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Memo

Date: July 25, 2013
To: Deans, Faculties of Education
From: Michael Salvatori, OCT
Chief Executive Officer and Registrar
Subject: **Transition Provisions for Current Teacher Candidates**

With the recent confirmation of the September 2015 implementation of Ontario's expanded teacher education program, a number of questions have arisen about the impact of the changes on candidates currently enrolled in teacher education programs.

The College will be developing a number of regulatory amendments to support the implementation of the expanded teacher education program. In the interim, faculties may wish to communicate that the College will be developing regulations, including transition clauses, to clarify its intentions for certification requirements for students who are currently enrolled in a program of professional education.

These regulations, once filed, will specify that a person who begins (but has not completed) an Ontario program of professional education on or before August 31, 2015, would be eligible for College registration based on the requirements that were in place at the time the candidate began his or her program. This will apply to candidates enrolled in concurrent, or multi session programs and who are completing these programs after the requirements for the expanded teacher education program are in effect. Regulatory provisions may be developed to clarify a date in which pre-2015 concurrent or multi-session programs must be completed.

This may also apply to some regular program candidates. Naturally, this transition provision would be subject to universities' program and course availability, and any other regulatory requirements in place concerning teacher certification.

Thank you for your assistance in communicating this information and supporting teacher candidates who will be affected by the enhanced program transition. Candidates are also encouraged to obtain updates from the College website at www.oct.ca, and we will keep you informed of the progress of the proposed regulatory changes throughout our process.

Sincerely,

Michael Salvatori, OCT
Chief Executive Officer and Registrar

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