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## Agreement highlights college-university collaboration

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***Queen's online Bachelor of Health Sciences program will offer advanced standing to students from various college programs across the province.***

Queen's University has signed agreements with 10 Ontario colleges which will allow students enrolled in a one-year health-centred certificate program to gain advanced standing in a Queen's online health degree.



A doctor uses a touch screen. (iStock)

New articulation agreements signed with colleges across Ontario, including Kingston's St. Lawrence College, will allow graduates of the colleges' Pre-Health Sciences advanced pathway who enroll in the Queen's online Bachelor of Health Sciences program to receive credit for roughly one semester of courses.

### **Colleges who have signed onto this agreement:**

- Algonquin College, Ottawa
- Cambrian College, Sudbury
- Fleming College, Peterborough
- Georgian College, Barrie
- Humber College, Toronto
- Loyalist College, Belleville
- Niagara College, Niagara-on-the-Lake
- Northern College, Timmins

- Sheridan College, Toronto
- St. Lawrence College, Kingston

"These agreements are an example of our commitment to collaboration and innovation within the higher education system," says Principal Daniel Woolf. "We are simplifying the process for qualified students who are seeking a high-quality education in the health field, while also delivering that education in a way that is flexible and forward-looking. We look forward to welcoming these students and helping them begin rewarding careers in healthcare."

The agreements are effective immediately and are designed to pair the students' introductory training and experience in health and healthcare with the necessary theoretical knowledge to pursue a variety of health professions or further studies at the university level.

"We are so pleased to work with Queen's University to be able to offer this new pathway to our students," says Glenn Vollebregt, President and CEO of St. Lawrence College. "We know that many of our students are just beginning their post-secondary journey and opening up accessible ways for them to be able to achieve their educational goals is an important way we can help them on their career path."

Post-secondary student mobility has been a priority of the Ontario government. In 2011, the government established the Ontario Council on Articulation and Transfer (ONCAT) to enhance student pathways and reduce barriers for students looking to transfer among Ontario's 45 publicly assisted postsecondary institutions.

In response, Ontario universities and colleges have stepped up their efforts to develop transfer credit policies and practices, making it easier for students to choose their path through the postsecondary system. According to ONCAT, 55,000 students transfer institutions each year in Ontario.

Queen's receives dozens of college graduates each year through academic pathways that have been established between individual faculties and colleges across Canada, including a collaborative degree in Music Theatre where students complete two years at St. Lawrence College and two years at Queen's.

To learn more about the Queen's online Bachelor of Health Sciences degree, visit [bhsc.queensu.ca](http://bhsc.queensu.ca). Applications for the Spring 2018 term are now open.

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