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Unique partnership trains and employs Peace River students

A recent innovative partnership to fulfill the recruitment and training needs of a Peace River based Air, Industrial and Medical Ground Transfer business can be considered a success.

In September 2009, Advanced Paramedic Limited (APL) and Northern Lakes College partnered to offer the emergency medical responder training program for the community of Peace River. The partnership provided prospective applicants the opportunity to have their tuition and fees sponsored by APL. In return, student committed to working with APL after their training.

“This partnership provided a unique opportunity for the community of Peace River,” indicated Stephen Woodburn, President and CEO of APL. “Northern Lakes College provided the comprehensive training that prepared our employees with the necessary pre-hospital skills as required in the industrial safety environment.” As a result, APL is moving into their active season fully staffed with highly qualified employees ready to respond to service needs.

Working with industry furthers enhances Northern Lakes College’s ability to meet community needs and make education accessible in the north. “Being flexible and responsive to our industry partners is what we strive to do,” outlined Shona Hommy-Bugarin, Coordinator of Allied Health Program for the Northern Lakes College. “Working with APL has further enhanced our ability to reduce barriers to education and training.”

APL is a fully qualified and licensed Air, Ground, and Industrial Ambulance provider based in both Peace River and Edmonton.

Northern Lakes College has campuses in over 30 communities across north-central Alberta and provides training in several different health careers, practical nursing, health care aide, sterile processing and pre-hospital programs like emergency medical responder and emergency medical technician. In addition to the health courses, programs range from upgrading to careers, university studies to apprenticeship trades. Flexible learning opportunities include full time or part time options. As well many classes are offered to students online or using various technologies including video conferencing.

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