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York Seneca Partnership Model: Advancing Student Pathways

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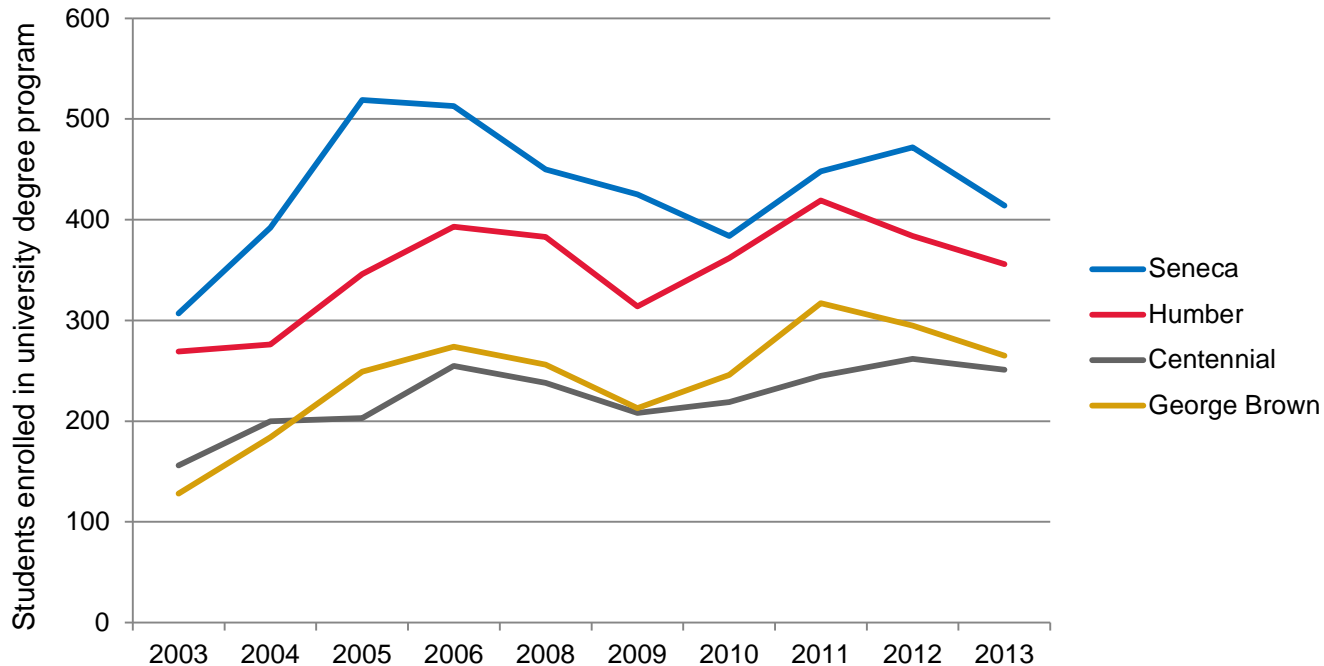
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Overview of Presentation

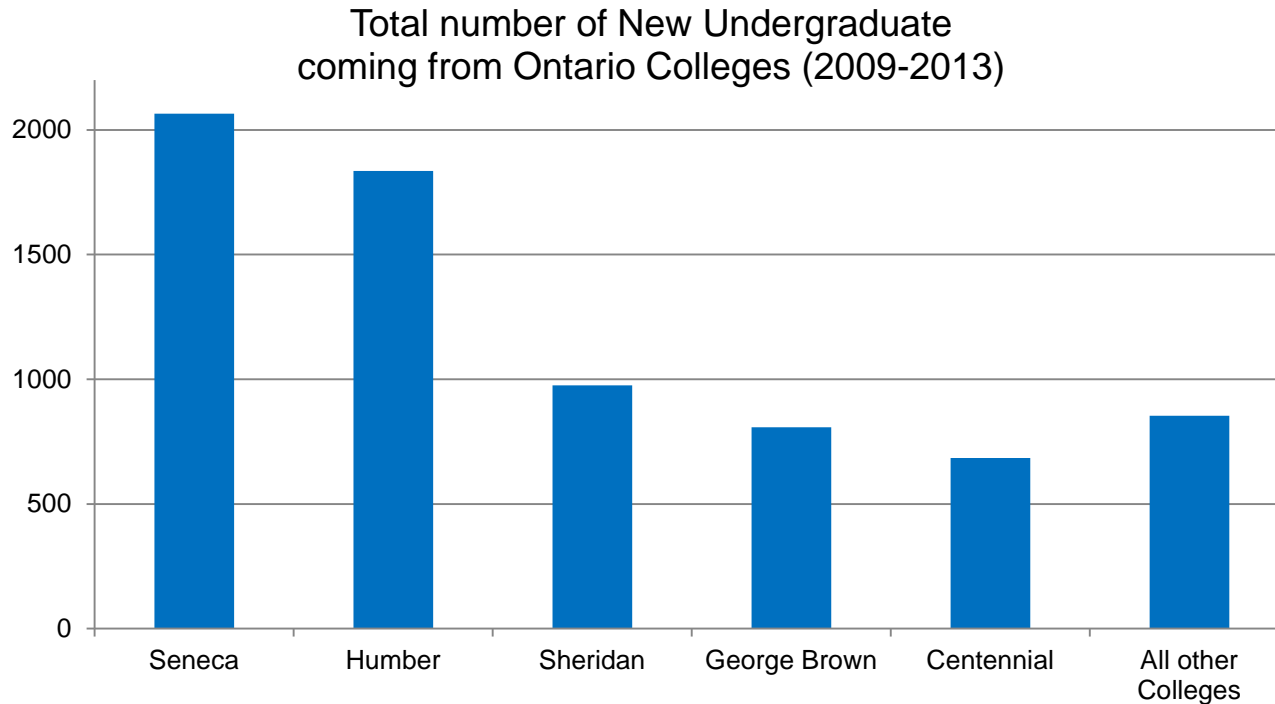
- Seneca College and York University
- The Partnership (history, governance, spirit)
- Student mobility between partners
- Present state of affairs
- Looking to the future...

Seneca College



Seneca sends more students to university than any other college in the greater Toronto area and the #1 destination is York University

York University



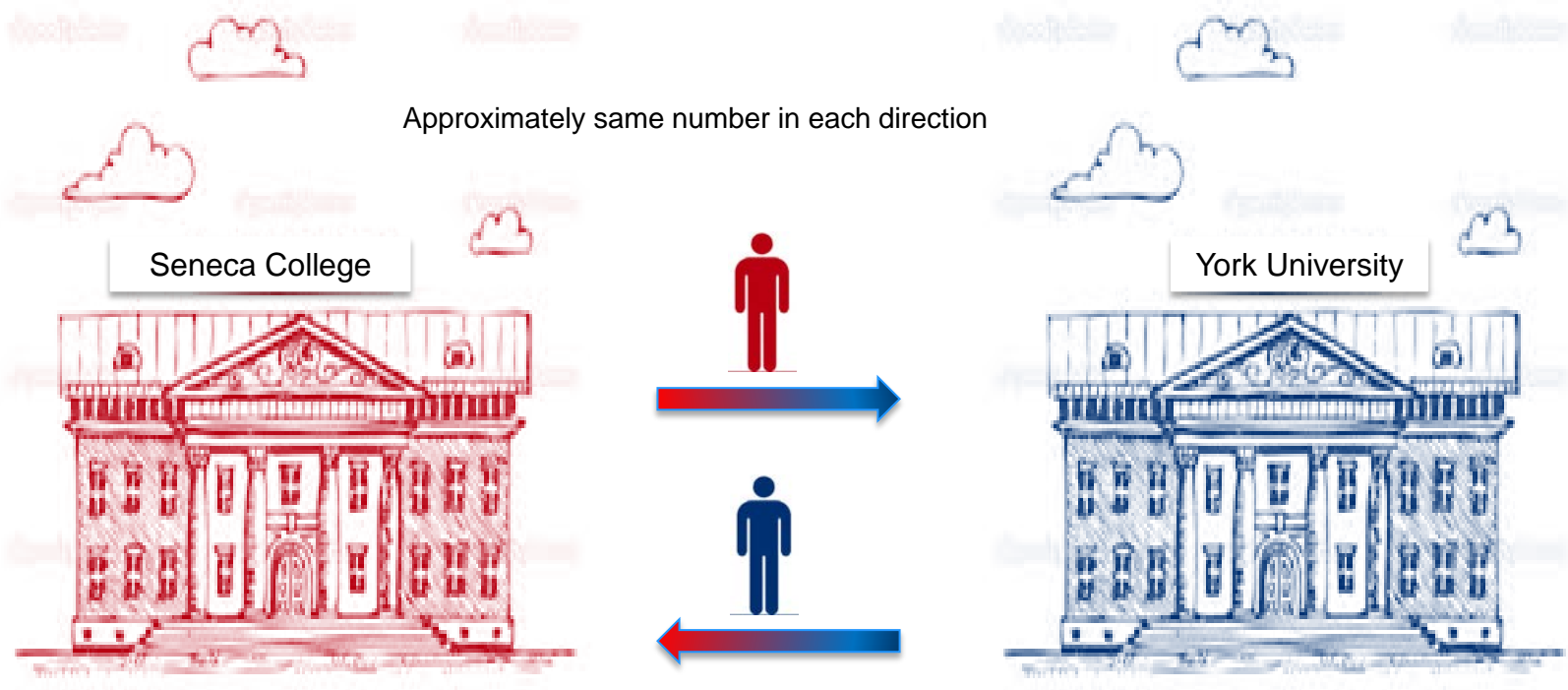
York is one of the biggest receivers of transfer students in Ontario and the majority of transfer students come from Seneca

Existing formal Pathways

- Rehabilitation Services (1981)
- Communication Arts (1990)
- Law & Society pathway (1993)
- Liberal Arts diploma and Bachelor of Arts (1998)
- Chemistry (1999)
- Urban Sustainability (1999)
- Applied Biotechnology (2004)
- Professional Writing (2004)
- Administrative Studies pathway (2004)
- Collaborative Nursing (2005)
- Bachelor of Education in Technological Education (2012)
- Urban Sustainability (2013)
- Environmental Management and Technology (pending approval)

Student Mobility within the Partnership

- *More than 20,000 students transferring between the two institutions in the last 13 years.*
- *Accounts for roughly 7.4 % of all transfer students in the province of Ontario each year.*



Historical Milestones

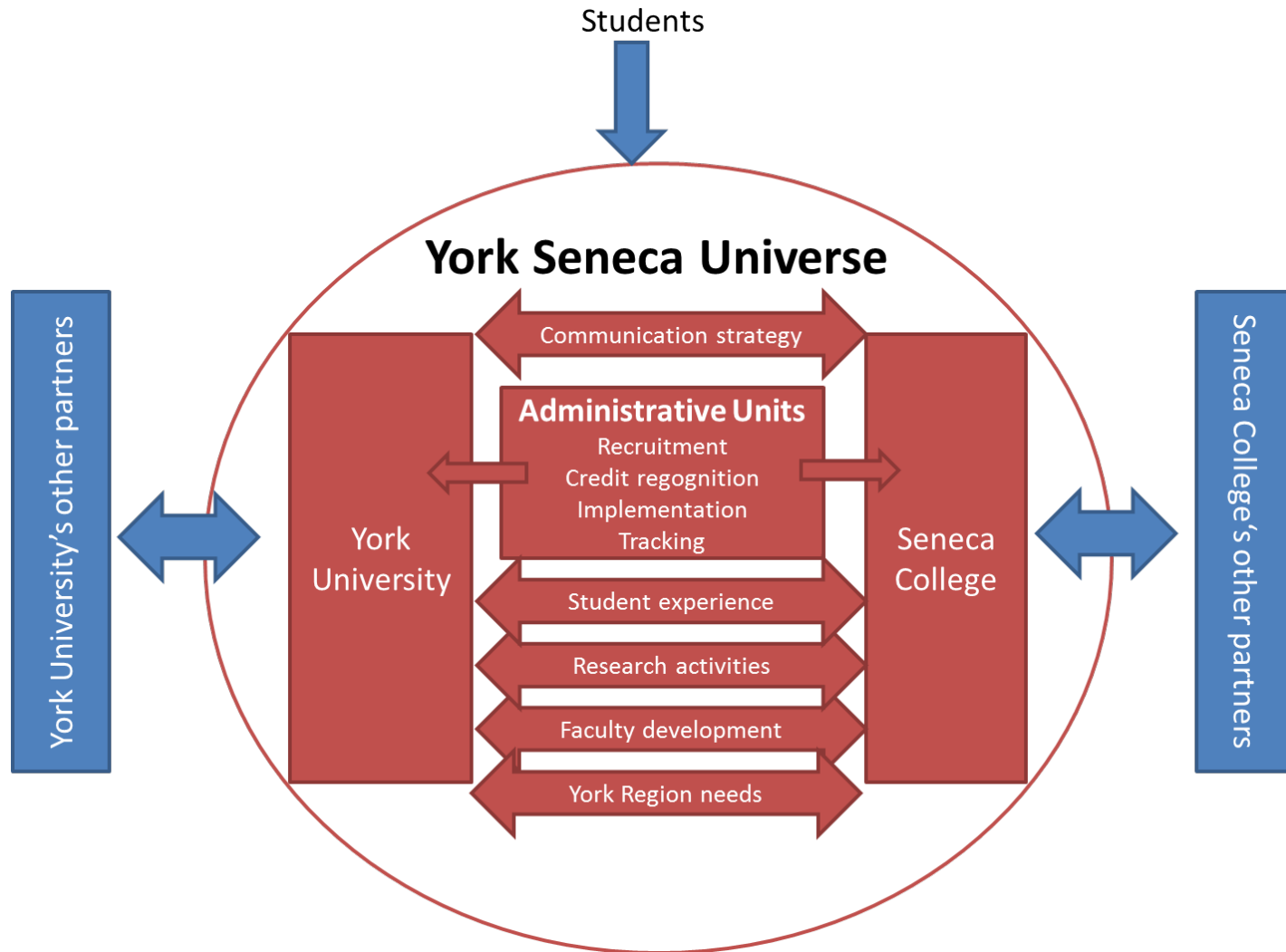
- 1960 York University opens
- 1967 Seneca College opens
- 1997 Block credit policy put in place at York University
- 1999 Seneca@York campus opens on York University's Keele campus
- 1999 York/Seneca Institute for Math, Science & Technology Education
- 2001 Degree and Transfer Credit Office opens at Seneca College
- 2004 Jointly shared Technology Education Learning building opens
- 2008 Jointly shared Community Engagement Center site opens
- 2013 Joint York Seneca Partnership Manager is hired

Governance

Continually evolving to address student movement and government priorities

- Joint Steering Committee
 - Comprised of senior academic administrators from each institution
- Joint Partnership Manager
 - Reporting to both York and Seneca
 - Project manage partnership program development
- Joint program/pathway committees
 - Specific to academic area

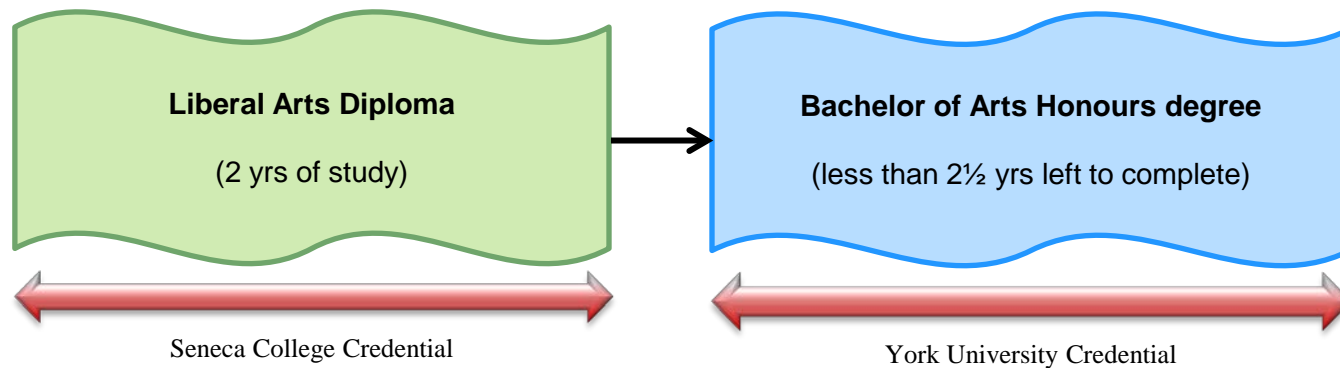
Organization & spirit of the partnership



Pathway models

Transfer credit - Dual credential - Joint program

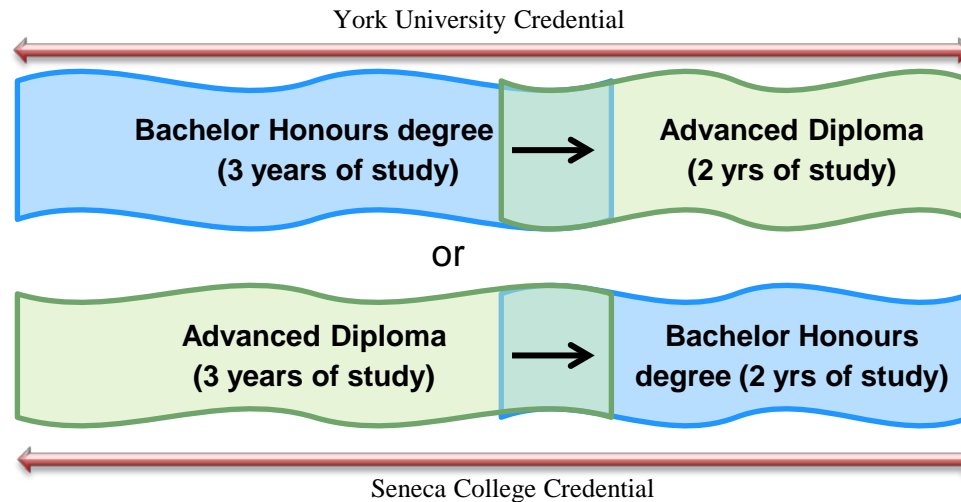
Transfer credit model



The Liberal Arts Diploma pathway

Recognition of Liberal Arts Diploma from Seneca College by granting transfer credit towards Bachelor of Arts degree at York University. This examples goes even further than the standard transfer credit model since it integrates York courses to be taken during Seneca studies.

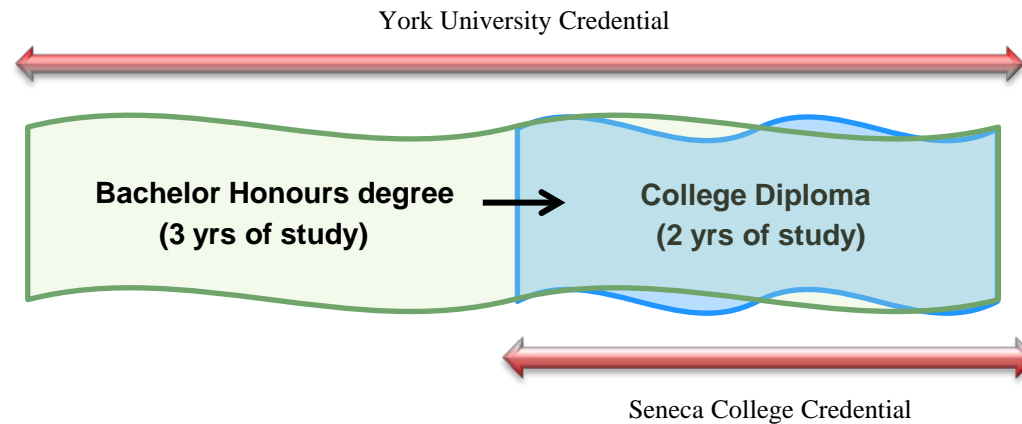
Dual credential model – Sequential studies



The Urban Sustainability pathway

- Bi-directional articulation between the Civil Engineering Technology program at Seneca College and the Environmental Studies program at York University

Dual credential model – Integrated studies

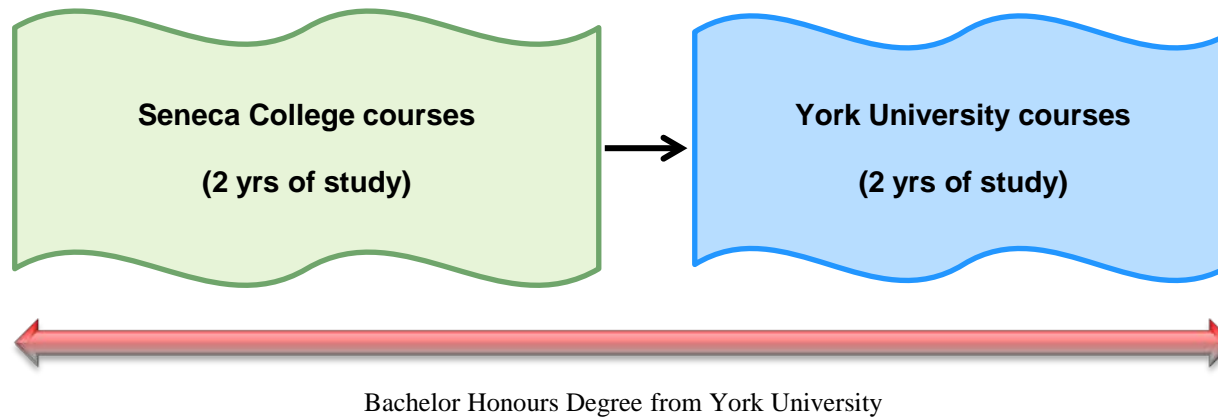


The Communication Arts pathway

Articulation between Communication Studies degree at York University and several communication diplomas at Seneca College

- Broadcasting - Radio
- Broadcasting - Television
- Journalism
- Creative Advertisement

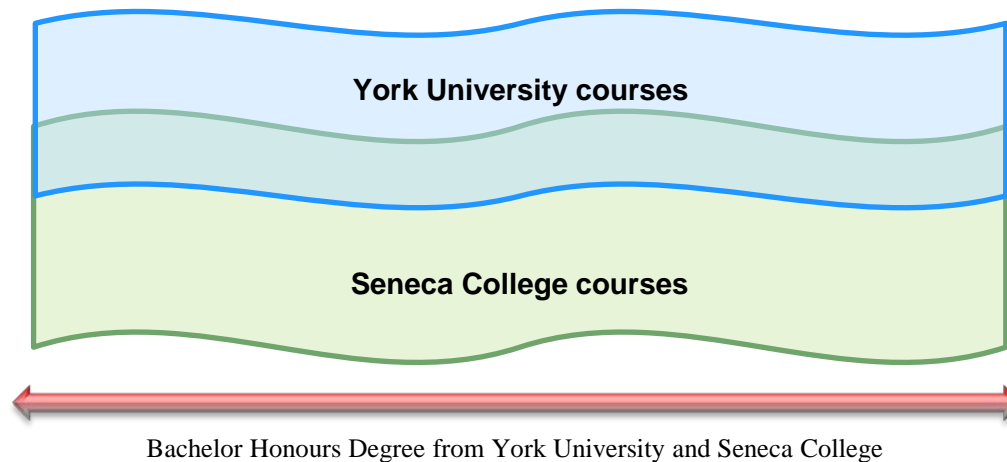
Joint program model - Sequential studies



The Collaborative Nursing program

- Curriculum is designed and offered jointly to meet the requirements of the university as well as an external accredited body
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN)

Joint program model – Integrated studies



The Bachelor of Science in Technology in Engineering

- Presently under development between the Centre for the Built Environment at Seneca College and the Lassonde School of Engineering at York University

Present State of Affairs

- Presently working together to:
 - Build new academic pathways in engineering and technology, human services, digital media, urban sustainability and environmental technology
 - Develop infrastructure capacity for more streamlined transfer experiences
 - Acquire student mobility data to inform future development
- Also working closely together with community, education and municipal partners :
 - To improve provision of mental health services in York Region
 - Enhance information and supports available to international students
 - Increase access of non traditional students to post-secondary education

York Seneca partnership going forward

- Investigate present policy, processes and past practices to enhance partnership development

Academic:

- Identify gaps in program pathway opportunities
- Examine York Seneca data on student mobility
- Identify models and pathway development process
- Redirect model - for applicants as alternate offer; for students during studies to increase academic success

York Seneca partnership going forward

Service infrastructure:

- Identify gaps in students services, generally, and for specific categories of students
- Develop a joint communication strategy (including executive summary briefs)
- Develop a common Web page
- Single application (common interface to download and upload transfer student file information)

York Seneca partnership going forward

Responding to opportunities and changes in the provincial post-secondary landscape

- Institutional commitment to student mobility and partnership through Strategic Mandate Agreement development
 - Submitted separately but agreement on wording related to partnership
- Responding to MTCU's Major Capacity Expansion call for proposals
 - York and Seneca have committed to put in application
 - Desire to respond to the needs of York Region

Thanks for attending...

Comments? Questions?

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