

Education Pathways Terminology

Articulation Agreement

An agreement, typically between two institutions, that authorizes studies undertaken in specific programs to be credited toward direct entry and/or advanced standing into a specific program at the receiving institution.

Bilateral Agreement

An agreement outlined between two institutions and two specific programs of similar content.

Block transfer credit

The transfer and granting of credit for a group of completed courses from one institution to another without requiring course-by-course assessments.

Bridge program

A set of courses designed specifically to provide a person who already possesses certain qualifications with the additional skills and knowledge required for admission into a specific program. I.e. Before transferring from a diploma to a degree, a student might need to complete summers courses in a bridge program at the receiving institution.

Course to course credit transfer

The process of granting credit for a course (or courses) from one institution to another by completing a comparison of course content and learning outcomes for each individual course.

Transfer credit

The acceptance or recognition of credits by a host institution on the basis of successful completion of courses at another educational institution in order to minimize the duplication of learning. Can also be called advanced standing.

Dual Diploma

An agreement between different programs within Fleming College to allow students to earn two diplomas in three years.

Multilateral Agreement

An agreement outlined between several institutions.

Ontario Council on Articulation and Transfer (ONCAT)

Member-driven organization created to enhance student pathways and reduce barriers for students looking to transfer among Ontario's 45 publicly funded postsecondary institutions; works with all publicly funded colleges and universities in Ontario to enable the system of credit transfer to develop as rapidly as possible, while also respecting institutional autonomy.

Ontransfer.ca

Website database maintained by ONCAT which provides students with up-to-date, authoritative information on block credit agreements, and pathways between postsecondary institutions in Ontario.

2+2 degree

A type of articulation agreement between two postsecondary institutions which allows a student to complete 2 years at a college (earning a diploma) and the last 2 years at a university (earning a degree).