



CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

Report to Academic Council
at its meeting of April 15, 2014

FOR ACTION

1. Bachelor of Education – Major Program Modification

The Curriculum and Program Review Committee recommends:

That Academic Council approve the major program modifications to the Consecutive BEd program at UOIT to create a four semester program.

In June 2013 the Ministry of Education in Ontario announced that effective September 2015 universities offering teacher certification would be required to double the length of their programs, increasing from two semesters to four semesters. The length of the practicum is also required to change to a minimum of 80 days of practice teaching. Under the new policy direction, UOIT will be required to run two BEd programs until the concurrent students who entered in 2013 have completed their program in 2018. This four semester program models key elements of education at the edge of innovation, such as a blend of face to face and online curriculum offerings, and encouraging the use of digital technologies and multiple forms of literacy so that teacher candidates will be able to be leaders of technology in their schools, school boards and workplaces. The detailed proposal is attached as Appendix A.

FOR INFORMATION

2. Changes to courses and program requirements

The Committee received for information a proposal to use the Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE) from applicants as a requirement of sufficient evidence of oral and written proficiency in English with a recommended minimum score of 58 (minimum score may vary by program).