



## **OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR**

### **Admission Criteria – English Language Proficiency for International Students**

To: Curriculum and Program Review Committee

From: Joe Stokes, Associate Registrar, Enrolment Services

Re: Stafford House International Partnership Agreement

Date: 10/31/17

Motion: That CPRC approve the addition of a partnership with Stafford House International allowing international students who successfully complete Stafford's Intensive English Program to be evaluated for admission without the presentation of a standardized English language test.

In an effort to increase the quality of UOIT's undergraduate international applicant pool, the Office of the Registrar is proposing an admission based partnership with Stafford House International. UOIT had a previously established partnership with Omnicom School of Languages. Omnicom was acquired by Stafford House in 2016. This partnership would allow for international students who have successfully completed Stafford's Intensive English Program to be evaluated for admission to UOIT programs on a competitive basis without the presentation of a standardized English language test (TOEFL, MELAB, CAEL etc.). Nursing and Education applicants would be required to complete level 7 of Stafford's Intensive English Program. Applicants to all other undergraduate program will be required to complete level 6.

Stafford's Intensive English Program are currently recognized by Algoma University, Durham College, Centennial College and Georgian College under similar agreements. There are 14 other partners pending review due to the change in ownership. After a full review of the curriculum, it has been determined that Stafford House International would provide superior English preparation for UOIT applicants. This agreement would become effective for the May 2018 intake.

Attachment: Profile of Stafford House International for Proposed ESL Partnership

CC. Brad MacIsaac, AVP Planning and Registrar

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## Stafford House International

[www.staffordhouse.com](http://www.staffordhouse.com)

### DLI number

DLI O19516888332

### About/History

In 2016, Omnicom School of Languages was acquired by Stafford House International, the English Language division of Cambridge Education Group, the first provider of foundation programs in the UK and a leading international education provider since 1952. UOIT had an existing partnership with Omnicom at the top of the acquisition. Stafford House currently operates languages schools in 6 major North American cities, 4 in the USA and 2 in Canada.

### Campus Locations

Toronto campus

5 Park Home Ave., 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toronto ON

Calgary campus

#840, 6 Ave SW #100, Calgary AB

### Accreditation

Stafford House is accredited with Languages Canada.

### **Enrolment Breakdown**

Enrolment is generally between 120 and 200 students depending on the time of year. There are currently 12 students pursuing a university pathway program.

Student population is relatively diverse, with the following breakdown:

Brazilian – 30%

Saudi Arabian – 25%

Korean – 15%

Japanese – 11%

Chinese – 9%

Taiwanese – 5%

Other – 5%

In the summer term, the school also receives a large cohort of Italian students.

### **Curriculum**

Stafford House has developed their own curriculum. In Level 6 and 7 (pathway students), the program is designed for intensive English in the morning, with the afternoons focusing on Academic Preparation. Students must achieve an 80% passing average with an attendance record of at least 80%.

### **Faculty**

Faculty engage with the students and work with each student individually to guide their success. Most faculty have been working at the school for long-term. Many of the faculty also have overseas teaching experience.

### **Current University Partnerships**

Algoma University, Durham College, Centennial College, Georgian College, Toronto Film School, Anderson College. 14 other partners are pending review due to change in ownership.

### **Site Visit/Post Phone Conference Thoughts**

Very pleased with site visit. The school has recently gone through a complete renovation and is modern. The staff is very professional, and adaptable to the needs of the students. There is a strictly enforced English only policy, with a three strikes your out rule.

Recommendation: Agreement for pathway to all undergraduate programs. Complete of Level 6 to enter all programs with the exception of Nursing and Education. These two programs will require completion of Level 7.