

## ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

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**SESSION:**

Public

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Decision

Discussion/Direction

Information

**DATE:** 28 June 2022

**FROM:** Undergraduate Studies Committee (USC)

**SUBJECT:** York Catholic District School Board Partnership

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**MANDATE:**

- Under the Policy Framework, Policy Owners must consult with deliberative bodies before presenting draft policy instruments to the approval authority for approval
- The USC has a mandate of maintaining the academic standards set by Academic Council and to serve as a deliberative body for academic policy instruments
- The USC has reviewed the York Catholic District School Board partnership in accordance with its mandate under the Terms of Reference and recommends approval

**MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION:**

That, pursuant to the recommendation of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, Academic Council hereby approves the York Catholic District School Board partnership.

**BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:**

In an effort to increase the quality of Ontario Tech's undergraduate international applicant pool, and to increase our market share of international students studying in Ontario high schools (101 international), the Office of the Registrar is proposing an admission-based partnership with the York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB). This proposal is based on the similar parameters as the existing international student recruitment partnership with the Durham Catholic District School Board (DCDSB) and the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB).

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2. Pathway Program Package Offers – Students entering the YCDSB International Education Gap Year program will be eligible to receive conditional admission to an Ontario Tech undergraduate program packaged with their YCDSB admission. This partnership will provide a pathway for students to complete one of the following YCDSB gap year certificates:
  - ESL/Stem Certificate
  - ESL/Business Certificate
  - ESL/Humanities Certificate

Specific enrolment restrictions and program capacities will be discussed between YCDSB and Ontario Tech on an annual basis.

**CONSULTATION:**

Deliberative Body: USC May 2022 for recommendation

Approval Authority: Academic Council June 2022

The development of this language pathway has been done in consultation with the Office of the Registrar and the York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB). In April 2022, our Director, Admissions and Recruitment met with the principal of the YCDSB International and Continuing Education 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, this agreement will become effective as of January 2023.

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**SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:**

- Memo from the University Registrar
- The YCDSB Gap Year Certificate Program outline



## OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

### **International Student Recruitment Agreement with the York Catholic District School Board**

To: Undergraduate Studies Committee

From: Dr. Joe Stokes, University Registrar

Re: Pathway Program Package Offers with YCDSB

Date: April 2022

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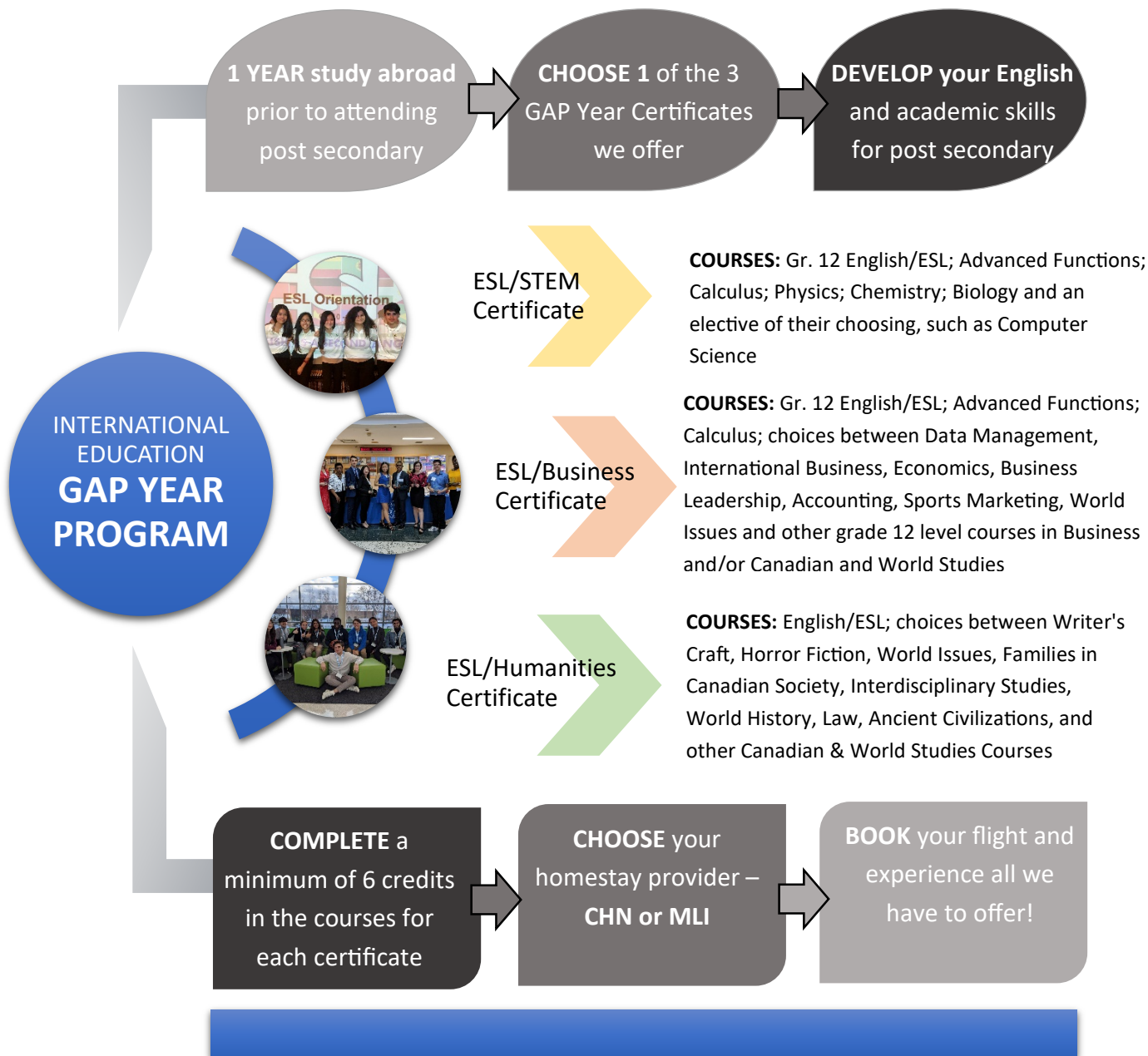
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# INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## YCDSB INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION GAP YEAR PROGRAM



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