

Ontario College High Affinity Diplomas to Fanshawe and Seneca Colleges “Honours Bachelor of Commerce Degrees” Transfer Pathways Project

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Background

- Joint Fanshawe and Seneca project supported by ONCAT funding
- To create transfer pathways from 24 Ontario College 'high affinity' diploma & advanced diploma programs to eight Honours Bachelor of Commerce degree programs
- Building on existing articulations for diploma graduates in all colleges
- Facilitated by a previous Ontario Heads of Business ONCAT project



Diploma to Degree Pathways-Fanshawe

Pathways for two and three year diploma graduates from Business, Accounting, Human Resources, and Marketing

Fanshawe College business degrees:

- Honours Bachelor of Commerce (Management)
- Honours Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)
- Honours Bachelor of Commerce (Human Resources Management)
- Honours Bachelor of Commerce (Digital Marketing)



Diploma to Degree Pathways-Seneca

Pathways for two and three year diploma graduates from Business, Finance, Human Resources and Accounting programs

Seneca College's degrees:

- Honours Bachelor of Commerce-Business Management
- Honours Bachelor of Commerce-Financial Services Management
- Honours Bachelor of Commerce-Human Resources Strategy and Technology
- Honours Bachelor of Commerce-International Accounting and Finance



Methodology

Mapping of College diploma MTCU Program Standards against each degree's Program Outcomes to identify significant gaps in content and/or complexity

Mapping individual degree curriculum against courses contained with each college diploma

235 Agreements tailored to ensure degree level course curriculum and overall program outcomes are met



Degree Completion Models

2-Year High Affinity
Diploma Graduate



5 academic semesters
in degree program + 1
paid co-op term

*with required GPA
and any identified gap
courses completed



**4-Year Honours
Bachelor of
Commerce Degree**

3-Year High Affinity
Advanced Diploma
Graduate



3 academic semesters
in degree program + 1
paid co-op term

*with required GPA
and any identified gap
courses completed



**4-Year Honours
Bachelor of
Commerce Degree**

Articulation Agreement Sample-Fanshawe to Seneca

Transfer Agreement Seneca College Business– Accounting Diploma to Fanshawe College Honours Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) Degree

Agreement Details

Eligibility for Pathway

Graduates of Seneca College's Business – Accounting diploma program with a minimum B+ average or cumulative 3.5 GPA or 75% will be eligible to enter level four of Fanshawe College's Honours Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) degree program. Applicants must submit a transcript with their application.

Credit Transfer and Required Courses

Students graduating from Seneca College's two-year Business – Accounting diploma program will receive credit for courses equivalent to levels one to three of the Honours Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) degree program.

A gap analysis between the learning outcomes of the Honours Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) degree program and those contained in the provincial program standard for the Business– Accounting diploma program was undertaken to determine the credit transfer. In addition, a gap analysis between the courses in the Honours Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) degree program and those in Seneca College's Business – Accounting diploma program was conducted to determine any additional courses that would be required to meet the requirements of the Honours Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) degree.

Summer level four bridging courses required in the Honours Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) degree program from the Business- Accounting diploma are **Argumentation & Persuasion, Ethics in a Global Context, Operations Management, Quantitative Methods and a Non-Core Elective.**

The gap analysis identified the following additional courses to be completed before graduating from the Fanshawe College Honours Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) degree program*.

- SYST 7001 Business Information Systems

It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that their diploma and degree course grades are in compliance with the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario professional accounting qualifications and standards for the CPA (Chartered Professional Accountant) and ACAF (Advanced Certificate in Accounting and Finance) designations, upon entrance to and graduation from the Fanshawe College Honours Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) program.

Anticipated Schedule of Student Progression

Five academic terms plus one paid co-op term. If gap courses were identified, there may be additional time needed to complete courses prior to graduation from the Honours Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) degree program.

Terms for Renewal or Cancellation

All Fanshawe College pathways will have a review date of three years from the date of implementation. Pathways may have a shorter review date if substantive curriculum changes are made to either the sending or receiving program. Students enrolled in the receiving institution at the time of any change or notice of termination will be given the opportunity to complete their studies based on the terms of the transfer pathway in effect at the time of their enrollment.

Credential to be granted on successful completion of all required components

Honours Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)

*It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that all degree requirements are met prior to graduation. It is strongly suggested that students meet with their program coordinator to review their program completion plan.

Fanshawe College reserves the right to adhere to all academic and administrative policies relative to the students in this program including areas such as grades, academic progression, academic integrity, accessibility, code of conduct, tuition.

Benefits for Diploma Graduates

- Comfort with college environment – small classes, personal attention
- Guaranteed transfer credits upfront
- Mandatory co-op
- College degrees – blend of theoretical and applied learning



Benefits for Diploma Graduates

- Specific course requirements for degree completion
- Favourable time to completion
- Pathways are clearly linked to requirements of professional bodies & certifications
- Minimum grade (GPA) requirements for eligibility are explicit



Communication of Articulation Agreements

- Fanshawe and Seneca College will post the information online, other colleges have the option to post
- Individual colleges—unique agreements distributed to each college
- ONTransfer.ca
- Fanshawe and Seneca staff and faculty awareness of pathway agreements including advisors, program coordinators, transfer credit staff, etc.



Challenges

Access to detailed course information

‘Point-in-time’ agreements that are based on current curriculum

- Past or future grads may have different degree pathway
- Student, college staff, faculty may have to ‘dig up’ course information to assess

Grade policy differences from one college to another

- Challenge for faculty and students in assessment



Opportunities

Capitalize on past research and mapping of college to college courses—
ONCAT Business Transfer Project

Transfer intakes on OCAS indicating advanced standing



Measuring Success of Transfer Students

Tracking students through the process to measure success through transfer



Facilitating Accessibility for Students

- *Practice transparency* - post detailed course information online for easy access
- *The Past is important* - post archived course information online for easy access
- *Compliance*—ensure college diploma courses are compliant with provincial standards, professional designation standards for credits
- *Degree entrance requirements*—ensure college diploma programs include courses required for access to degree opportunities



Questions?



Thank-you

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