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# **Briercrest College, SIAS expand business transfer credit options**

*Agreement enhances student mobility*

**June 16, 2008** – Briercrest College and Seminary and SIAS recently reached a transfer credit agreement that provides recognition of selected business courses at each institution.

Through the five-year agreement, SIAS will recognize 13 credits from the Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration program at Briercrest College as equivalent to the SIAS Business certificate program, which is the admission requirement for SIAS Business diploma programs. This allows Briercrest College and Seminary students who have successfully completed one or more of the defined courses to use these courses toward the admission requirements for SIAS diploma programs in accountancy, administration, human resources, financial services, or marketing. The reciprocal agreement also allows SIAS Business Certificate students to transfer their credits to the Business Administration program at Briercrest College.

“One of the key issues facing Canada’s post-secondary education sector is credit mobility. SIAS and Briercrest College and Seminary are making a commitment to eliminate unnecessary barriers to education and enable students to equip themselves attractively for entering the workforce upon graduation,” says Dan MacKay, dean of SIAS Business and Entrepreneurial Studies.

Danny Gamache, instructor of Business Studies at Briercrest College and Seminary, agrees. “The SIAS/Briercrest agreement makes it easier for students to advance their education locally,” he says. “Briercrest students are able to easily move to SIAS and complete a business diploma. SIAS business diploma graduates are able to transfer to Briercrest and complete a Bachelor of Arts degree in only a couple of years. The agreement between Briercrest College and Seminary and SIAS makes it easier for both types of students.”

Briercrest College, established in 1935 and located in Caronport, Saskatchewan, is Canada's largest Christian college. It offers several ABHE-accredited Bachelor of Arts, Associate of Arts, and certificate programs in Christian ministry, Bible and theology, arts and science, TESOL, and business administration. Almost 650 undergraduate students are enrolled at Briercrest College with approximately 250 enrolled at Briercrest Seminary and 150 in Briercrest Distance Learning. Briercrest College and Seminary also operates the local Caronport High School.

SIAST is Saskatchewan's primary public institution for post-secondary technical education and skills training, recognized nationally and internationally for its expertise and innovation. Almost 12,000 students are registered in SIAST programs, which touch every sector of the economy; additionally, the organization draws more than 29,000 individual course registrations. It operates campuses in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon and provides a number of courses and programs through distance education.

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## ***BACKGROUND***

### **Reciprocal transfer credit agreement between SIAST and Briercrest College and Seminary**

This is a reciprocal transfer credit agreement which provides for recognition of selected courses completed by students in SIAST's Business Certificate program and at Briercrest College and Seminary.

Students from the SIAST Business Certificate program and from Briercrest College and Seminary who have successfully completed the following courses within the past five years will be assigned transfer credit from the other institution as detailed in the following table:

<b>SIAS Courses</b>	<b>is equivalent to (=)</b>	<b>Briercrest College and Seminary Courses</b>
ACCT 122	=	BU 211
ACCT 125	=	BU 211
ADMN 126	=	ADMN 367
BCOM 120	=	BU 201, BU 213 and BU 350
BCOM 121	=	BU 201, BU 213 and BU 350
COMP 120	=	CMP 315
COAP 137	=	CMP 315
ECON 120	=	ECN 100
ECON 121	=	ECN 101
FIN 120	=	MTH 110
HR 120	=	BU 350
MTG 120	=	BU 201
STAT 120	=	MTH 292

\* To receive transfer credit for the SIAST courses BCOM 120 and BCOM 121, the Briercrest College and Seminary course BU 201 must be taken prior to or concurrent with BU 213.