

ACE-WIL Virtual Town Hall Support Strategies

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Since time immemorial, the səliiwətaʔt təməx^w (Tsleil-Waututh), Skwxwú7mesh-ulh Temíxw (Squamish), x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), WSÁNEĆ (Saanich), and the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations of the Lək^wəŋən (Lekwungen) Peoples have walked gently on the unceded territories where we are grateful to live, work, and play. We are committed to building relationships with the first peoples here, based in honour and respect, and we thank them for their hospitality.

A few tips and tools for the session

- We'll be using:
 - Zoom chat – everyone can share ideas, questions and links
- Breakout room conversations and chat will not be recorded

Agenda

- Update from ACE-WIL
- PD Event: Six Tools for Diversity in WIL
- Student Panel
 - Harper Friedman
 - Katheryna (Kat) Khong
 - Vasundhara Seli
 - Emily Jackson
- Breakout Session
- Ergonomics – Carol Yin
- BCcampus events to support students and staff

ACE-WIL Update

- Employer survey results
- November 17th Town Hall: Provincial projects update – stay tuned for details!
- December Town Hall: Update on BC WIL Council Employer/Community Partner survey results – stay tuned for details!
- Upcoming employer events: Check out the ACE-WIL Website: <https://co-op.bc.ca/>

The ACE-WIL Research Committee is pleased to announce a *virtual*
Professional Development event:

Six Tools for Diversity in WIL

Supporting Employers to Attract, Hire and Onboard Students from
International Pathways

This 90-minute virtual professional development session will present a set of six tools to support diversity in WIL and will share a research-driven approach for WIL practitioners to support employers in attracting, hiring, and onboarding students from international pathways. Participants will interact with the tools, developed by the ACE-WIL Research Committee, and will learn more about what employers have told us about hiring students from international pathways.

Wednesday, December 9th 2020
10:30AM-12:00PM

Further details and registration coming soon to your inbox.
Scan the QR code on the right to register now!

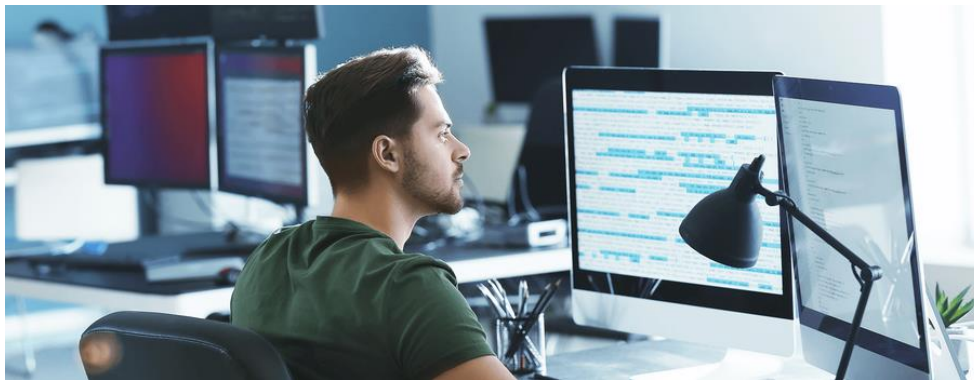


Upcoming webinar series for workplaces

Info and registration: <https://co-op.bc.ca/employer-events/>

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How BC businesses are using students to help them remain vital during the recovery

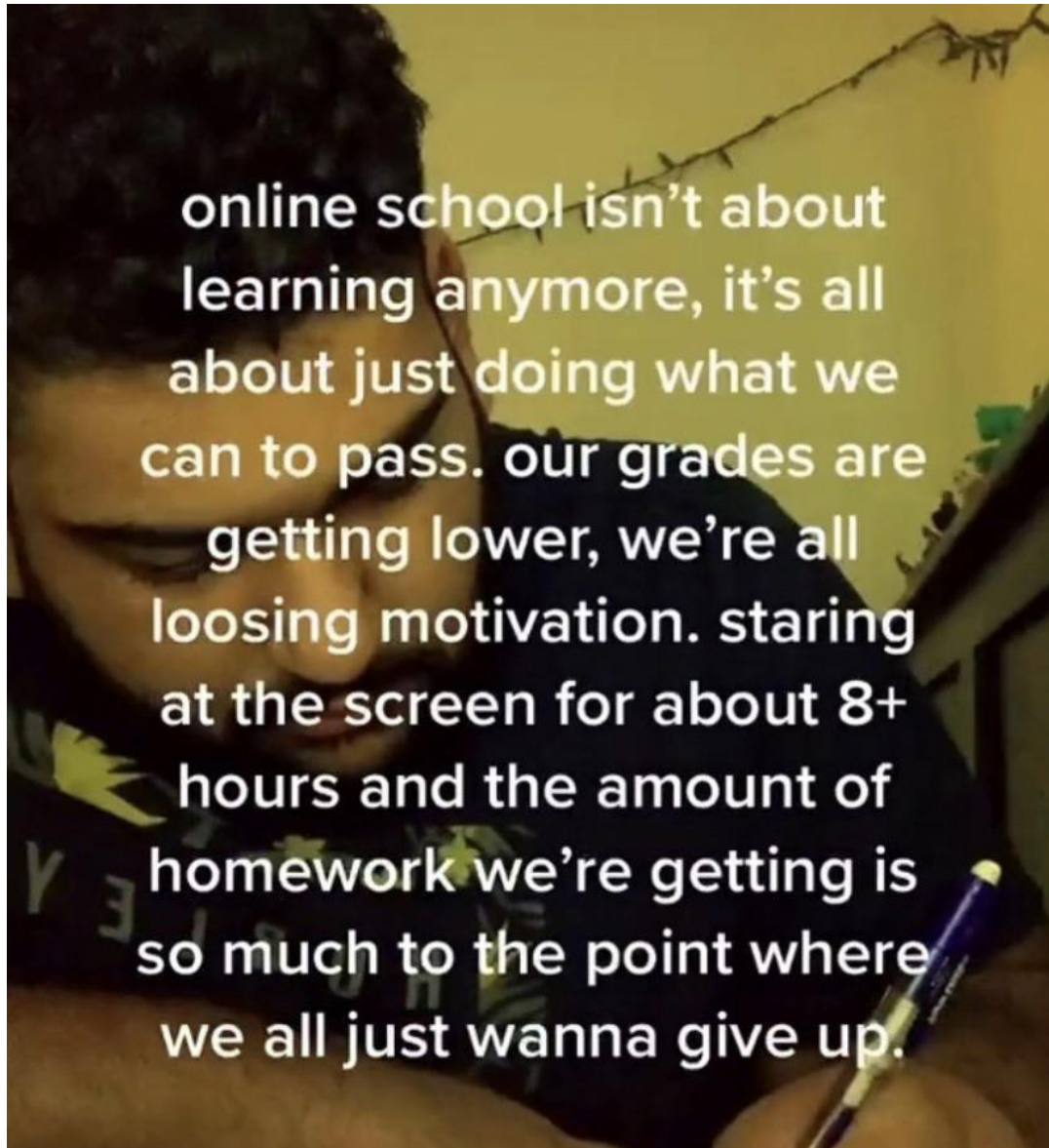


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Opportunities for healthcare sector organizations looking to add student talent



Share with your workplace contacts – particularly those who are on the fence about WIL!



online school isn't about learning anymore, it's all about just doing what we can to pass. our grades are getting lower, we're all loosing motivation. staring at the screen for about 8+ hours and the amount of homework we're getting is so much to the point where we all just wanna give up.

Mechanical Engineering Student 4 days ago

Let's dive in!

What are students saying?

What are the challenges they are facing?

Harper Friedman

Katheryna (Kat) Khong

Vasundhara Seli

Emily Jackson

Student Support

- Recorded and posted lectures
- Made due dates easy to find and mentioned them often
- Made supplementary materials available but not mandatory
- Created space outside of Zoom office hours
- Encouraged but didn't force participation
- Was understanding and empathetic



Harper Friedman

Students would like to receive:

- Emotional support (from gov/institutions/faculty)
 - Can look like leniency with assignments or providing a safe environment for conversation
 - Create opportunity to let students work through what might be preventing them from doing better
 - Compassion (understand that not everyone is comfortable with the situation)
- Mentor from university/same field/industry
 - Allows connection and to be able to receive advice from people in the industry

Highlights – International Student Concerns

- Tons of job opportunity but need more guidance on how to tap into our potential when it comes to recruiters.
- Making them familiar with Canadian work environment as to what makes it different from their home country environment.
- Also, making students familiar with organisations by telling them about job opportunities beyond the alumni network.
- Post COVID -19, helping students identifying new set of skills that will help them in job search and hiring.
- An in-depth learning into field-work related assignments.
- Helping students pitch themselves in organisations where they wish to work.
- More networking events for students where they get to meet recruiters from different industries.

Student experience of online learning

- Lack of social outlets (with friends, going out, etc.)
- Familial stress if living with them
- No separation between home and school
- State of the world politically - what will 2021 even look like?
- New & unfamiliar learning platforms (Brightspace, Crowdmark, etc.)

How co-op and WIL offices can support students

- Be flexible with missed or late assignments if possible
- Offer virtual office hours, or the ability to schedule them
- Make due-dates and materials easy to locate far in advance of when they are needed
- Do not force cameras to be on during class if possible, sometimes this is the time we have to eat, make a coffee, etc.

Breakout Session- Reflection on the Student Panel

- What strategies are you already using?
- What strategies do you want to try?
- Any additional strategies?

Support Strategies: Ergonomics

Carol Yin

Carol Yin (She/Her)

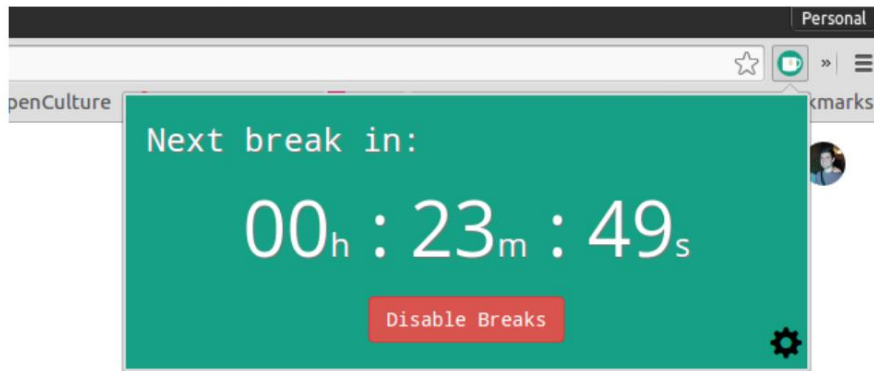
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Concentration in Active Health and Rehabilitation
Certificate in Occupational Ergonomics



Creative Ways to Apply Ergonomic Principles Working at Home

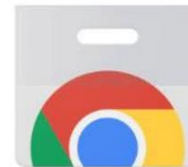
Microbreaks


1. Take stretch breaks every 25-30 minutes for ~2 minutes
2. Follow the 20-20-20 rule to rest your eyes
 - Every 20 minutes, look at objects 20 yards away, for 20 seconds



Google Chrome has a great extension you can install that lets you know when you should take your next break

[Link to extension here.](#) →





BCcampus Events to Consider

- Mindful Mondays 9:30am – Students, Faculty & Staff
- Thriving Beyond Campuses: Wellbeing in Learning Environments, a dialogue series connecting B.C. Post-Secondary Schools. Nov 10, 4pm – 6pm
- Studio20 ENGAGING LEARNERS ONLINE - Studio20 will explore the art of engaging learners online and will feature keynotes and facilitators focussing on the themes of **vision**, **voice**, and **active learning**. – Nov 17 to 19

Wrap up

- Upcoming meetings
 - ACE-WIL Town Hall: November 17th
- Upcoming WIL events to share with your employer/partner contacts
 - November 26, for workplace partners and practitioners
 - See our website for more details
- Professional Development
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