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Northern Lakes College Receives Six Year Primary Care Paramedic Accreditation

Northern Lakes College has received a six year accreditation award from the Canadian Medical Association for the Primary Care Paramedic Program known in Alberta as the Emergency Medical Technology (EMT) Program.

Accreditation is the public recognition that an educational program has met national standards. Through accreditation, the Canadian Medical Association ensures that all educational institutions across Canada hold their programs to the highest standard and are therefore enabling their students to become competent health care practitioners.

“We are extremely proud to be granted the highest level of accreditation award that is currently given by the Canadian Medical Association,” said Bonnie Porat, Director, Health Career Programs at Northern Lakes College. “Our students excel on the provincial exam and go on to provide safe and competent emergency care wherever they choose to practice. The public can be assured that Northern Lakes College is committed to quality health care programs.”

The EMT program at Northern Lakes College also has a positive reputation for success in the Alberta College of Paramedics (ACP) exam, which is a mandatory exam in order to practice as an EMT in Alberta. In all three years that the college has had EMT programming, 100 per cent of students have passed the ACP exam.

“I chose Northern Lakes College based on their reputation coupled with the excellent success rate on the ACP exam,” said EMT student Crystal Cartwright. “The college is known for producing top quality practitioners who are safe in their skills and sound in their knowledge. I would recommend Northern Lakes College to anyone who has an interest in paramedicine.”

The EMT Program is a distance delivery program that offers online lectures and class discussions, combined with face-to-face onsite sessions. This allows students the freedom and flexibility to remain employed in their home communities while increasing their skills and knowledge-base. The face-to-face sessions are held at the Slave Lake campus, with the next intake of the program in September 2014.

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Northern Lakes College is located in more than 26 communities across northern Alberta. Programs offered include academic upgrading, certificate, diploma, apprenticeship, university studies, and a variety of workforce development opportunities.

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