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New diploma to degree pathway from Fleming College to Trent University

Social Service Worker graduates eligible for credits toward a Bachelor of Social Work degree

Peterborough, ON (Jan. 21, 2016) — Graduates of Fleming College's Social Service Worker (SSW) diploma program have a new pathway to a degree at Trent University starting in September 2016.

The two institutions have signed an articulation agreement to allow qualified Fleming SSW alumni to be granted six credits (equal to one year of study) toward a four-year Bachelor of Social Work degree at Trent. Eligible Fleming graduates would enter directly into the second year of the degree program.

"We are excited for the new opportunities this provides our students," said Carol Kelsey, Dean of the School of Justice and Community Development. "Many post-secondary students are realizing the benefits of having both a diploma and a degree, and the doors it can open in career advancement. The pathway provides graduates with an option for continuing their education and earning a university degree in their field."

SSW students who have graduated from Fleming within the last five years are eligible for this pathway.

The agreement builds on existing pathways between Fleming and Trent. These include the University Transfer program, the Ecological Restoration diploma/degree program, and the pathways where graduates of three year advanced diploma programs at Fleming can obtain a Trent degree in two years. These '3+2' pathways include programs in Business, Environmental and Natural Resource Sciences, Health and Wellness and Trades and Technology. The Police Foundations program also has a Trent pathway. Graduates of the two year diploma program can obtain a degree in three additional years of study. Trent graduates attending Fleming can similarly obtain advanced standing in designated diploma programs at Fleming. For more information on pathways between Fleming and Trent, visit: flemingcollege.ca/education-pathways/trent-university.

The Social Service Worker program is a two year Ontario college diploma program. It is one of Fleming's largest programs and offers three intakes in September, January, and May. Students attend classes for three semesters then have a block placement in the final semester, allowing students to experience hands-on learning in a real-world setting. For more information, visit: <u>http://flemingcollege.ca/programs/social-service-worker</u>.

About Fleming College

Located in the heart of Central Ontario, Fleming College has campus locations in Peterborough, Lindsay, Cobourg and Haliburton. Named for famous Canadian inventor and engineer Sir Sandford Fleming, the college features more than 100 full-time programs in Arts and Heritage, Business, Environmental and Natural Resource Sciences, General Arts and Science, Health and Wellness, Justice and Community Development, Skilled Trades and Technology, and Continuing Education. Fleming College has more than 5,800 full-time and 10,000 part-time students, and 68,000 alumni.

About Trent University

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