



Enhancement and Creation of New Diploma to Degree Pathways Conestoga College and Wilfrid Laurier University



CONESTOGA

Connect Life and Learning

LAURIER



Inspiring Lives.

Laurier / Conestoga

~ A Seamless Pathway to Lifelong Learning ~



Seamless Student Experience



Active Learning Classroom



Memorandum of Understanding

Effective July 1st, 2012

Signed by Presidents of Conestoga and
Wilfrid Laurier University

Purpose of the Agreement

Sets out the principles and high level processes for collaboration between

Conestoga and Laurier

Goal is to facilitate partnership in the delivery of academic programs.

Collaboration may take a variety of forms.

Academic Collaboration Agreement(s)

Will be developed for each academic program
that involves the two parties

Each agreement will include details on a
number of issues

Student Services Collaboration (sub-agreements)

This section sets out the coordination and delivery of student services.

This section will be discussed in more detail later in the presentation

This section will establish the ground rules for the coordination and delivery of student services

The delivery of the services will be coordinated through Laurier Student Services and Conestoga College Student Services

Operation Collaboration

This section addresses the administration of services and the physical resources of the buildings owned or leased by a party to be used by the other party for an Education Program

It includes a discussion of a variety of issues

Administration

Both parties agree to facilitate successful integration by providing leadership and support

Both parties will designate “Academic Leaders”, “Operation Leaders”, and “Student Affairs Leaders”.

Accreditation and Review

Each party will maintain the standards and requirement, including applicable accreditation or other externally-imposed requirements.

Financial and Budget Administration

Both parties agree to a principle of full cost recovery for student services, the use of all facilities, and support services.

Any costs that may arise from academic collaboration may be the subject of an additional agreement.

Dispute Resolution

There are six levels of dispute resolution that will be applied in the resolution and any/all disputes that may arise between Laurier and Conestoga.

Terms and Review of the Agreement

This section sets out the time frame for the agreement

The initial agreement was for three years, at which time a comprehensive review will take place

There will be an automatic two-year extension unless the parties agree to terminate the agreement

Programming

Two new program partnerships between
Laurier and Conestoga.

Both programs on the Brantford Campus

- New Digital Media and Journalism Program
- Society, Culture, and Environment with
Green Management

Integrated Programming ???

What was the process of changing a Year 3 program option to an integrated Conestoga program on the Brantford Campus?

New Digital Media and Journalism

Journalism – need for redevelopment to update program

Cyclical Review – 2011-2012

Initial Faculty Meetings

Mandatory post-graduate certificate for
all DMJ students on the Brantford
Campus

Integrated concurrently into university
program

➤ Faculty Consultations before Senate approval:

- ✓ program faculty
- ✓ academic advisors
- ✓ recruitment
- ✓ registrar's office
- ✓ program development

Student Issues

Grading and Transcripts

Progression – Calendar info

Scheduling

Registration

Transfer applications

Staff Issues

~ Registration process document ~

WHEN	TASK	WHO	Additional Notes
March	Information Regarding Registration in Conestoga classes is included in the first year Registration Guide for new students.	Submitted by Academic Advising Laurier Associate Registrar Laurier to ensure Conestoga classes are included.	Academic dates for registration, dropping or adding courses follow Laurier calendars.
March	Information regarding registration in Conestoga classes for continuing students is included in Registration instructions for all students advertised by the Registrar's office.	Associate Registrar Laurier Brantford.	Academic dates for registration, dropping or adding courses follow Laurier calendars.
April	Ensure courses are inputted into the Laurier System.	Associate Registrar Laurier Brantford	
April	Days and times of classes are entered into the Laurier System.	Laurier Brantford Scheduling and Examinations Coordinator	

Faculty Issues

Academic Steering Committee

Academic Sub Committee

Admissions – Transfer credits? Timing?

Joint Faculty Meetings – How programs fit!

Institutional Issues – MOU APPENDIX

1. Faculty
2. Laurier Program Name
3. Conestoga Program Name(s):
~ Or ~ No Conestoga certificate awarded for this program:
4. Number of credits awarded towards the Laurier degree after completion of Conestoga courses: _____
5. Conestoga credits: *Optional for Laurier program* ~ Or ~ *Mandatory for Laurier Graduation*
6. Year 3 program: ~ Or ~ Concurrent Program:

Financial Issues

➤ Ongoing





OPEN COMMUNICATION!

Year Three Programs

Six programs currently running Year 3 agreements

Faculty reviews course outlines for certificates

Confirmation of Conestoga's plans

Financial obligations for students

Green Management

Number of credits

Pre-requisites

GPA requirements

Process for applying, returning to
Laurier

Registration Process

	Process	When
1.	A representative from Conestoga College delivers a presentation to year 2 Journalism students regarding completing their third year at Conestoga. A Release of Information Authorization Form (see Appendix) is provided to interested students.	November
2.	Students complete the Release of Information Authorization Form and submit it to the Journalism Program Coordinator for approval no later than February 1. Coordinator approves eligible students after fall term final grades are made official. Journalism provides completed Information Authorization Forms to Conestoga.	November - February 1
3.	Students may begin to apply to Conestoga through the Ontario College Application Service (OCAS) and order their official Laurier transcript to be sent immediately (no need to wait for winter term grades).	Beginning December 1
4.	Laurier Journalism Program Coordinator notifies Assistant Registrar, Brantford of approved students. Assistant Registrar notifies students of approval copying Laurier's Academic Advising department in Brantford.	February
5.	Conestoga begins sending early conditional offers of admission to Laurier applicants.	Beginning February 1

Collaborative Staff Experience



Inclusive Student Handbook



Laurier ONECARD



Aboriginal Student Centre



Accessible Learning Centre



Wilkes House Athletics and Recreation



Stedman Community Bookstore



Career Development Centre



Student Wellness Centre



Writing Centre



Student Researcher

~ Focus Groups, Surveys, Interviews ~



"New Students"

~ Mature Students, Transfer Students & Commuter Students ~



Student Commuter Lounge



Laurier / Conestoga

~ Our Students ~

