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Queen's University  
Basis of Admission Policy

Presentation Overview

- January 2004: Queen's University Senate approved policy on Determining Canadian Universities' Status for Basis of Admission

***To satisfy the basis of admission requirement to any degree program at Queen's, academic credentials obtained from a Canadian institution must be from an institution that is a member of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC).<sup>1</sup>***

... with the following caveat:

<sup>1</sup> In limited circumstances discretion to waive the condition of AUCC membership may be exercised by Faculties and Schools in categories dedicated to the admission of students whose special attributes, perspectives, affiliation, qualities or achievements bring greater diversity to the University population. Such discretionary categories of admission serve the goal of improving access to higher education for applicants from marginalized segments of Canadian society who can demonstrate academic promise on less conventional measures.

- Why Introduce a Policy?
  - Codify existing practice
  - Uncertainty about how to evaluate transcripts from new hybrid degree-granting institutions across Canada
- Benefits of a Formal Senate Policy
  - Consistent academic quality threshold for prospective students
  - Credibility to University's practices
  - Transparency to students
  - Identify challenges and opportunities for policy review

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➤ Why AUCC?

- No formally recognized accreditation body in Canada
- Recognized “voice” for Canadian universities and university degree-level colleges
- National association

➤ Applied Degrees

- Colleges in Ontario and other provinces grant Applied Degrees
- Institutions generally not members of AUCC
- At Queen’s, not eligible as direct basis of admission to second-entry professional programs or graduate studies

➤ Case Studies

➤ Lessons Learned

- Lightning rod!
- Clarity