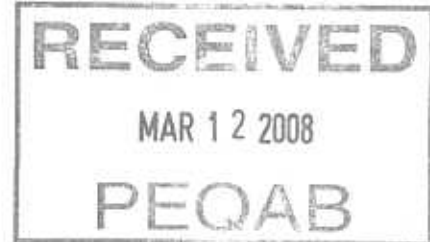


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The Honourable John Milloy
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Dear Mr. Milloy:

I am writing as a follow-up to a memo received last week from Jackie Creber, Senior Policy Advisor, regarding the need to submit a notice of change for the degree completion program that had been offered as a collaborative arrangement between UNB and Humber College in Toronto.

In June, 2005, Humber College made the decision to discontinue the collaborative agreement with UNB related to the Degree Completion Program which had been in existence since 2000.

To accommodate for the withdrawal of Humber College from the agreement, UNB has arranged to have the courses delivered by distance to Toronto from UNB. (Some of the courses have always been done in this way). Toronto faculty were hired to teach the clinical courses and one person was appointed to act as the UNB Community Liaison Representative there. The recommendations from the PEQAB review of the program from the previous year (2004-05) were still acted upon and will remain in place until the program is phased out.

A New Brunswick survey of Registered Nurses in the fall of 2006 found that only 40 nurses were interested in pursuing their degree within the next five years. Based on this data, the decision was made to phase out the Degree Completion Program over the next several years, a decision which affected Toronto students as well. The last intake of students was admitted for the fall, 2007 semester, including six from the Humber site. This last cohort of students will be expected to complete their nursing courses by May 2011, and to complete the remainder of their courses to graduate no later than May, 2015.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Reida Woodside'.

Reida Woodside
Asst Dean UNB-Humber Collaborative Program