

ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

ACTION REQUESTED:

Recommendation
Decision
Discussion/Direction
Information

DATE: 26 March 2024

FROM: Undergraduate Studies Committee

SUBJECT: Minor Program Adjustment – Facilitating Adult Learning with
Technology diploma

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.”

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:

The Faculty proposed to:

- Change the number of specified required courses in the program from six to five plus one Educational Studies elective.
- Remove EDST 2140U, 3460U, 2300U, 3120U, 4470U, 4500U, 4980U and 4981U from the list of required course options.
- Add reference to emphasize the option for diploma students to apply to transfer into the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Educational Studies.

These changes adjust some of the courses in the option groups to better align with prerequisites, making it easier for students to complete required courses.

RESOURCES REQUIRED:

No additional resources required.

TRANSITION PLAN:

Changes will take effect in Fall 2024 for new students. The few students from previous intakes still enrolled in the program will be notified of changes in advance of registration and will follow the new requirements.

CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:

- ✓ Curriculum Committee: 10 January 2024
- ✓ Faculty Council: 29 January 2024
- ✓ Undergraduate Studies Committee (for approval): 20 February 2024
- Academic Council (for information): 26 March 2024

The changes were discussed with a small focus group of current and past students. The Bachelor of Arts (BA) team discussed these changes at BA meetings in Fall 2023 and in January 2024.

NEXT STEPS:

- After presentation to Academic Council, these changes will be included in the 2024-2025 Academic Calendar.

SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:

- [Minor Program Adjustment Proposal](#)