

ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

ACTION REQUESTED:

Recommendation
Decision
Discussion/Direction
Information

DATE: 23 February 2021

FROM: Undergraduate Studies Committee

SUBJECT: Minor Program Adjustment – Allied Health Sciences Bridge

COMMITTEE MANDATE:

In accordance with Section 1. b) of the Undergraduate Studies Committee (USC) Terms of Reference, USC has the responsibility “to approve minor program adjustments and report them to Academic Council for information.”

USC is presenting this change to Academic Council for information.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:

The Faculty is proposing to add three Georgian College ‘feeder’ programs to the list of acceptable programs for admission. Students with the Social Services Worker diploma will need to take an additional course in Medical Terminology online before being eligible for admission. In addition, 4 optional electives will be added to the program to facilitate students who wish to move on to the Work Disability Prevention Graduate Diploma (WDP). Taking one or more of these elective courses would make a student eligible for advanced standing in the WDP (proposal for this pathway at GSC this month).

RESOURCES REQUIRED:

The Faculty will need to offer the WDP courses every year, which will be taught by current sessional instructors. Enrollments in the program are expected to increase and the Faculty has the capacity to accommodate new students.

TRANSITION PLAN:

Georgian students will be able to apply as of Fall 2021. Any students enrolled in the Allied Health program as of Fall 2021 will have the option to take the WDP courses.

CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:

USC: January 19th, 2021

Faculty Council: January 6th, 2021

Much of the developmental work for this pathway was done in consultation with partners from Georgian college through an ONCAT grant. At Ontario Tech the Associate Deans of the Undergraduate and Graduate programs, the BAHSc program committee, and CIQE were all been consulted.

NEXT STEPS:

This change will be included in the 2021-2022 Academic Calendar.

SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:

- [Minor Program Adjustment Proposal](#)

For Reference, [WDP Pathway proposal](#)