

## Multi-College Collaboration Model

### Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Algonquin College

and

Northern College

and

Sault College

And

Lambton College

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets out the terms and understanding between Algonquin College, Northern College, Sault College and Lambton College (The Colleges) in the Multi-College Collaboration Model (MCCM).

#### **Background**

As part of the SMA development process in 2017-2018, Algonquin College proposed partnering with other colleges to co-create a framework for a collaboration model for applied education. This SMA pilot project is about long-term sustainability of the college system in Ontario. It is about exploring the possibilities for working together in both academic programming and administrative processes to achieve enhanced opportunities for learners and efficiencies for colleges. This project has the potential to be a catalyst for change and a platform for innovation.

#### **Purpose**

This MOU documents the agreement of the colleges to create a framework for a collaborative model for applied education that can be used by Algonquin, Northern, Sault and Lambton Colleges and potentially serve as a tool for use by other colleges in Ontario. The framework could guide system design changes to support the long-term financial sustainability of postsecondary institutions and investment in deliberate experiments that can create new models for, and in support of, teaching and learning and administrative services, all while preserving institutional autonomy. The framework will seek to offer consistent quality, choice, and pathways to Algonquin, Northern, Sault and Lambton Colleges' students. The model will better serve learners by offering an education that combines the strengths of different institutions and emphasizes hands-on, experiential learning with pathways to higher credentials that contribute to a learner's life-long learning goals and career progression.

The above goals will be accomplished by meeting the following objectives:

1. Ensure learners have access to a breadth of programs and courses (delivered with consistent quality), applied research, and experiential learning opportunities, while seeking to achieve administrative efficiencies and reducing duplication.
2. Avoid duplication and share the cost of expenses incurred for academic development and co-delivery of select programs either on-site or online specific to regional needs and institutional strengths.
3. Develop new opportunities for learners through pathways and innovative delivery options.
4. Facilitate inter-institutional use of resources to support faculty at participating institutions and propose an incubator for faculty to experiment with a variety of technologies and pedagogies to support learning.

**Funding**

This project is funded through a Strategic Mandate Agreement 2 grant secured by Algonquin College. This MOU does not constitute a commitment of funds by The Colleges. The Colleges agree to contribute in kind to achieve the objectives of the MCCM.

**Duration**

This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the authorized officials from Algonquin College, Northern College, Sault College and Lambton College. This MOU will be in effect for five years and may be renewed for an additional period of time with consent for all parties. This MOU may be modified by mutual consent or participation terminated by any one of the participating colleges at any time by providing written notice to the partners.

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