

Newfoundland and Labrador Jurisdictional Report

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This report is written from the perspective of Memorial University of Newfoundland (MUN) and, while it incorporates information from the College of the North Atlantic (CNA) and the Department of Education, it does not attempt to represent those entities.

Provincial

- The Williams government has committed to an ongoing tuition freeze in the province and has been working on student loans
- The priority for the provincial government has been increased collaboration between the university and college
- Discussion around separate university system for Sir Wilfred Grenfell College (SWGFC)

Organizations

- MUN and CNA have stated in their strategic plans a commitment to ongoing collaboration
- Leadership at both institutions is committed to promoting student mobility
- The White Paper on Public Post-Secondary Education (2005) recommended a “system-wide approach to new program planning” as well as “greater connectedness with each other” (p.77). A new Council on Higher Education (CHE) was formed disbanding the Articulation, Transfer and Admission Committee (ATAC)
- There is a published Transfer Guide
- Work has begun on tracking students between the institutions.

Institutions

- Both the CNA and MUN are very involved in articulation and transfer
- One of the barriers is that transfer agreements are generally course to course rather than program to program and are typically transferred from CNA to MUN
- Movement from the Business, Tourism and Technology programs at CNA into MUN are working well as is the College Transfer Year.

