Fleming College

TRENT UNIVERSITY

Agreement defining a pathway
for international students to enter degree studies at Trent University
through Trent ESL and the Fleming College University Transfer Program

A. Introduction

Both Trent University and Sir Sandford Fleming College of Applied Arts and Technology have identified expansion of international student enrolment as a strategic priority. This agreement establishes the principles, objectives and procedures through which international students who do not meet the academic and/or English language requirements for direct admission to Trent University are provided an opportunity to upgrade their English language and academic skills to qualify for admission to Trent University.

B. Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to define a pathway for international students to enter degree studies at Trent University through Trent ESL and the Fleming College University Transfer Program, providing a coordinated approach to recruitment, admission and academic preparation for international students to study at Fleming College and Trent University.

C. Objectives

1) Define a transparent and consistent process for referral and admission to Fleming College for international students who do not meet the academic requirements for direct entry to Trent University.

2) Ensure a seamless transition between Fleming College and Trent University for qualified graduates of the English as a Second Language program at Trent University and the University Transfer program at Fleming College, leading to degree studies at Trent University.

3) Define the requirements for progression from ESL to the University Transfer program and from the University Transfer program to degree studies at Trent University.

4) Define the process for periodic review and assessment of the agreement with respect to registrarial processes, the academic performance of students, promotional initiatives and all other aspects of the joint program.

D. *Terms and Conditions of the Agreement*

1) Fleming College and Trent University agree to set up a joint committee to oversee the administration of the pathway.

2) Joint committee responsibility includes, but is not limited to, review of application procedures, policies and procedures re record sharing, credit transfer, enrolment data, student performance, administrative matters, and all other pertinent issues, as necessary. This activity will take place on an annual basis, to be established at a mutually convenient time for both parties.

3) This agreement covers two pathways for entry to Trent University for international students who do not meet the English language proficiency requirements and/or academic standing required for direct entry to Trent University.

   i) For students who **meet Fleming College's English proficiency requirements** (TOEFL 550 or CAEL 60), **but need to upgrade academic preparation**, Trent University will accept the successful completion of the University Transfer program according to the terms of the articulation agreement as meeting Trent University's English proficiency requirements. Students who complete the University Transfer program with a 70% average and no less than 65% in any of the transfer credit subjects will be eligible for admission to Trent University with transfer credits as defined in the University Transfer articulation agreement.

   ii) Students who **do not meet Fleming College's English proficiency requirements and who also need to upgrade academic preparation** will be directed to Trent University's English as a Second Language Program. Students will be tested when they arrive at Trent using the Canadian Academic English Language (CAEL) test to place them in an appropriate level of ESL. Upon successful completion of ESL Level 4, students are eligible to enter the University Transfer program at Fleming College. Trent University will accept the successful completion of the University Transfer program according to the terms of the articulation agreement as meeting Trent University's English proficiency requirements. Students who complete the University Transfer program with a 70% average and no less than 65% in any of the transfer credit subjects will be eligible for admission to Trent University with transfer credits as defined in the University Transfer articulation agreement.

4) Application and Admissions Procedures

   i) Upon receipt of an international student application, Trent University will assess the application for both ESL and academic qualifications. If a student meets the ESL requirements for entry to Trent (CAEL score of 60), but not the academic requirements, Trent University will assess the student for meeting the entrance requirements for the University Transfer program at Fleming College (Equivalent of an Ontario Secondary School diploma with the majority of credits at the college level, including two college-level English courses).

ii) Students who meet neither the ESL requirements nor the academic requirements for direct admission to Trent University will be assessed for admissions eligibility for the University Transfer program at Fleming College, as described in (4) (i) above. Such students will be offered conditional admission to Trent University, based on successful completion of ESL Level 4 and subsequent completion of the Fleming College University Transfer program, according to the terms of the articulation agreement.

iii) Trent University and Fleming College commit to the timely development of a joint offer letter and authorization for release of information to be used in scenario (i) and (ii) above. Such a letter will offer conditional admission to Trent University, with advanced standing, subject to completion of the University Transfer program at Fleming College, according to the terms of the University Transfer articulation agreement. In the interim, Trent University and Fleming College agree to the timely production and sharing of individual offer letters (normally not to exceed 48 hours from request), to be distributed by Trent University.

E. Review of Agreement

This agreement is effective upon signing, and will apply to admissions beginning in Fall 2012. The agreement will be reviewed every three years and may be terminated by either party, given one year of notice. In the event of termination of the agreement, every effort will be made to ensure that students currently enrolled in the program will not be affected.

F. Signatures

	Trent University	Date	Fleming College	Date
Vice-President, Academic:		5/3/12.		May 3/12