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**NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT
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chosen area of study. These outcomes address communication, math, teamwork, critical thinking and decision-making skills, and are applicable to Ontario College Certificate, Diploma, and Advanced Diploma programs.

- c) General Education requirements: a selection of general education courses is required for Ontario College Certificate, Diploma, and Advanced Diploma programs. These courses V W U H Q J W K H Q V W X G H Q W V ¶ V N L O O V L Q F U L W L F D O D Q providing students with the opportunity to explore topics beyond their chosen field of study. General education courses contribute to the development of citizens who are conscious of the diversity, complexity and richness of the human experience, and can contribute thoughtfully, creatively, and positively to the society in which they live and work.

Program Descriptions for Ontario College Certificate, Diploma, Advanced Diploma and Graduate Certificates: include a program purpose, vocational learning outcomes, and system-level admission requirements.

Program Structure and Standards for three -year degree programs offered by an Ontario College normally comprise at a minimum :

- a)

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New non-degree academic programs must meet the following Ministry requirements:

- a) Validation from the Credentials Validation Service (CVS) which has confirmed that the proposed program of instruction conforms to the Credential Framework and is consistent with accepted nomenclature.
- b) There is either demonstrated labour market and student demand, or societal need and student demand for the program.
- c) A relevant program advisory committee is in place and has recommended the program.
- d) The program content and delivery are, and will be, compliant with all requirements of regulatory bodies responsible for the field of study or other regulatory bodies related to the field of study.
- e) The program meets the relevant program standards where they exist, essential employability skills and general education requirements.
- f) 7 KH & ROOHJH ¶ V % RDUG RI * RYHUQRUV DQG 3 UHVLGH instruction.

For new three-year degree programs, applications must be submitted to PEQAB for review and recommendation to the Minister. Degree program completion pathways providing graduates of non-degree programs with block transfer of credit must also be submitted.

RESPONSIBILITY

The Office of the Senior Vice-President Academic and Student Success is responsible for overseeing the implementation of this policy.

The Northern College Board of Governors is responsible for final approval of all new academic programs.

APPROVED BY PRESIDENT

March 19, 2024

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