BUILDING PATHWAYS BETWEEN DEGREES AND GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

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Agenda

- Why build pathways between degrees and graduate certificates?
- Examples of two new pathways at Algonquin College
- What are the possibilities, barriers and solutions for future pathways?



WHY?

- Student retention and recruitment
- Recognition of need for workplace ready skills
- Personalized learning options
- Blended delivery options





TWO NEW PATHWAYS



- Bachelor of Public Safety *and* Emergency Management Ontario College Graduate Certificate – Algonquin College
- Bachelor of Psychology and Autism and Behavioral Science Ontario College Graduate Certificate – Laurentian University and Algonquin College





BACHELOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT





BACKGROUND

- Online Emergency Management Graduate Certificate developed in 2011
- Bachelor of Public Safety launching in fall 2018 - on campus program

5 - 6 courses in emergency management

- Need to delineate intent/outcomes of each program and market to different audiences
 - Create opportunities to ladder from degree into graduate certificate and vice versa





WHERE WE ARE NOW

- Advanced standing in graduate certificate for graduates of Bachelor of Public Safety - one term rather than two
- Emergency Management graduates can be granted 5 course credits in Bachelor of Public Safety and may qualify for PLAR for others depending on their work experience









BACHELOR OF PSYCHOLOGY

AUTISM AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE





BACKGROUND

- Students without career path of clinical PSYC (Grad school) were disengaged / more likely to drop out.
- Set out to find pathways for students who did not necessarily have A+ average.
- Chance meeting at CAUCE/CNIE 2016









Regular option - 4 year plan

	Fall	Winter		
Year 3	 6 upper year Laurentian credits 3 courses from Algonquin 	 3 core Laurentian courses (9 credits) 2 courses from Algonquin 		
Year 4	 3 theory courses from Algonquin 1 placement course	1 theory course from AlgonquinFinal placement course		

Fast track - 3 year plan with summer term between Year 2 and 3				
	Fall	Winter	Summer	
Year 2	• 5 Laurentian courses	• 5 Laurentian courses	5 theory courses from Algonquin	
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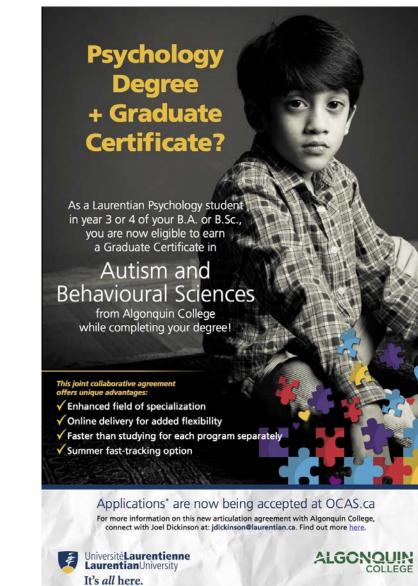






WHERE WE ARE NOW

- Launching advertising
- Student Advising
 - garnered much interest
 - Exploring more pathways
- Online Programming
 - Expanded
 - Interest from Indigenous
 outreach coordinators





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FUTURE VISION



- Admission requirements to Graduate Certificates
 - diploma or degree always required?
 - 2 years of an undergraduate degree with specific courses completed?
- Should we be promoting joint degree/graduate certificate pathways?
 Are there other pathways in existence?
- Funding/revenue issues?
 - Institution and student



THANK YOU

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