

# BUILDING PATHWAYS BETWEEN DEGREES AND GRADUATE CERTIFICATES



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# Agenda

- Why build pathways between degrees and graduate certificates?
- Examples of two new pathways at Algonquin College
- What are the possibilities, barriers and solutions for future pathways?

# WHY?

- Student retention and recruitment
- Recognition of need for workplace ready skills
- Personalized learning options
- Blended delivery options



# TWO NEW PATHWAYS



- Bachelor of Public Safety *and* Emergency Management Ontario College Graduate Certificate – Algonquin College
- Bachelor of Psychology *and* Autism and Behavioral Science Ontario College Graduate Certificate – Laurentian University and Algonquin College

# BACHELOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY



## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

# BACKGROUND

- Online Emergency Management Graduate Certificate developed in 2011
- Bachelor of Public Safety launching in fall 2018 - on campus program
  - 5 - 6 courses in emergency management
- Need to delineate intent/outcomes of each program and market to different audiences
  - Create opportunities to ladder from degree into graduate certificate and vice versa

# WHERE WE ARE NOW

- Advanced standing in graduate certificate for graduates of Bachelor of Public Safety - one term rather than two
- Emergency Management graduates can be granted 5 course credits in Bachelor of Public Safety and may qualify for PLAR for others depending on their work experience

# BACHELOR OF PSYCHOLOGY

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# AUTISM AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE



# BACKGROUND

- Students without career path of clinical PSYC (Grad school) were disengaged / more likely to drop out.
- Set out to find pathways for students who did not necessarily have A+ average.
- Chance meeting at CAUCE/CNIE 2016

# PATHWAYS

Regular option - 4 year plan		
	Fall	Winter
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 upper year Laurentian credits</li> <li>• 3 courses from Algonquin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 core Laurentian courses (9 credits)</li> <li>• 2 courses from Algonquin</li> </ul>
Year 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 theory courses from Algonquin</li> <li>• 1 placement course</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 theory course from Algonquin</li> <li>• Final placement course</li> </ul>

Fast track - 3 year plan with summer term between Year 2 and 3			
	Fall	Winter	Summer
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 Laurentian courses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 Laurentian courses</li> </ul>	5 theory courses from Algonquin
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# WHERE WE ARE NOW

- Launching advertising
- Student Advising
  - garnered much interest
  - Exploring more pathways
- Online Programming
  - Expanded
  - Interest from Indigenous outreach coordinators

## Psychology Degree + Graduate Certificate?

As a Laurentian Psychology student in year 3 or 4 of your B.A. or B.Sc., you are now eligible to earn a Graduate Certificate in

Autism and Behavioural Sciences from Algonquin College while completing your degree!

*This joint collaborative agreement offers unique advantages:*

- ✓ Enhanced field of specialization
- ✓ Online delivery for added flexibility
- ✓ Faster than studying for each program separately
- ✓ Summer fast-tracking option

Applications\* are now being accepted at [OCAS.ca](https://ocas.ca)

For more information on this new articulation agreement with Algonquin College, connect with Joel Dickinson at: [jdickinson@laurentian.ca](mailto:jdickinson@laurentian.ca). Find out more [here](#).

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\*A \$95 application fee to the Ontario College Application Service applies.

# FUTURE VISION



- Admission requirements to Graduate Certificates
  - diploma or degree always required?
  - 2 years of an undergraduate degree with specific courses completed?
- Should we be promoting joint degree/graduate certificate pathways?
  - Are there other pathways in existence?
- Funding/revenue issues?
  - Institution and student

# THANK YOU

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