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BACKGROUND

Northern College supports lifelong learning and recognizes that students may require additional time to complete their program of study. The College also recognizes program curriculum must be relevant to and keep in pace with industry needs.

This policy supports the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities established guideline in calculating Graduate Rates.

POLICY

Northern College will allow up to double the prescribed program duration as a maximum timeframe for program completion for students who are continuously enrolled. Students who interrupt their studies then return at a later date should refer to Academic Policy A-11 Interruption of Studies.

PROCEDURE

As a guiding principle, the following schedule will apply:

Program-Type	Prescribed Timeline	Maximum Timeline
College-Approved	Up to 1 year	Up to 2 years
Ontario College Certificate	1 year	2 years
Ontario College Diploma	2 years	4 years
Ontario College Advanced Diploma	3 years	6 years
Ontario College Graduate Certificate	1 year	2 years
Part-time Programs		5 years

This policy supports programs of study that are subject to external accrediting bodies and respects program timelines identified in respective articulation agreements. For programs offered in collaboration with another postsecondary institution, the college will defer to the institution’s guidelines for program completion. This policy also recognizes that programs which

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	<p>have co-op components may have compressed timelines which will be recognized and respected.</p> <p>This policy supersedes departmental policies.</p> <p>Formal individualized learning plans provided to students through Learning and Disabilities Services will be respected and adhered to.</p> <p>Note: Program timelines may be extended at the discretion of the Registrar, upon recommendation of the Academic Manager or Program Coordinator.</p>

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