

Centralizing WIL Operations – Supporting an Applied Polytechnic Campus

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The British Columbia Institute of Technology acknowledges that our campuses are located on the unceded traditional territories of the Coast Salish Nations of *Sḵwx̱wú7mesh* [Squamish], *səlilwətaʔ* [Tsleil-Waututh], and *xwməθkwəy̓əm* [Musqueam].

Centralizing WIL Operations – Definitions

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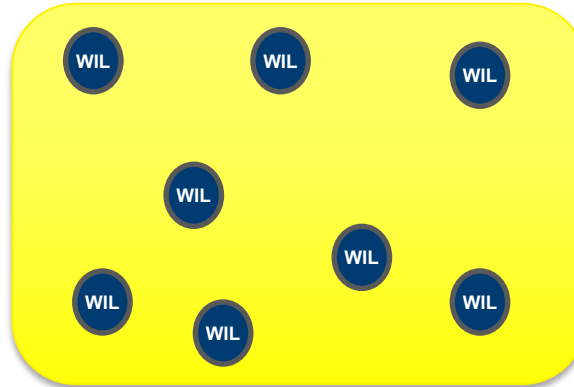
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- Co-ops
- Clinicals
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- Practicums
- Industry projects



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How would you describe your WIL operations?

- Distributed
- Centralized
- Hybrid (distributed & central)
- We don't do WIL



Centralizing WIL Operations – BCIT

5 Campuses:

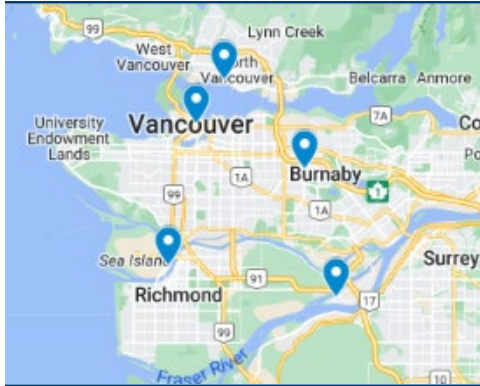
- BMC - BCIT Marine Campus
- DTC – Downtown Campus
- BMC – Burnaby Main Campus
- ATC – Aerospace Tech Campus
- AIC – Annacis Island Campus

6 Schools:

- Business and Media
- Computing and Academic Study
- Construction + Environment
- Energy
- Health Sciences
- Transportation

Plus:

- International
- Applied Research and Innovation



Quick Facts

Data:

- Applied polytechnic
- 45,000 students per year
 - 17,000 full-time
 - 28,000 part-time
 - 3,700 international
- 170+ WIL programs
- Credentials:
 - Microcredentials → Masters
 - ~325 Programs
- ~95% graduate employment rate
- 2,700 employees
- 3 unions

Centralizing WIL Operations – WIL at BCIT

- Apprenticeships
 - Trades
- Co-op
 - 12 co-op programs in Trades and Technology
- Clinicals/preceptorships
 - School of Health
- Practicums and internships
- Industry projects



BCIT WIL Programs

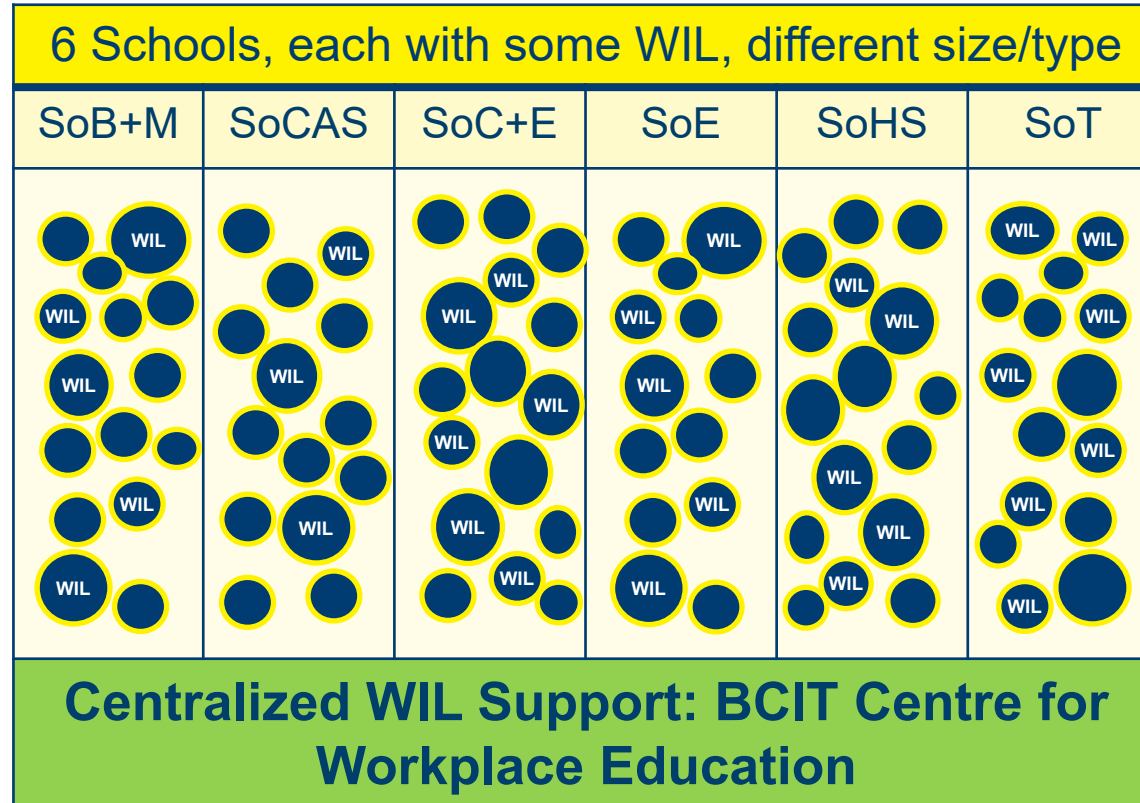


Centralizing WIL Operations – The Challenge

- WIL is resource intensive
- Associated costs to facilitate WIL (administrative burdens)
- Lack of WIL expertise
- Multiple job boards
- Industry confusion to connect to BCIT WIL programs
- Supply and demand
- Expanding applied learning opportunities

6 Schools, each with some WIL, different size/type					
SoB+M	SoCAS	SoC+E	SoE	SoHS	SoT

Centralizing WIL Operations – The Solution



Centralizing WIL Operations – The Structure

Associate Vice President,
Academic Operations

Agile & WIL Department

Associate Dean, Agile &
Work Integrated Learning
Operation and Administration

Centre for
Workplace
Education (CWE)

Flexible Learning
Operations /
Educational Grants

Recognition for Prior
Learning / Trade-up

Planning - Liaise with:

- School Deans & Associate Deans
- School Corporate Training & Flexible Learning / PTS Coordinators
- Institute Academic Planning, Quality Assurance & Registrar's Office

Supporting Pan-Institute Programming:

Work-Integrated
Learning

Badges &
Microcredentials

Flexible
Learning
PTS

Multi-Disciplinary
Credential
Development

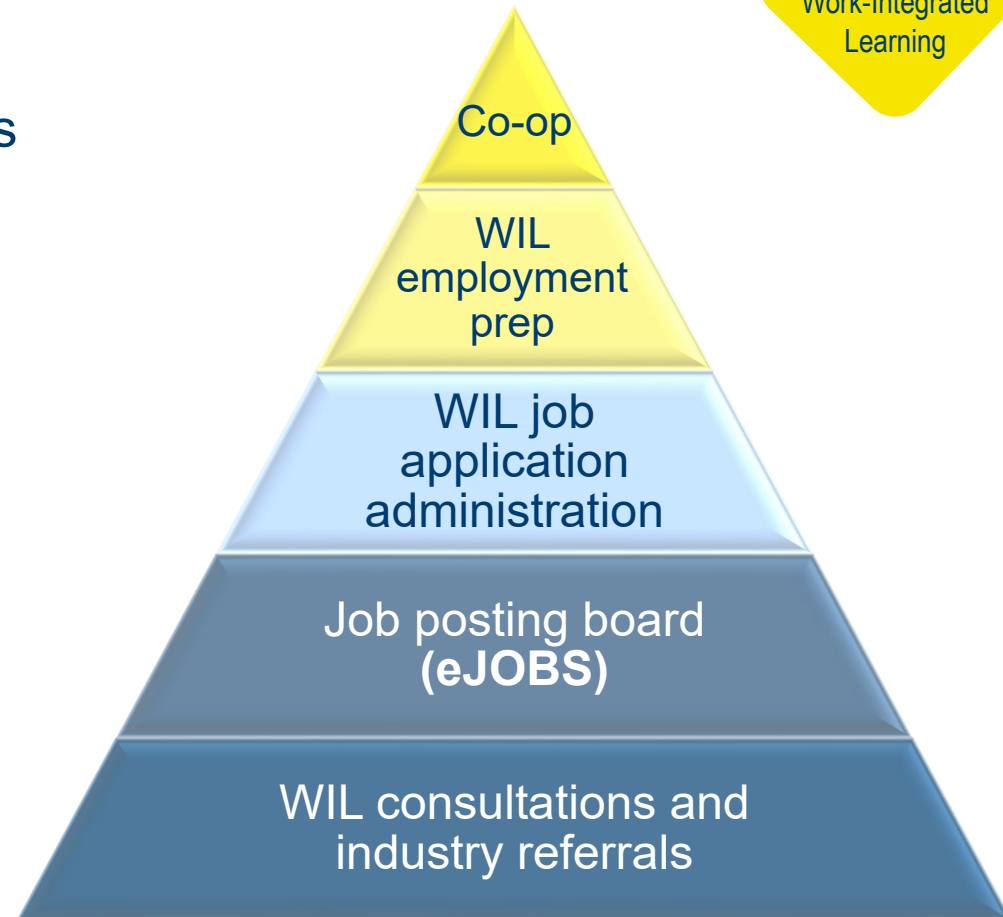
Recognition of
Prior Learning

Centralizing WIL Operations – The Service



Who we are:

- 7 WIL coordinators, 5 program assistants
- CEWIL, ACEWIL accredited
- BC WIL Council
- Co-op programs
- eJOBS

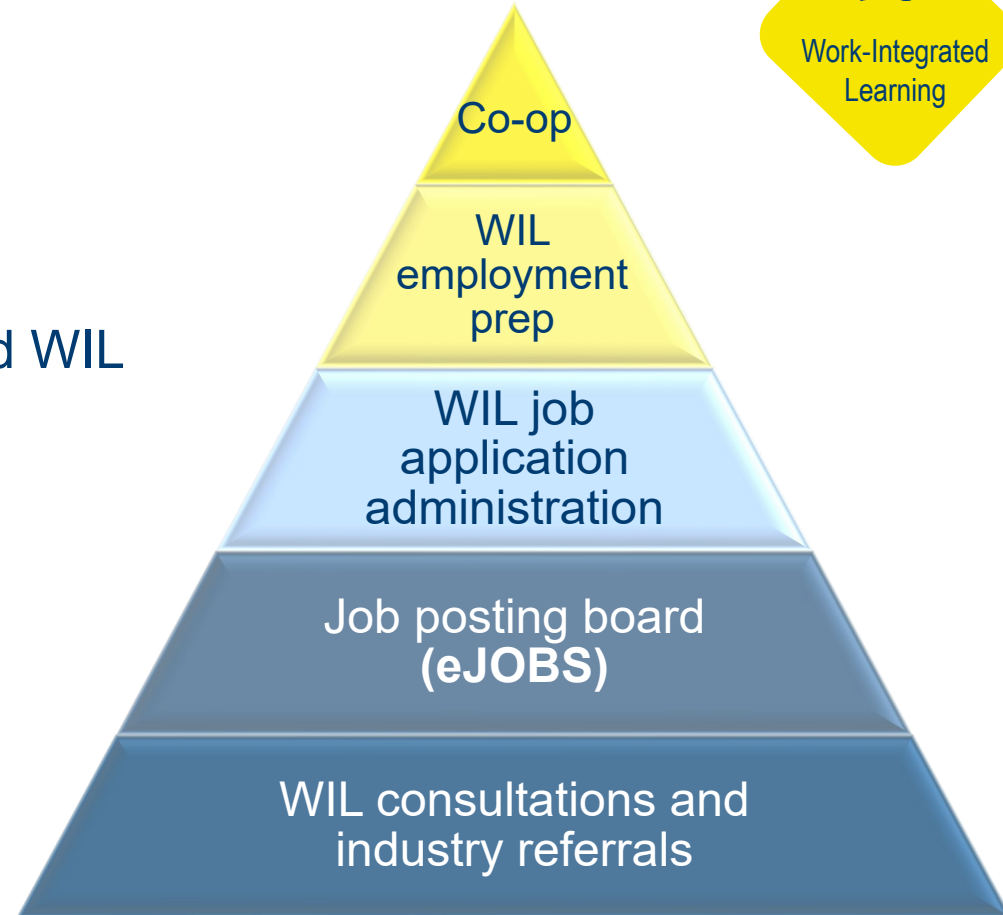


Centralizing WIL Operations – The Service



Initiatives:

- Student / program career support
- Internal outreach and support
 - Creating a common language around WIL
- External / industry support
- Producing resources
 - WIL toolkit
- WIL coordination



Centralizing WIL Operations – Next Steps

- Resolve resourcing challenges
- Support (not take over) all WIL on campus
- Centralized industry/employer WIL support and coordination
- Capturing all WIL on campus



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QUESTIONS



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