

ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Committee Name: Academic Programs Committee, University Council

Date: May 14, 2026

Presented by: Paul Jones, Chair, Academic Programs Committee

Subject: Senate Education Confirmation- Bachelor of Science Dental Therapy Admission Qualification Changes

CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND

The Senate Bylaws delegate the Education Committee the authority to confirm changes to admissions qualifications that have received approval from University Council.

Council approved admission qualification changes to the Bachelor of Science in Dental Therapy on March 19, 2026. The Senate Education Committee met and provided feedback on the proposal which resulted in a few modifications for clarity. After a thorough discussion with the Governance Office and Chair of the Education Committee of Senate, it was determined that the new wording Dentistry is proposing after feedback from the committee is *not fundamentally changing the intent*, rather aligning with wording Dentistry uses in their other programs, the Chair in consultation with the Governance Office interprets that the new wording clarifies the original intent of the change, and not making this change would leave the actual wording somewhat problematic. With this in mind, the Chair decided that the change is not substantial and it would be appropriate to send this back to APC and Council for information as amended and confirmed by the Senate Education Committee.

The Senate Education Committee confirmed this change on April 6, 2026, by electronic vote as noted in the motion below.

Motion: (Hestand/Macleod) That the Senate Education Committee confirm the admission qualification changes to the Bachelor of Science in Dental Therapy, effective for the 2027-2028 application cycle with the following changes:

- Removing High School from the selection criteria bonus point system paragraph.
- Adjusting the language under the international-trained Dentist Applications: Completion of a degree in a dental program from an academic institution not recognized by the Commission on Dental Education of Canada (CDAC).

By way of this briefing document, the modifications to the proposal were reported back to APC for information on April 15, 2026.