



Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board
Commission d'évaluation de la qualité de l'éducation postsecondaire

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The Honourable John Milloy
Minister, Training, Colleges and Universities
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Dear Minister:

**Re: Application from La Cité collégiale for Ministerial consent to continue to offer a Baccalauréat en technologie appliquée - Biotechnologie program:
Recommendation to Grant Consent with conditions**

Pursuant to section 5(1) of the *Post-secondary Education Choice and Excellence Act, 2000*, on July 16, 2007, La Cité collégiale applied to the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities for consent to continue to offer a Baccalauréat en technologie appliquée - Biotechnologie program, the current consent for which is due to expire on July 31, 2008, and the first cohort for which completed the program on April 27, 2007,

In accordance with section 5.2 of the *Act*, the application was referred on August 24, 2007, to the Board for its review and recommendation. The Board reviewed the application in accordance with its *Handbook for CAAT Renewals, May, 2006*, and gave final consideration to the application at its meeting of September 16, 2008.

Based on:

- the applicant's original submission,
- the report of the assessors appointed by the Board,
- any additional material submitted by the applicant, and
- the Board's assessment of the information against the Board's standards and benchmarks for a bachelor degree in an applied area of study,

the Board finds that the proposal meets the Board's standards and recommends to the Minister that consent be granted to La Cité collégiale to continue to offer a Baccalauréat en technologie appliquée - Biotechnologie program to be abbreviated B.T.A. (B.A.T.), at

its 801 promenade de l'Aviation campus until June 1, 2010, under the following conditions.

- i. A category be added to its admission requirements specifically relating to applicants from Quebec that has a policy that is acceptable to the Board and is in line with the prevailing practice in Quebec universities, Ontario universities, and the rest of Canada – i.e., a Secondary V diploma with at least one year (minimum 12 academic courses) in a CEGEP academic diploma program, with specific subjects at stated levels relevant to the Biotechnology major
- ii. If La Cité collégiale wishes to establish an exceptional category for Secondary V graduates who do not meet the CEGEP requirements, it submits a policy that is acceptable to the Board, in which:
 - a. the criteria,
 - b. the application materials/requirements, and
 - c. the internal assessment processesare to be essentially identical to those used by Ontario's bilingual universities, University of Ottawa and Glendon College of York University,
 - with these needing to be detailed and assessed by the admissions office of one of these institutions before consent was granted, and
 - with La Cité collégiale formally agreeing that in the next application for renewal of consent, the college will provide data on the number and percentage of offers of admission, and of registrations, to exceptional case students, so that it can be verified that these are indeed admission exceptions rather than the norm.

This consent termination date is recommended since it is the earliest convenient time that the Board will be able to conduct a full review of the program after there has been at least one graduating class and the institution has been able to conduct and operationalize the results of its mandatory self-study.

Yours truly,



Dale Patterson,
Chair

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