



TYPE	Registration
NAME	Academic Equivalency Review Policy
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INTENT

This policy describes the assessment process employed by the Registration Committee when it seeks to determine whether or not a potential candidate's diploma or degree is equivalent to a diploma in denture therapy or denturism from George Brown College, per Ontario Regulation 833/93 (Registration Regulation).

BACKGROUND

Individuals wishing to apply for a Certificate of Registration with the College must meet a number of requirements, one of which is successful completion of the Qualifying Examination.

In order to sit the Qualifying Examination and, when successful, to subsequently apply for a Certificate of Registration, candidates must have a diploma in denture therapy or denturism from George Brown College or any other institution that, in the opinion of the Registration Committee, issues an equivalent diploma or degree.

THE POLICY

Program of Study

In order for a degree or diploma to be considered equivalent to a diploma from George Brown College it must offer courses in the areas identified in the Schedule to the Registration Regulation. The areas are as follows:

- Basic Sciences
- General Anatomy and Physiology
- Orofacial Anatomy
- General Histology
- Microbiology and Infection Control
- Dental Sciences
- Dental Histology and Embryology
- Periodontology
- Oral Pathology and Medicine
- Dental Kinesiology (Biomechanics)
- Dental Psychology
- Dental Psychology and the Aging Process
- Pharmacology and Emergency Care
- Health Promotion
- Public Health, Legislation and Research Nutrition
- Management
- Ethics and Professional Responsibilities
- Small Business Management
- Practice Management
- Denturist Practice
- Dental Materials
- Preclinical Prosthetics
- Clinical Prosthetics
- Radiographic Pattern Recognition
- Removable Partial Dentures (R.P.D.)
- Dentures Over Implants

Requesting Academic Equivalency Review

Potential candidates who do not have diploma in denturism from George Brown College or from another Ontario educational institution that is deemed, by the Registration Committee, to issue an equivalent degree or diploma, must provide satisfactory documentary evidence that their degree or diploma is substantially equivalent to the diploma offered by George Brown College.

For the Registration Committee to undertake an academic equivalency assessment, the potential candidate must submit:

- a. a completed *Academic Assessment Request Form*; and
- b. a completed *Academic Assessment Form*; and
- c. copies of the complete course descriptions* and a copy of the program syllabus sent directly from the educational institution to the College*; and
- d. official transcripts, either sent directly by World Education Services to the College or original documents sent directly to the College from the educational institution.

* If the original documents are not in French or English, they must be provided as notarized English translations. The potential candidate is responsible for any fees associated with translation and notarization of any documents that the Registration Committee requires in its assessment.

Potential candidates may provide information from more than one educational program.

Possible Outcomes:

Following an academic equivalency assessment, the Registration Committee may make one of the following determinations regarding the potential candidate's degree or diploma:

1. **Equivalent** - Sufficient information has been provided to satisfy the Registration Committee that the potential candidate's degree or diploma was earned as a result of taking courses that align with the areas identified in the Schedule. The potential candidate will be deemed to have met the education requirement.
2. **Not equivalent** – The Registration Committee has found discrepancies and/or gaps in the areas identified in the Schedule and the potential candidate's program of study. Where the Registration Committee has determined that the degree or diploma earned by the potential candidate cannot be considered equivalent to the diploma issued by George Brown College, the potential candidate will be deemed to have not met the education requirement in order to write the Qualifying Examination.

The Registration Committee will provide, in writing, the reasons for its determination. The potential candidate will be provided with information regarding applicable resources and strategies that can be undertaken to assist with establishing educational equivalency. The potential candidate will be informed of the process for re-application.

3. **Further documentation and information required** – Based on the information before it, the Registration Committee could not make a determination regarding academic equivalency. The Registration Committee will request additional evidence from the potential candidate in the form of information from textbooks, course outlines, academic references, and credible references from other sources. Upon receipt of this additional information, the Registration Committee will reconvene to determine if the new information provides it with information that enables it to reach a decision.

RELATED LEGISLATION AND DOCUMENTS

Denturism Act, 1991

Ontario Regulation 833/93 (Registration)

Health Professions Procedural Code, Schedule 2 to the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*

REVISION CONTROL

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