



October 20, 2015

Re: Exciting Announcement!

Dear Ms. Blanchet,

As a valued supporter of our George Brown College ASL-English Interpreter program's initiative to launch and confer an ASL-English Interpreting baccalaureate degree in Canada, we wanted to share some exciting news with you!

We have received Ministerial consent from the Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board (PEQAB) recommending to the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities that our program be approved to confer the Bachelor of Interpretation (American Sign Language –English) effective September 2016.

The launch of this baccalaureate program, the first of its kind in Canada, solidifies our commitment to providing better prepared graduates who are able to meet the various demands and the ever changing nature of the work and the field at large. Not only will a degree qualification allow our students an extra year of study to hone their interpreting skills, it will also provide our graduates with broader career and educational opportunities while contributing to the growing demand for Canadian research of the field.

With this change, we want to advise you that we will continue to offer the advanced diploma program only to currently enrolled students until they have graduated as we simultaneously launch the new degree program.

Bridging options will become available for alumnae and graduates from recognized ASL-English Interpreter education programs. The implementation of some bridging options are targeted to start fall 2018.

We are grateful for the guidance and input that you have provided to our faculty and staff over the years. We want to thank you for your ongoing support as we implement this new program

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Corene Kennedy at ckennedy@georgebrown.ca and Rhondda Reynolds at rreynolds@georgebrown.ca



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