

Executive Summary

This project explored new credit transfer pathway opportunities and sought to enhance existing ones. The project aimed to benefit the graduates of three Bachelor degree programs offered at Saint Paul University (SPU) and five Ontario College Diploma (OCD) programs offered at Algonquin College (AC). The initial objective of the project was to create at least six enhanced and reciprocal pathways.

Learning outcomes from the AC diploma programs were mapped with those of SPU in the first stage of the project. A thorough analysis was conducted based on program learning outcomes as well as course learning outcomes/requirements (CLRs). Based on these analyses, both institutions agreed upon an efficient and seamless transfer from AC programs to SPU programs, who were able to offer the graduates of those programs the maximum credits available on the basis of their courses completed in the diploma programs.

The primary goal of this project was to enhance existing pathways between Algonquin College and Saint Paul University in the areas identified as priorities by project team members from both institutions. These areas included Social Service Worker, Law Clerk, Police Foundations, Personal Support Worker and Veterinary Technician programs at AC and Bachelor of Arts programs in Human Relations and Spirituality, Conflict Studies and Public Ethics at SPU.

During the detailed mapping process, the teams recognized that Veterinary Technician OCD did not align sufficiently with SPU degree programs to be awarded the maximum credits, and therefore was dropped from pathway consideration. Also, the Personal Support Worker (PSW) program was replaced by Developmental Services Worker Ontario College Diploma program for pathway possibilities. PSW was initially intended to be mapped to the SPU Public Ethics degree, however being a one year Ontario College Certificate program, it was difficult to transfer into a 2+2 pathway.

The program mapping exercise was very productive and managed to create 12 distinct pathways for AC students into SPU degree programs.

Summary of these pathways is as follows:

1. Developmental Services Worker (DSW) OCD to Honours BA in Public Ethics
2. DSW OCD to Honours BA in Human Relations and Spirituality
3. DSW OCD to Honours BA in Conflict Studies
4. Police Foundations OCD to Honours BA in Public Ethics
5. Police Foundations OCD to Honours BA in Human Relations and Spirituality
6. Police Foundations OCD to Honours BA in Conflict Studies
7. Social Service Worker (SSW) OCD to Honours BA in Public Ethics
8. SSW OCD to Honours BA in Human Relations and Spirituality
9. SSW OCD to Honours BA in Conflict Studies
10. Law Clerk OCD to Honours BA in Public Ethics
11. Law Clerk OCD to Honours BA in Human Relations and Spirituality
12. Law Clerk OCD to Honours BA in Conflict Studies

(Please see Appendix A of the full report for details)

Students entering SPU, having graduated from the above identified AC programs, will now be able to receive 60 block transfer credits towards 120 credit honours degree programs at SPU.e. This is an enhanced block, as previous pathways from diploma programs were typically awarded 30-39 block credits.

These agreements were signed by the two institutions in August 2017 and are already available to AC graduates seeking admission in these programs.

Stage two of this project involved a detailed mapping of degree programs at SPU into AC diploma programs and the aim of the project was to explore the possibilities of awarding maximum credits for these reverse pathways.

Summary of these pathways is as follows:

1. Developmental Services Worker (DSW) OCD from Honours BA in Public Ethics – 1 course credit
2. DSW OCD from Honours BA in Human Relations and Spirituality – 5 course credits
3. DSW OCD from Honours BA in Conflict Studies – 2 course credits
4. Police Foundations OCD from Honours BA in Public Ethics – 3 course credits
5. Police Foundations OCD from Honours BA in Human Relations and Spirituality – 5 course credits
6. Police Foundations OCD from Honours BA in Conflict Studies – 6 course credits
7. Social Service Worker (SSW) OCD from Honours BA in Public Ethics – 3 course credits
8. SSW OCD from Honours BA in Human Relations and Spirituality – 4 course credits
9. SSW OCD from Honours BA in Conflict Studies – 5 course credits
10. Law Clerk OCD from Honours BA in Public Ethics – 2 course credits
11. Law Clerk OCD from Honours BA in Human Relations and Spirituality – 2 course credits
12. Law Clerk OCD from Honours BA in Conflict Studies – 4 course credits

(Please see Appendix B of the full report for details)

These agreements are currently in their draft form and are expected to be signed by the two institutions by March 2018 and will be available to SPU graduates seeking admission in these programs in Fall 2018. These agreements and the agreements signed in the first stage of the project will all be posted to ONTransfer.ca before the end of March 2018.