

**PCCAT Annual Meeting – June 2010**  
**Quebec Jurisdictional Report**  
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The following is a summary of the verbal report given at the PCCAT meeting in June 2010 in Vancouver.

The Quebec system is inherently a transfer system for those students who conduct their pre-university studies within the province. University-bound students attend high school to grade 11, then move on to CEGEP (college) for two years, and then into the university system. They enter at the beginning of year 2 of a 4 year degree and complete 3 years of university to obtain their baccalaureate degrees. In effect, they receive a full year of credit toward their 4 year university degree as a result of completing their DEC, the CEGEP leaving credential. This stands in contrast to students who complete grade 12 in other Canadian provinces who then enter year 1 of university in Quebec and complete 4 years of study to obtain a baccalaureate degree.

The Quebec universities have become very interested in recognizing the changes that are being implemented in Europe as a result of the Bologna process. Perhaps not surprisingly, many European students study in the province, necessitating a strong understanding of the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) and the new postsecondary system changes. For the reference of PCCAT members, two examples of the description of Bologna credentials necessary for graduate admission to one Canadian university are offered alongside the requirements under the former educational system:

<http://www.mcgill.ca/files/gradapplicants/FRANCE.pdf>;

<http://www.mcgill.ca/files/gradapplicants/ITALY.pdf>

Inspired by the European Bologna process, the Quebec universities also recently agreed to a template for a Quebec 'diploma supplement' to assist other jurisdictions to understand university credentials and transcripts. Although the diploma supplement has not been implemented at all Quebec universities to date, this initiative is one example of the application of Bologna approaches in the Canadian context.

Finally, a number of Quebec university students pursue courses at other Quebec universities during the course of their degree programs. This is not an unusual practice throughout Canada and is typically supported by the provision of what is often called a 'letter of permission' which is issued, often manually, by the student's home university to the other school. In Quebec, a central system was developed several years ago which students use to indicate their interest in attending the other university and through which they receive approval. Their final grades are also transferred through this system, referred to as the Quebec Inter-university Transfer Agreement (Autorisation d'études hors établissement): <https://dbs.crepuq.qc.ca/mobilite-cours/4DSTATIC/ENAccueil.html>. This system helps to streamline the mobility of Quebec students between Quebec universities.