

ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

ACTION REQUESTED:

Recommendation
Decision
Discussion/Direction
Information

DATE: 26 October 2021

PRESENTED BY: Undergraduate Studies Committee

SUBJECT: Toronto District School Board ELP partnership

COMMITTEE MANDATE:

- Under the Policy Framework, Policy Owners must consult with deliberative bodies before presenting draft policy instruments to the approval authority for approval
- Undergraduate Studies Committee (USC) has a mandate of maintaining the academic standards set by Academic Council and to serve as deliberative bodies for academic policy instruments
- The Undergraduate Studies Committee is presenting the Toronto District School Board ELP partnership and recommends approval by Academic Council

MOTION:

That pursuant to the recommendation of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, Academic Council hereby approves the Toronto District School Board English Language Proficiency Partnership.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:

In an effort to continue to grow the undergraduate international student population at Ontario Tech University, the Office of the Registrar is proposing a partnership with the Toronto District School Board (TDSB). This partnership would allow international students attending a number of TDSB Adult Learning Centres to be evaluated for admission to Ontario Tech University undergraduate programs that require a 6.5 IELTS on a competitive basis without the presentation of a standardized English language test (IELTS, TOEFL, DET etc.). To qualify, students must achieve a minimum of 70% in grade 12 English (ENG4U) or a minimum of 65% in both grade 11 (ENG3U) and grade 12 (ENG4U) English.

For programs that require a 7.0 IELTS (Nursing and Education), graduates of one of the aforementioned schools can opt to enrol in Level 6 at Ontario Tech University's English Language Centre (ELC) or submit an IELTS of 7.0 (or equivalent).

These standards are based on a long-standing existing partnership with Columbia International College (CIC) in Hamilton, ON. Given the standardized provincial English curriculum and the successful CIC partnership, the Registrar believes that these requirements are appropriate. A number of Canadian colleges and universities have entered into similar partnerships with the TDSB. The Office of the Registrar is confident that participation in the TDSB's Academic Pathway Program will provide the necessary English preparation for Ontario Tech University applicants.

CONSULTATION:

Deliberative Body: USC September 2021 for recommendation

Approval Authority: Academic Council October 2021

The development of this language pathway has been done in consultation with the Office of the Registrar and the Toronto District School Board (TDSB). In June 2021, our Director, Admissions and Recruitment met with the coordinator of the TDSB Adult Education International program; both parties considered a partnership to be mutually beneficial. Specifically, this partnership will help build awareness of Ontario Tech and our program offerings in a key market and will help achieve enrolment goals.

NEXT STEPS:

Pending the approval of Academic Council for approval, this agreement would become effective for the September 2022 intake.

SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:

- Memo from the University Registrar
- TDSB Pathway Programs Booklet



OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

Policy Change Proposal

To: Undergraduate Studies Committee

From: Joe Stokes, University Registrar

Re: Toronto District School Board ELP partnership

Date: September 2021

In an effort to continue to grow the undergraduate international student population at Ontario Tech University, the Office of the Registrar is proposing a partnership with the Toronto District School Board (TDSB).

This partnership would allow for international students attending one of the following TDSB Adult Learning Centres to be evaluated for admission to Ontario Tech University undergraduate programs that require a 6.5 IELTS on a competitive basis without the presentation of a standardized English language test (IELTS, TOEFL, DET etc.):

- **City Adult Learning Centre (CALC)**
 - 1 Danforth Ave, Toronto, ON
- **Yorkdale Adult Learning Centre and Secondary School**
 - 38 Orfus Rd, North York, ON
- **Burnhamthorpe Adult Learning Centre**
 - 500 The East Mall, Etobicoke, ON
- **Scarborough Centre for Alternative Studies**
 - 720 Midland Ave, Scarborough, ON
- **Emery Adult Learning Centre**
 - 3395 Weston Rd, North York, ON

To qualify for this exemption, students must achieve a minimum of 70% in grade 12 English (ENG4U) **or** a minimum of 65% in **both** grade 11 (ENG3U) and grade 12 (ENG4U) English.

For programs that require a 7.0 IELTS (Nursing and Education), graduates of one of the aforementioned schools can opt to enrol in Level 6 at Ontario Tech University's English Language Centre (ELC) or submit an IELTS of 7.0 (or equivalent).

These standards are based on a long-standing existing partnership with Columbia International College (CIC) in Hamilton, ON. Given the standardized provincial English curriculum and the successful CIC partnership, we believe that these requirements are appropriate.

The following Canadian colleges and universities have entered into similar partnerships with the TDSB and do not require presentation of a standardized English language test:

- Wilfrid Laurier University
- University of Prince Edward Island
- Centennial College
- Langara College

We are confident that participation in the TDSB's Academic Pathway Program will provide the necessary English preparation for Ontario Tech University applicants. This agreement would become effective for the September 2022 intake.



Toronto District School Board

Pathway Programs



www.tdsbinternational.com



Toronto District School Board

Continuing Education

University and College Academic Pathway Program Adult International Students



Program

Toronto District School Board's Academic Pathway Program is available to adult international students who wish to attend a Canadian college or university but do not meet the English language proficiency.



Quick Facts about the TDSB

- The TDSB is the largest school board in Canada and fourth largest school board in North America.
- We have nearly 600 schools serving approximately 247,000 students each year.
- There are 42,000 employees working at the TDSB.



Program Structure

- Four 9-week semesters each year.
- Students can earn up to 3 credits in each semester.
- Each credit is 2 hours per day.
- 7 levels of English and other subjects to meet university/college specific requirements.



Program Features

- Teachers are highly qualified and experienced members of the Ontario College of Teachers.
- Earn Canadian high school credits.
- Ontario Ministry of Education curriculum, recognized by all Canadian colleges and universities.
- Guidance counselors at each school to help you choose and apply to university or college.
- Flexible semesters and start dates.
- Peer support and cultural exchange programs available.
- Access to gym, computer labs, and school library.

Semester Start and End Dates

- September – November
- November – February
- February – April
- April – June

* Each semester is 9 weeks in duration and students can take up to 3 credits/courses.

Tuition Fees

- Each credit is \$2,000.
- 2 credits per semester (9 weeks, 4 hours per day) \$4,000.
- Full academic year – 10 months | \$16,000.

*Tuition fees include: health insurance coverage, materials, and participation fees.

List of partner colleges and universities

No English proficiency test score is required to enter these institutions.

- Wilfrid Laurier University - Waterloo, Ontario
- Centennial College - Toronto, Ontario
- Langara College - Vancouver, British Columbia
- University of Prince Edward Island - Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island
- triOS College - Toronto, Ontario
- Evergreen College - Toronto, Ontario
- Yorkville University - Toronto, Ontario
- Toronto Film School - Toronto, Ontario

*For admission to institutions not on the list, English proficiency test scores may be required.

TDSB 5 Adult Learning Centres

1. **City Adult Learning Centre (CALC)**
– Downtown Toronto
2. **Yorkdale Adult Learning Centre & Secondary School**
– North York (Yorkdale)
3. **Burnhamthorpe Adult Learning Centre**
– Etobicoke
4. **Scarborough Centre for Alternative Studies**
– Scarborough
5. **Emery Adult learning Centre**
– North Etobicoke

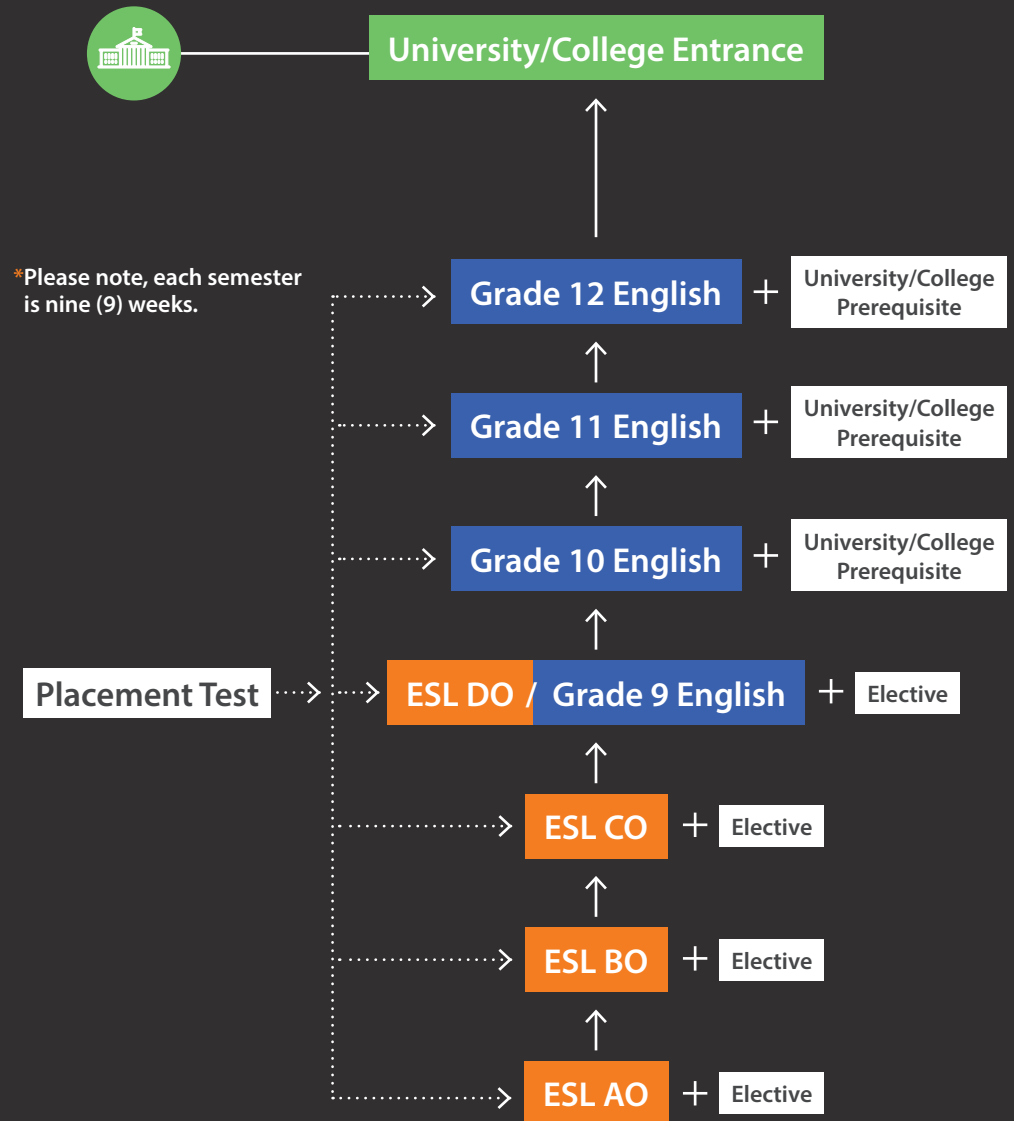
* All our adult high schools are easily accessible by Toronto public transit and are close to shopping malls and restaurants.

* All five TDSB Adult Learning Centres are recognized Designated Learning Institutions (DLI's) by Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

* Letters of Acceptance can be issued through the TDSB for study permit application purposes.

Level Placement

No IELTS or TOEFL score required to enter the Canadian college or university of your choice



City Adult Learning Centre

1 Danforth Ave, Toronto, ON M4K 1M8

Total Number of Students

1,500

School Website

www.calconline.net

Academic Year

Registration takes place each Quad.

Quads begin in September, November, February and April.



Highlights

- City Adult Learning Centre (CALC) is a secondary school that offers an academic program for adult students who wish to earn the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). An adult student is defined as one who is 21 years of age or older. CALC is an adult day school but subject to the regulations and procedures for Continuing Education.
- Supports available includes: Education and Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR), Client Care Coordinator and Nurse Practitioners (from South Riverdale Community Health Centre), School Settlement Workers, and the Immigrant Women's Health Centre.
- English assessment conducted on-site with sample assessments available online, including Math and Science.

Specialized Programs

- Canex Co-Op is a full-time program. It provides Canadian work experience and gives you the chance to explore a career to ensure you're making the right choice for your future. It involves an ESL assessment and an interview with a CanEx teacher in the co-op department. There is an opportunity to get hired by the employer, but this is not guaranteed. This is a voluntary experience. We will help you find a placement or you can choose to find your own.
- Child Care Assistant Certificate Program combines in-school studies and co-operative education in a licensed child care facility. Focus is on child behaviour and development from 0 to 12 years of age, where one will learn the needed skills and strategies for effective and professional care giving.
- Personal Support Worker (PSW) requires an English Assessment if you do not have ENG3C. PSW's are trained as healthcare professionals who will contribute to the quality of life of individuals and families in a variety of health care and home settings. You will learn skills and knowledge as a PSW, while gaining experience in a healthcare environment. It involves an interview with a CALC staff member.
- Guidance Counsellors are available to help plan your educational and career pathways from course selection, post-secondary planning and applications and career explorations.
- ESL Supports.

Sports, Clubs and Activities

Join one of our fitness classes, such as CO-ED Bootcamp.

Yorkdale Adult Learning Centre & Secondary School

38 Orfus Rd, North York, ON M6A 1L6

Total Number of Students

1,700

School Website

www.yorkdale.net

Academic Year

Registration takes place each Quad.

Quads begin in September, November, February and April.



Highlights

We offer learners a wide variety of programs to choose from.

- Improve your English language skills through our ESL credit courses.
- Gain Canadian work experience and expand your professional network through Co-op.
- Earn credits towards your high school diploma.
- Upgrade high school grades.
- Earn a professional certificate through one of our vocational training certificate courses.
- Get the credits you need for college or university.

We are pleased to inform you that all TDSB adult high schools are recognized as Designated Learning Institutions (DLI) by Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

Specialized Programs

Co-op Programs

Experience life in Toronto, improve your English for the workplace, and gain valuable Canadian work experience through our 18 week co-op programs.

Adult Certificate Programs for International learners

Get career-building skills and prepare for post-secondary education with our technical certificate programs. Courses of study include business/ information technology, hairstyling, personal support worker, child care assistant, and personal trainer.

ESL Support available

Introduction to Health Care

Sports, Clubs and Activities

- Fitness Centre, Music, Gaming, Chess, Art, Karaoke.
- Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball, Badminton.

Burnhamthorpe Adult Learning Centre

The East Mall, Etobicoke, ON M9B 2C4

Total Number of Students

563

School Website

<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/burnhamthorpealc/>

Academic Year

Registration takes place each Quad.

Quads begin in September, November, February and April.



Highlights

- **BCALC offers credit courses for adult students who want to:**
 - Complete the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).
 - Prepare for post graduate education at college and university.
 - Enter training programs.
 - Improve English and build communication skills.
 - Upgrade new skills and academic qualifications for a career change.
- **BCALC also offers: ESL Support, Co-Operative Education and Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR).**
- **BCALC Guidance support services include:**
 - Planning for post-secondary education and applications for college, university, apprenticeship and employment.
 - Assistance with course selection, career counselling and goal-setting.
 - Registration for night school, summer school & e-learning.
 - Job counselling & resume assistance.
 - Assistance with volunteer opportunities.
- **English assessment upon registration.**
- **Evaluation of school records from previous years and other countries into Ontario equivalent credits through PLAR.**

Specialized Programs

- Credit Courses
- Co-Operative Education
- ESL

Sports, Clubs and Activities

Join one of our fitness classes, such as CO-ED Bootcamp.

Scarborough Centre for Alternative Studies

720 Midland Ave, Scarborough, ON M1K 4C9

Total Number of Students

1,600

School Website

www.scasonline.com

Academic Year

Registration takes place each Quad.

Quads begin in September, November, February and April.

Highlights

Our school represents a unique opportunity for adult students to learn new skills, develop new ways of thinking and to change direction in life. Whether you are completing the requirements of The Ontario Secondary School Diploma, learning English or earning the prerequisites for a post-secondary program, SCAS provides a supportive and encouraging learning environment. Our classes focus on learning by doing, on solving realistic problems and on discussing complex issues. Our teachers recognize the life experiences of our students and use this knowledge to enhance the curriculum. Our teachers also recognize that much learning occurs outside of the classroom. To that end, they sponsor field trips, quest speakers and special performances. University, college, workplace and open level courses are available.

Specialized Programs

SCAS offers post diploma certificate courses in Hairstyling, Carpentry, Medical Office Administration, Canadian Job Experience Co-op, and Business Studies. Students who are successful in our Business Studies program may gain direct entry to Centennial College's School of Business for a Business or Office Administration program.

Dedicated ESL classes, lunch hour extra help, and caring teachers support English language learners.

Sports, Clubs and Activities

Our active Student Council sponsors a variety of lunch hour activities including fitness, art, music and board games. Lunch hour tutoring is available in math, science and English. Lunch hour sports include volleyball, basketball and soccer. You'll find a treadmill and stationary bicycle in our library.



Emery Adult Learning Centre

3395 Weston Rd, North York, ON M9M 2V9

Total Number of Students

1,200

School Website

www.schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/emeryalc/

Academic Year

Registration takes place each Quad.

Quads begin in September, November, February and April.

Highlights

- **Services** include Career & Personal Counselling, Day Care, Information Centre with numerous resources and Salon Services at a nominal charge by hairstyling students.
- **ESL/English** is of central importance & encourages a lifelong love of reading & writing, as well as its focus on the need to use language both skillfully and confidently in work and everyday life.
- **Co-Op Education** allows a combination of time in school earning credits and time in the workplace setting. Most careers can be accommodated and the most popular are as follows: accounting clerk, teacher's assistant, office assistant, hairstylist, dental assistant, community support worker, web developer and desktop publisher. This is an 18-week program from September to February or February to June. A written English assessment is required, as well as an interview with a co-op teacher.
- **Hairstyling** allows students to earn credits while working in the salon environment, which allows student to practice skills. This is a 10-month program and begins twice a year in September and in February. This includes 5 months at school learning in a fully equipped salon and an optional 5 months working as a co-op student in a private salon. A material cost of \$600.00 is required, as well as attendance in-class from 8:10am to 3:00pm.

Sports, Clubs and Activities

- Fitness Centre, Music, Gaming, Chess, Art, Karaoke.
- Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball, Badminton.





Application and contact information

For more information about our pathway program or to apply, please contact us at:

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