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## **Laurier Brantford enters into partnership with Conestoga College** *Articulation agreement allows students to combine practical and theoretical knowledge*

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BRANTFORD – Laurier Brantford is furthering its reputation as a leader in college-university programming through a new agreement with Conestoga College. The two institutions have formed a partnership that allows graduates of Conestoga’s journalism program and its general arts and science programs entry into the contemporary studies program available at Brantford.

This type of articulation agreement is unique in its approach, as it combines the hands-on skills training of a college program with the well-rounded education of a bachelor of arts. Laurier Brantford’s core curriculum of contemporary studies is an especially strong match for college partnerships because of the interdisciplinary nature of the program.

“This agreement further underscores Laurier Brantford’s aim of providing students with the opportunity to combine a strong liberal arts education with practical skills training,” said Leo Groarke, dean of Laurier Brantford. “Graduates who enter the workforce with both the job skills of a college program and the broad knowledge and communication and analytic skills taught at university are very well-prepared for their future careers.”

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“The recently released report by Bob Rae on the postsecondary review recommends that colleges and universities recognize each other’s related programming to create clear and efficient pathways for students,” explained Jal Wadia, Conestoga’s director, strategic initiatives. “I believe this agreement is a strong step forward, providing clear pathways for students between Laurier and Conestoga that will benefit our students.”

A signing ceremony was held Tuesday, February 7 at 9 a.m. at Conestoga College. In attendance were Laurier vice-president: academic Sue Horton, Conestoga vice-president: academic David Burns, Groarke and Wadia.