

## ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

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### ACTION REQUESTED:

- Recommendation   
Decision   
Discussion/Direction   
Information

**DATE: 27 February 2024**

**FROM: Undergraduate Studies Committee**

**SUBJECT: Major Program Modification – Bachelor of Health Science in Kinesiology (for approval)**

**Minor Program Adjustment – Bachelor of Health Science in Kinesiology (for information)**

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### COMMITTEE MANDATE:

In accordance with the Undergraduate Studies Committee (USC) Terms of Reference, USC has the responsibility “to examine proposals for new undergraduate degree programs and major changes to existing programs and to recommend their approval, as appropriate, to the Academic Council”. Additionally, USC has the responsibility “to approve minor program adjustments and report them to Academic Council for information.”

The Undergraduate Studies Committee is presenting a Major Program Modification for approval and a Minor Program Adjustment for information.

### MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION:

That pursuant to the recommendation of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, Academic Council hereby approves the Major Program Modification to the Bachelor of Health Science in Kinesiology program to establish two new specializations.

### BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:

The Faculty is proposing to:

- Establish two specializations within the Kinesiology Major:
  - Exercise Science and Rehabilitation
  - Biomechanics and Ergonomics

Each specialization requires the student to select a minimum of four electives from groups of courses already offered in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

The Kinesiology program used to have two specializations. Five years ago the program was revised and the specializations were removed. We have now had a full four years of students go through the revised program and we have heard from numerous students and they would prefer to have specializations to help them know which courses to take based on their future directions. An additional consideration is that students who challenge the examination to become a registered kinesiologist (R.Kin) in the province of Ontario really need to take courses in the Exercise Science and Rehabilitation Specialization to obtain the appropriate background. Re-establishing specializations will enable the Kinesiology program to advise students interested in becoming a registered kinesiologist to complete this specialization, and it will allow the program to track the success rates of students from the Exercise Science specialization vs students who do not complete the specialization who take the R. Kin. examination. A final and important consideration is that the Office of the Registrar has indicated that high school students look for specific specializations on the OUAC website and when they are not explicitly listed, it impacts a student's decision to apply to the Ontario Tech Kinesiology program. The specialization in Victimology & Victim Studies will add a victim-focused option within the Criminology and Justice program, to enhance understanding of the victim experience as they move through victimizing experience.

*For Minor Program Adjustment (information only):  
The Faculty proposed to:*

- *Adjust the credit equivalencies (course transfer) of the CMCC pathway from the Kinesiology program*

*Ontario Tech has a long-standing articulation agreement with the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College, whereby we recognized specific CMCC courses as equivalent to upper year kinesiology courses, so that students could complete their fourth year at CMCC. The Kinesiology program began a revised program in September 2020 with that cohort now in the fourth year, with the requirement for graduate now being the completion of a minimum of 8 upper year kinesiology electives. In light of this, this program adjustment involves removing specific course equivalencies, and instead gives a block transfer of 5 Kinesiology and 5 open electives following successful completion of the first year of the CMCC program.*

#### **RESOURCES REQUIRED:**

No additional resources required.

#### **TRANSITION PLAN:**

All current and future students will have the option to take these specializations as of Fall 2024. As the specialization courses are existing upper year electives, it does not impact student progression as the majority of required courses are completed in years one and two.

Students who started CMCC in Fall of 2023 will be eligible for this new course recognition.

#### **CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:**

- ✓ FHS Curriculum Committee: 23 November 2023
- ✓ Faculty Council: 6 December 2023
- ✓ Undergraduate Studies Committee (MPM Recommendation, MPA Approval): 16 January 2024
- Academic Council (MPM Approval, MPA Information): 27 February 2024

Specializations were informally discussed with current and past students and the Office of the Registrar.

Additional consultation occurred with program faculty and CMCC faculty.

**NEXT STEPS:**

Pending the approval of Academic Council, the Major Program Modification will be included in the 2024-2025 Academic Calendar.

**SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:**

- [Major Program Modification - Kinesiology](#) (Approval)
- [Minor Program Adjustment - Kinesiology](#) (Information)