

Fleming College, Queen's University partner on pathway for health sciences students

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Students at the Peterborough-based Fleming College now have a pathway to a degree at Queen's University in Kingston.

In the first agreement of its kind between the two schools, eligible graduates of Fleming's pre-health sciences pathway to advanced diplomas and degrees certificate program (PHS) now will be able to achieve a bachelor of health sciences degree (honours) at Queen's. By taking advantage of this option, students will be awarded 12 credit hours -- the equivalent to almost one semester of credit.

In a news release, Michael Adams, director of the bachelor of health sciences program at Queen's said the advanced degree in health will be completed through "a state-of-the-art, customizable, and flexible online program."

"This partnership with Fleming College will give students a head start in building a fulfilling and challenging career in health care," he said.

Currently, the pre-health sciences pathway to advanced diplomas and degrees program at Fleming is a two-semester certificate intended to prepare graduates for more advanced studies in health sciences.

The program provides students with core knowledge, skills and abilities that are considered fundamental to academic success in health sciences and other related fields. The program also offers extensive, hands-on, laboratory-based learning in preparation for post-secondary level science programs.

Sandra Dupret, dean of the School of General Arts and Sciences at Fleming said the agreement was groundbreaking.

"Providing the opportunity to pursue a degree at a highly regarded and respected institution such as Queen's University represents continued progress and growth for us as an institution and is, we believe, a testament to the quality of the program and the ability of our graduates," she said.