

## **Executive Summary**

This project created a transfer pathway from Seneca College's college diploma programs (Community Services programs) to a new BA in Educational Studies at York. The project involved two phases a) development/approval of a BA in Educational Studies (120 credits) and b) consultations and planning to support development of transfer pathways although it should be noted that ONCAT funds supported the latter phase. Curriculum mapping focused on a review and comparison of Learning Outcomes for the programs after it was determined that a one to one course mapping would not result in specific major credit to be awarded. The block credit awarded for these diplomas is more than the base block credit normally allocated and includes 12 credits (four semester courses) towards the Educational Studies major.

The development of transfer pathways were dependent upon the approval of a new BA in Educational Studies which required internal institutional approval and was approved by the Quality Council in April 2015. In consultation with Seneca College, three Community Services programs were identified for inclusion in the project: Child & Youth Worker, Early Childhood Education and Social Services Worker.

A review of program and course learning outcomes for both sending programs and the receiving program (new BA in Educational Studies) was completed and transfer pathway/articulation agreement approved in October 2017. The 45 block credits awarded for these diplomas is more than the base block credit normally allocated but aligns with other articulation agreements with these Seneca programs. These agreements identify 12 credits towards the Educational Studies major. The additional credits may be used as elective credits. Students will complete a minimum of 75 additional credits (5 semesters) to complete a 120 credits Honours degree at York University.

Three Articulation Agreements (Social Services Worker Diploma programs to Educational Studies; Early Childhood Education Diploma to Educational Studies; Child and Youth Care Advanced Diploma to Educational Studies) were signed in November 2017 and students will be able to access the pathway effective Winter 2018.