



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
900 Bay Street
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Dear Minister:

Re: Application from University of New Brunswick to renew consent to offer a Bachelor of Nursing: Recommendation to Grant Consent

Pursuant to section 5(1) of the *Post-secondary Education Choice and Excellence Act, 2000*, the University of New Brunswick applied to renew consent to offer its Bachelor of Nursing. In accordance with section 5.2 of the Act, the application was referred on July 22nd, 2009 to the Board for its review and recommendation. The Board reviewed the application in accordance with its *Handbook for Public Organizations, February 2006* and gave consideration to the application on June 21st, 2010.

Based on:

- the applicant's submission;
- the findings of the Quality Assessment Panel appointed by the Board to assess this program against the Board's standards and benchmarks for an Honours Baccalaureate degree;
- the applicant's response to the panel's report;
- any additional materials provided by the applicant to the Board;
- any commitments made by the applicant during the review process; and
- the Board's assessment of the information;

the Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board finds that the proposed program meets the Board's standards, and recommends that consent be granted to University of New Brunswick to continue to offer its Bachelor of Nursing at Humber North Campus, 205 Humber College Blvd, Toronto, ON M9W 5L7.

The Board's recommendations are predicated on an assumption and the Minister's requirement that the University will meet the terms and conditions of consent which require it

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to honour all commitments made in the application and during the course of the review. Should these commitments not be honoured, the program will not meet the Board's standards. The risks resulting from inadequate program quality are considerable and can range from individual risks to students who do not achieve the education they expect to the potential harm to the reputation of Ontario degrees. Given their importance, the Board recommends that you seek assurance from the University of New Brunswick that commitments made during the course of the review are honoured.

Should you decide to grant consent, the Board recommends that consent be conditional on the program maintaining accreditation with the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Patterson", written in a cursive style.

Dale Patterson,
Chair

cc Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board
Deborah Newman, Deputy Minister, MTCU
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