

Provincial Councils on Credit Transfer Expand Agreement to Enhance Student Mobility across Canada

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Toronto, ON – The provincial councils responsible for facilitating credit transfer activities across Canada are signing an expanded Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance student mobility across their jurisdictions and across the country.

The signing of the MoU was celebrated at the PCCAT's Annual Conference, where pathway initiatives and research, and ongoing collaborations among postsecondary institutions, were honoured as part of Canada's 150th anniversary.

Seven provincial councils are now signatories to an MoU that formalizes efforts to further develop student pathways and reduce barriers for students who wish to transfer among Canadian colleges and universities. They include the:

- Alberta Council on Admissions and Transfer (ACAT),
- British Columbia Council on Admissions and Transfer (BCCAT),
- Council on Articulations and Transfer of New Brunswick (CATNB),
- Ontario Council on Articulation and Transfer (ONCAT),
- Campus Manitoba (CMB),
- Saskatchewan Transfer Credit and Learning Pathways Council (STCLPC), and
- Nova Scotia Council on Admission and Transfer (NSCAT).

The MoU emphasizes the leadership role of the provincial councils in creating partnerships across the country to expand transfer opportunities for students and develop joint research projects for the benefit of the postsecondary community. The long-term goal is to establish a shared database so students in any jurisdiction can search for postsecondary educational opportunities beyond their home province.

Through the MoU, the provincial councils will be able to support the development of an effective and efficient credit transfer system that will span the entire country, expanding opportunities for students nationwide.

QUOTES:

"Since its creation in 2011, ONCAT has helped to broaden the discussion about student mobility across Ontario and initiatives enabled by our organization have supported the more than 55,000 students who transfer annually among our institutions. We look forward to working with our partners across the country to expand on these successes."

- **Tim McTiernan, co-chair, ONCAT, and President & Vice-Chancellor, University of Ontario Institute of Technology**

“We are proud that, with our colleagues across the country, we are broadening discussions about student mobility in Canada. These discussions will also support greater collaboration among postsecondary institutions which will, in turn, build partnerships and help develop consistent standards for student transfer. Ultimately, we are all working together to maintain and support academic success for students in every jurisdiction.”

- Glenn Vollebregt, co-chair, ONCAT, and President & CEO, St. Lawrence College

TO LEARN MORE:

ONCAT

Established in 2011, the Ontario Council on Articulation and Transfer (ONCAT) was created to enhance student pathways and reduce barriers for students looking to transfer among Ontario’s 45 public postsecondary institutions. As a member organization, it works with those institutions to develop transfer credit policies and practices to ease student mobility. ONCAT also maintains ONTransfer.ca, a website for students interested in learning how to transfer their courses.

ACAT



CMB

CAMPUS

Manitoba

BCCAT

BCCAT

BRITISH COLUMBIA COUNCIL
ON ADMISSIONS & TRANSFER

CATNB



NSCAT



STCLPC

**Saskatchewan Transfer Credit &
Learner Pathways Council**

PCCAT

The Pan Canadian Consortium on Admissions and Transfer was formally incorporated as a non-for-profit organization in 2013. Its purpose is to help develop and implement policies and practices that support student mobility and grant transfer credit- both within and among Canada’s provinces and territories – in order to improve access to postsecondary education in Canada.

Read the Memorandum of Understanding: [2017](#), [2014](#)

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