Fairleigh Dickinson University Vancouver
Application for renewal of consent of the Masters of Science in Applied Computer Science
Response to Comments during public review period
April 5, 2025

Comment received:

"BCIT thanks Fairleigh Dickinson University for the opportunity to comment on the renewal for the Master of Science in Applied Computer Science. Our Associate Dean of Computing and Technology Professional Programs offers the following feedback.
There is a concern that while a capstone project is required, the thesis and internship are electives. It does not seem sufficient that a student could graduate with a Masters degree without a thesis or internship/practicum. Consideration to prioritize these essential components is suggested. We wish you all the best in the renewal of this program."

FDUV Response:

Thank you for your well wishes and feedback on the FDUV MSACS renewal of consent application.

The MSACS is offered and delivered as approved by the Ministry, which is described in the application for renewal of consent.

As part of the initial application for consent to offer the MSACS program which lead to Ministry approval in 2020, FDUV provided a comparison of the structure of the MSACS with the masters level programs in Computer Science offered by UBC, SFU, UVic and UNBC. This comparison showed that while UBC requires completion of a thesis, SFU, UVic and UNBC do not. None of these four comparison institutions require completion of an internship.

As stated in the initial application for consent, students who intend to pursue an academic career, and in particular doctoral studies, are advised to complete the MSACS thesis option.