

Northern Lakes College Opens Trades Training Centre at the Wabasca Campus

Wabasca, AB [April 29, 2015] – Community leaders and supporters joined College representatives to celebrate the official opening of the Northern Lakes College Trades and Training Centre at Wabasca’s Stony Point Campus.

The Centre will be used to introduce students to different types of trades training by offering dual credit programming and pre-employment courses to enhance various skill sets. The long term goal is to provide individuals with an understanding of what skills are required for a career in the trades, and prepare them for future apprenticeship training. The College plans to work with school divisions to offer dual-credit training allowing students to earn credit for high school and post-secondary simultaneously, and partner with community organizations to provide customized training.

Dan Vandermeulen, Chair of the Northern Lakes College Board of Governors, emphasized that the primary role of the College is to provide education and training that leads to employment. “Northern Lakes College plays an important role in building the capacity of the region by providing skilled graduates who are ready to help meet the labour needs of business and industry”.



The newly renovated lab was recently outfitted to offer welder, carpenter, millwright, pipefitting and electrical training. Work on the lab began in the spring of 2014, and was completed in the winter of 2015. The Trades Centre was put to use immediately after completion for a trades preparation program.

“We will continue to offering programming that will provide students with basic training related to careers and encourage them to seek jobs and apprenticeship training in the future,” offered Nelson Lutz, NLC’s Dean of Trades and Technology

The facility was previous used by Alberta Job Corps Northern Lakes College, until it was transferred back to the College three years ago. The College held discussions with the community to help decide how to best use the space to serve their needs. It was decided that a multi-purpose trades lab would provide the best opportunity to engage the community in training that will eventually lead to employment.

Northern Lakes College is a Comprehensive Community Institution offering certificate and diploma programs in Business, Health Sciences, Human Services, Technology, Trades, University Studies and Academic Upgrading. The College collaborates with Campus Alberta partners to offer degree completion opportunities throughout its service region, including a Bachelor of Education. Northern Lakes College also provides a wide variety of certificate programs through its Continuing Education and Corporate Training Department.

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