PROVINCIAL COUNCILS ON CREDIT TRANSFER: COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIPS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into as of the ___ day of _____, 20__ between the Alberta Council on Admissions and Transfer (ACAT), British Columbia Council on Admissions and Transfer (BCCAT), New Brunswick Council on Articulations and Transfer (NBCAT), and Ontario Council on Articulation and Transfer (ONCAT).

The above parties share the belief that credit transfer and student mobility are key aspects of their respective provincial post-secondary systems. Significant numbers of students transfer among post-secondary institutions each year because they view access to different post-secondary experiences as useful to their educational and career success. At the same time, post-secondary institutions are increasingly faced with the need to respond to students who want to know what credit they will be granted for their previous studies and expect that they will be not be required to repeat demonstrated prior learning relevant to the programs of study they are pursuing.

As such, the purpose of this MoU is for the four provincial Councils responsible for credit transfer and student mobility to work together to enhance higher education credit transfer and student mobility within and across their jurisdictions, and on a pan-Canadian basis. Achievement of this goal will be facilitated through consultation and the exchange of information, as well as appropriate collaborative projects and communication initiatives to be agreed upon by the parties. The parties will enhance information channels for students, help institutions in building additional pathways, and engage in research and knowledge gathering to develop comprehensive and transparent pan-Canadian credit transfer and student mobility processes. The relationship between ACAT, BCCAT, NBCAT, and ONCAT will respect shared principles of trust and open communication, and reflect mutual understanding and appreciation of the values and strengths of each organization and their primary responsibility for overseeing transfer and articulation in their respective jurisdictions.

ACAT, BCCAT, NBCAT, and ONCAT agree to collaborate for the purpose of improving understanding and facilitating effective practice in credit transfer and student mobility across provincial jurisdictions and on a pan-Canadian basis. The parties further agree that taking a greater leadership role, collectively, regarding pan-Canadian credit transfer and student mobility will be helpful in facilitating and aligning, where appropriate, separate initiatives that are currently underway and that emerge from time to time.

To this end, the four provincial organizations agree to use a coordinated approach when working with other organizations engaged in discussion about and pursuing projects relating to student mobility and credit transfer in Canada. Outreach organizations may include but are not limited to Colleges and Institutes Canada, the Association of Registrars of Universities and Colleges in Canada, the Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada, the Conference Board of Canada, the Council of Ministers of Education Canada, the Western Canadian Consortium on Admissions and Transfer, and the Pan-Canadian Consortium on Admissions and Transfer, as well as individual institutions and jurisdictions.

Areas of future collaboration between the parties may include, but are not limited to, the following, subject to approval of the respective Councils:

- Promotion of MOU and project partnerships on each Council's web site
- Joint annual updates and communications on developments on credit transfer and student mobility in each jurisdiction and on a pan-Canadian basis
- Referencing agreed upon pan-Canadian collaborations and shared action items in each Council's planning and reporting documents
- Publication of articulation / transfer credit agreements that member institutions from each jurisdiction have with other Canadian post-secondary institutions from other jurisdictions (where approved by the appropriate member institution(s))
- Research collaborations on bilateral and / or multi-lateral basis
- Development and sharing of cross-jurisdictional data and information related to pathways, student mobility and credit transfer, where possible and appropriate
- Joint promotion of the other parties' conferences, events and professional development opportunities

This MoU shall be effective as of the date first herein above noted and shall continue until terminated either by mutual agreement, or by not less than thirty (30) days' written notice from one organization to the other. Notwithstanding the foregoing, ACAT, BCCAT, NBCAT, and ONCAT shall review this MoU on a bi-annual basis to ensure that it properly reflects the goals and aspirations of the parties.

Signatures

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Robin Fisher, Chair Alberta Council on Admissions and Transfer	Date
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Roger Barnsley, Co-Chair BC Council on Admissions and Transfer	Date
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Rob Fleming, Co-Chair BC Council on Admissions and Transfer	Date
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Karen Grant, Chair New Brunswick Council on Articulations and Transfer	Date
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Dominic Giroux, Co-Chair Ontario Council on Articulation and Transfer	Date
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Glenn Vollebregt, Co-Chair Ontario Council on Articulation and Transfer	Date