

SUBJECT

Timelines for Program Completion

Learner Pathways Policy #A-29

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PROCEDURES

Northern College supports lifelong learning and recognizes that students may require additional time to complete their program of study. The College also recognizes program curriculum must be relevant to and keep in pace with industry needs.

The [A-29 policy](#) / A-29-PR-7 procedure supports the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) (formerly MAESD) established guidelines in calculating Graduate Rates.

1. As a guiding principle, the following schedule will apply:

Program Type	Prescribed Timeline	Maximum Timeline
College Approved	Up to 1 year	Up to 2 years
Ontario College Certificate	1 year	2 years
Ontario College Diploma	2 years	4 years
Ontario College Advanced Diploma	3 years	6 years
Ontario College Graduate Certificates	1 year	2 years
Part time programs		5 years

2. This procedure supports programs of study that are subject to external accrediting bodies and respects program timelines identified in respective articulation agreements. For programs offered in collaboration with another postsecondary institution, the college will defer to the institution's guidelines for program completion. This procedure also recognizes that programs which have co-op components may have compressed timelines which will be recognized and respected.
3. The [Learner Pathways Policy](#) and by extension this procedure supersede departmental policies.
4. Formal individualized learning plans provided to students through Accessibility Services will be respected and adhered to.

Note: Program timelines may be extended at the discretion of the Registrar, upon recommendation of the Dean or Program Coordinator.

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