

Colleges unveil partnership

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A Kingston firm has been awarded the contract for the St. Lawrence College Kingston campus' largest expansion to date. (Whig-Standard file photo)

A new agreement between Fleming and St. Lawrence colleges is creating a 'new educational pathway' for students in the wildlife and veterinary fields.

Students and graduates in the Fish and Wildlife Technician program at Fleming and Veterinary Technology program at St. Lawrence will be able to earn equivalent transfer credits.

"We are grateful for this partnership with Fleming College. This articulation agreement will benefit St. Lawrence College Veterinary Technology graduates by granting them the opportunity to earn a second college credential in only two academic semesters. By taking advantage of this new educational pathway, our Veterinary Technology graduates can diversify their knowledge and skillset, thereby expanding their career opportunities," Robin Hicks, dean of the Faculty of Applied Science at St. Lawrence College, said in a release.

Students who qualify from the two-year Fleming program can earn 'transfer credits equivalent to seven courses' from the St. Lawrence three-year advance diploma program.

In the other direction, students can receive the equivalent of nine courses from the Veterinary Technology program into the Fish and Wildlife Technician program.

"I'm excited about this agreement, which formalizes an on-going relationship between our Fish and Wildlife program and St. Lawrence College's Vet Tech program," Brett Goodwin, dean of Fleming's School of Environmental and Natural Resource Sciences, said in the release. "This agreement will provide a unique opportunity for students to gain training in both the fish and wildlife and vet tech fields, which prepares them to be able to provide very specific services such as wildlife immobilizations."

As part of this agreement, two seats will be reserved in the Fleming College program for graduates of the St. Lawrence program.

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