

Pathways from Sheridan College's Journalism Diploma Programs to Ryerson University's BJourn Program

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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In March 2013, Ryerson University began working with Sheridan College to establish an articulation agreement that would see graduates of Sheridan's diplomas in Print Journalism and in Broadcast Journalism free to apply for accelerated admission to Ryerson's BJourn degree program with advanced standing. This project was supported by the Ontario Council on Articulation and Transfer (ONCAT). Ryerson faculty and staff worked in collaboration with Sheridan faculty and staff to assess Sheridan's program and courses and map equivalencies to Ryerson courses.

As a result of these efforts, an equivalency map was developed for each of the two Sheridan journalism diplomas. According to these maps, graduates of each Sheridan journalism program would be eligible to apply for admission to the four-year Ryerson BJourn degree and, if accepted, to aim for completion of Ryerson studies within two and a half years.

An articulation agreement to this effect was signed by the two institutions in June 2014, and, the following September, a pilot group of Sheridan graduates entered the Ryerson BJourn program. All students are now on track to successful completion of Ryerson studies by December 2016.

Key Milestones

Id.	Title	Planned completion date	Actual completion date
1	Negotiate and plan the admissions criteria and process	2013-11-30	2013-11-23
2	Plot course equivalencies; sign articulation agreement	2014-06-30	2014-06-15
3	Plan and manage transition	2014-06-30	2014-06-30
4.	Counsel students applying to pilot cohort (3 students)	2014-08-31	2014-08-31
5.	Publicize the opportunity at Sheridan	2014-12-31	2014-12-31
6.	Assess pilot cohort's experience and modify transfer pathways or logistics, as necessary	2015-01-31	2015-01-31
7.	Make final adjustments and conclude the project.	2015-05-31	2015-03-15