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New Trent University & Sault College Partnership to Offer Unique Opportunity for Students to Complete a Teachable in Ojibwe

***From Anishinaabemowin certificate to Indigenous B.Ed. degree:
University-College partnership to create new pathway for students***

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Reflecting Trent's groundbreaking leadership in Indigenous education and commitment to offering pathway opportunities to assist students in making the transition from diploma to degree studies, Trent University has signed a new articulation agreement with Sault College, admitting graduates of the Anishinaabemowin certificate program to Trent's new Indigenous Bachelor of Education program with advanced standing, allowing students to earn both a certificate and degree in just five years.

The agreement with Sault College, the first between the two institutions, provides a unique opportunity for students to complete a teachable in Ojibwe in the Indigenous B.Ed. program. Trent University offers entry into the program from high school or through transfer agreements with local community colleges or First Nations Education Institutes. Sault College will be the third articulation agreement signed offering students a pathway into the program, following an agreement with Confederation College and Fleming College.

"Language is central to education and speaks directly to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action. The Sault College Anishinaabemowin Certificate is an extremely important language-based program, that offers a fast pathway into the Indigenous Bachelor of Education program at Trent for self-identified First Nations, Métis and Inuit students," explains Dr. Cathy Bruce, director of the School of Education at Trent. "The beauty of this partnership is that the graduates are equipped with the qualifications and understandings to teach Anishinaabemowin – Ojibwe language."

The new pathway agreement, which will be in effect for September 2017, will see eligible students who have received an overall 75% average in their college program, granted 5.0 transfer credits when arriving at Trent.

"Sault College has been actively engaged in Indigenous Studies for over 30 years. This pathway between Trent University and Sault College is another step in continuing our strong tradition in Indigenous studies. We are thrilled that students in our Anishinaabemowin certificate program can continue their post-secondary studies at a great university," says Carolyn Hepburn, dean, Indigenous Studies and Academic Upgrading, Sault College. "We are very proud of the pathway between our two institutions as it provides another exciting learning opportunity for our students."

Reflecting Trent's groundbreaking leadership in Indigenous Studies, the unique Indigenous Bachelor of Education provides self-identified First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and Indigenous students from around the world with the opportunity to become Indigenous teachers. Welcoming their first cohort of students this past fall, the program is integrated in its nature and encompasses three years of general studies and two years of professional studies. Offered in partnership by Trent's School of Education and the department of Indigenous Studies, the program puts Indigenous knowledge and perspectives at the forefront of teacher training.

About Trent University

One of Canada's top universities, Trent University was founded on the ideal of interactive learning that's personal, purposeful and transformative. Consistently recognized nationally for leadership in teaching, research and student satisfaction, Trent attracts excellent students from across the country and around the world. Here, undergraduate and graduate students connect and collaborate with faculty, staff and their peers through diverse communities that span residential colleges, classrooms, disciplines, hands-on research, co-curricular and community-based activities. Across all disciplines, Trent brings critical, integrative thinking to life every day. Today, Trent's unique approach to personal development through supportive, collaborative community engagement is in more demand than ever. Students lead the way by co-creating experiences rooted in dialogue, diverse perspectives and collaboration. In a learning environment that builds life-long passion for inclusion, leadership and social change, Trent's students, alumni, faculty and staff are engaged global citizens who are catalysts in developing sustainable solutions to complex issues. Trent's Peterborough campus boasts award-winning architecture in a breathtaking natural setting on the banks of the Otonabee River, just 90 minutes from downtown Toronto, while Trent University Durham – Greater Toronto Area, delivers a distinct mix of programming in the east GTA.

About Sault College

The vision of Sault College is to provide a transformative life experience through empowering those who study with us to think and learn in progressive, innovative ways, including those we have not yet imagined. Ranked the #1 English Language College in the province with a score of 85.4% in overall student satisfaction by students themselves, Sault College grants Ontario College certificates, diplomas, advanced diplomas, graduate certificates, and degrees to its graduates. The College is the largest deliverer of apprenticeship training in all of Northern Ontario. Educating over 2300 full-time and 4000 part-time students each year, Sault College has a significant economic impact on the community, with spin-offs in excess of \$158 million. Over \$1.8 million dollars in scholarships, bursaries and awards are distributed annually to students at the College. Located on the border to the United States and situated in the middle of three of the largest Great Lakes on the planet, Sault College is one of 24 publicly-funded colleges in the province of Ontario.

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