



## ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

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**SESSION:**

 Public 
**ACTION REQUESTED:**

 Decision   
 Discussion/Direction   
 Information 
**DATE:** 24 September 2019

**FROM:** Undergraduate Studies Committee (formerly Curriculum and Program Review Committee)

**SUBJECT:** English for Academic Purposes - Partnership with St. George International College
 

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**COUNCIL MANDATE:**

In June 2019 the former Curriculum and Program Review Committee (CPRC) approved the admission based partnership with St. George International College, in accordance with its mandate under the CPRC Terms of Reference, which gave CPRC the ability to “coordinate and oversee all matters in the University relating to academic standards”.

**BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:**

After a review of the curriculum and a site visit to the campus, it has been determined that the St. George International College would provide superior English preparation for Ontario Tech University applicants. This partnership is similar to other partnerships currently in place at the University.

**RESOURCES REQUIRED:**

No additional resources are required.

**NEXT STEPS:**

- These changes will be implemented for 2019-2020.

**SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:**

- Memo from Joe Stokes, University Registrar
- Profile of St. George International College



## OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

### Policy Change Proposal

To: Curriculum and Program Review Committee

From: Joe Stokes, University Registrar

Re: St. George International College ESL Partnership Agreement

Date: June 4, 2019

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In an effort to increase the quality of Ontario Tech University's undergraduate international applicant pool the Office of the Registrar is proposing an admission based partnership with St. George International College.

This partnership would allow for international students who have successfully completed St. George International College UCPP Program with a passing grade of 80% 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 (TOEFL, MELAB, CAEL etc.)

For programs that require a 7.0 IELTS (Nursing and Education), students who graduated from St. George International College UCPP program with passing grade 80%, can opt to enroll at Ontario Tech University ECL's Level 6 or submit an IELTS of 7.0. Upon completion of ELC Level 6, students will be evaluated for admission to Ontario Tech University undergraduate programs that require a 7.0 IELTS on a competitive basis without the presentation of a standardized English language test (TOEFL, MELAB, CAEL etc.)

After a review of the curriculum and a site visit to the campus, it has been determined that St. George International College would provide superior English preparation for Ontario Tech University applicants. This agreement would become effective for the September 2019 intake.

Attachment: Profile of St. George International College for Proposed ESL Partnership

# Profile of St. George International College for Proposed ESL Partnership

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## **School Name**

St. George International College

<https://www.sgiccanada.com/pathway-partner>

## **DLI number**

O212206178197

## **About/History**

St. George International College has been around for almost 25 years. It is a well established ESL school and it prides itself on the quality of education it provides their students. It is accredited by Languages Canada.

## **Campus Locations**

Toronto

150 Dundas St. West 2nd, 3rd, 4th Fl. Toronto, ON. Canada M5G 1C6

North York

77 Finch Ave. West Suite 300 North York, ON. Canada M2N 2H5

Vancouver

605 Robson St. Suite 200 Vancouver, BC. Canada V6B 5J3

## **Accreditation**

Languages Canada

## **Enrolment Breakdown**

Currently there are about 270 students, including students from Korea, Brazil, Japan, Mexico, Ecuador, Taiwan, and Vietnam. There are about 70 to 100 students enrolled in the pathway program at the moment.

## **Curriculum**

They followed ministry curriculum when they started but they have developed their own as the programs have evolved through the years.

They offer Pre-Pathway program (2 months long) and University College Pathway Program (UCPP which is 3 months long).

UCPP offers 25 in class hours of instruction per week.

## **Faculty**

All teachers in the Pre-Pathway and UCPP programs have a bachelor's degree and TESOL certification.

## **Current University Partnerships**

Algoma University, Brock University, Laurentian University, Centennial College, George Brown College, Seneca College, Fanshawe College, Conestoga College, Algonquin College, Georgian College, St. Lawrence College, Toronto School of Management

## **Site Visit/Post Phone Conference Thought**

The school is nicely located in Toronto. They provide small size classes and also a common study lounge to their students. During the site visit, I sat on one of their classes and the students spoke great English. They were very involved and excited about the activities.

Recommendation to partner with St. George International College. Students must score 80% or higher on their UCPP program in order to enroll Ontario Tech University programs that require IELTS 6.5. For programs that require a 7.0 IELTS (Nursing and Education), students who graduated from St. George International College UCPP program with passing grade 80%, can opt to enroll in the ELC Level 6 or submit an IELTS of 7.0