



CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

Report to Academic Council
at its meeting of May 17, 2011

FOR ACTION

1. Bachelor of Arts in Adult Education and Digital Technology – New Program Proposal

The Curriculum and Program Review Committee recommends:

That Academic Council approve the proposed Bachelor of Arts in Adult Education and Digital Technology as set out in Appendix 1.

Rationale

The Faculty of Education has proposed a new program in Adult Education and Digital Technology. This program is directed at meeting the growing professional development needs in the corporate and professional sectors for individuals with a specialized knowledge and skill base in adult education combined with the rapidly evolving competency base in the use of digital technologies for learning. The adult education courses in this program are offered entirely online, combining synchronous (real-time) multimedia communications with asynchronous (anywhere/anytime) modes of collaborating to offer flexibility of scheduling and the power personal contact while remaining totally independent of geographical location.

While the Faculty has proposed that the program begin in 2012, the introduction of any new program will require review by academic leadership and service units to ensure that it is resourced appropriately.

2. Bachelor of Health Sciences, Kinesiology Specialization – New Program Option in Rehabilitation with Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College

The Curriculum and Program Review Committee recommends:

That Academic Council approve the new program option in Rehabilitation to the Bachelor of Health Sciences, Kinesiology Specialization, as set out in Appendix 2.

Rationale

The Faculty of Health Sciences is proposing the introduction of a new program option in Rehabilitation in the Bachelor of Health Sciences, Kinesiology Specialization. The Rehabilitation option will be part of an articulation agreement between the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College (CMCC) and UOIT which provides an opportunity for students to complete their Bachelor of Health Sciences (Honours) degree and their Doctor of Chiropractic (D.C.) degree in 7 years instead of 8 years. The strong parallels between the courses offered at CMCC and UOIT enable this degree completion opportunity which is unique in Ontario. This partnership also gives UOIT students the opportunity to take anatomy dissection courses utilizing CMCC facilities in the third year of their UOIT degree.

3. Bachelor of Science in Biological Science, Complementary Studies – New Bridge Program

The Curriculum and Program Review Committee recommends:

That Academic Council approve a new bridging option in the Bachelor of Science in Biological Science, Complementary Studies Program as outlined in Appendix 3.

Rationale

The Faculty of Science has proposed the introduction of a new bridge program in the Bachelor of Science, Complementary Studies program. This proposed pathway is open to three-year Biotechnology Technologist diploma graduates from colleges throughout Ontario. Biotechnology is one of the fastest growing industries in the world, and Canada is the third highest employer in the biotech industry, according to Statistics Canada. Students with strong technical skills acquired from their college diploma, and the critical thinking and analytical skills obtained from their university degree will be in high demand in today's knowledge-based economy.