

# Kwantlen Vision Statement

## OUR VISION . . .

### INNOVATIVE, TRANSFORMATIVE, AND AMBITIOUS, KWANTLEN

Polytechnic University serves the needs of our region, of British Columbia, and beyond. We inspire students to excel in their careers, lead in their communities, and succeed in their lives.

## OUR PROFILE . . .

### A UNIQUE INSTITUTION

We deliver university degrees, programs in technology and trades, career and preparatory studies, and professional and continuing education, all of which reflect and express our polytechnic mandate

### A TEACHING UNIVERSITY

We commit to currency of knowledge and disciplinary engagement, and deliver a well-rounded undergraduate education that stresses the relationship between teacher and student. We provide students with an ethical framework, critical understanding, and social awareness necessary for good citizenship.

### A POLYTECHNIC

We emphasize applied education within the context of broad-based undergraduate learning to prepare our students for successful and rewarding careers.

## OUR COMMITMENTS . . .

To achieve our Vision, we make the following commitments to our students, our programs, our community, and our university:

### TO OUR STUDENTS. . .

#### Accessibility and Flexibility

Kwantlen commits to open access, multiple entrance and exit points, program bridging, acknowledgement of relevant experience, and flexible learning pathways.

#### Degree Education

Kwantlen provides every student pursuing a degree with a broad-based education, and acknowledges the importance of balancing depth and breadth of study.

#### Professional and Continuing Education

Kwantlen provides learning opportunities that support professional and personal enrichment by responding to the needs of the workforce and the interests of our broader community.

### Student Experience

Kwantlen commits to providing an outstanding student experience through our teaching, support programs, services, and systems that enhance and enrich student life.

## TO OUR PROGRAMS . . .

### Applied Science and Technology

Kwantlen commits to developing applied science and technology to advance its polytechnic mandate and to meet the emerging needs of British Columbia.

### Flagship Programs

Kwantlen supports the development of exceptional programs that reflect the institution's applied mandate and further its reputation.

### Service Learning

Kwantlen commits to providing transformative experiences that integrate academic learning with principles of civic responsibility and community engagement.

### Work-integrated Learning

Kwantlen commits that its programs will include practical experience in the form of co-ops, practica, internships, or other applied initiatives.

## TO OUR COMMUNITIES ...

### Aboriginal Engagement

Kwantlen commits to developing meaningful partnerships, pedagogical approaches, program offerings, and student services to better meet the distinctive needs of all aboriginal peoples.

### Alumni

Kwantlen recognizes that its alumni are amongst the institution's most important ambassadors. We develop and maintain relationships that celebrate institutional pride leading to increased involvement with and support of the University.

### Applied Research and Innovation

Kwantlen promotes applied research and scholarly activities that enhance our teaching and enrich our communities.

### Educational Opportunity

Kwantlen celebrates the rich diversity of its region. Accordingly, we seek out students of diverse ages, backgrounds, and aspirations.

### Engagement with our Partners

Kwantlen establishes strong and productive ties and external relationships to inform curriculum and new program development, to provide work-integrated learning, and to identify applied research and innovation opportunities.

## TO OUR UNIVERSITY . . .

### Academic Freedom

Kwantlen safeguards freedom of inquiry, thought, expression, publication, and peaceful assembly, which along with individual responsibility are the cornerstones of our identity.

## **An Exceptional Workplace**

Kwantlen provides an environment that inspires commitment and leadership, and provides an attractive and vibrant place to work and to grow.

## **Institutional Participation**

Kwantlen supports collegial, transparent, and collaborative decision-making processes and establishes mechanisms to encourage broad participation from all areas of the University.

## **Internationalization**

Kwantlen commits to providing a global perspective by developing a vibrant international student body and partnerships that encourage faculty and student participation.

## **Promoting Excellence**

Kwantlen inspires, supports, and celebrates outstanding achievement throughout the institution.

## **Sustainability**

Kwantlen informs and transforms attitudes, values, and practices that confirm its role as an educational institution committed to environmental, social, and economic sustainability.

## **Technology**

Kwantlen commits to the innovative, creative, and considered use of technology to enhance teaching, learning, and the day-to-day environment of students, faculty, and staff.