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PARAMEDIC PROGRAM COMING TO NORTHERN LAKES COLLEGE

November 28, 2015 (Slave Lake, Alberta) – Advanced Education has recently approved a new program at Northern Lakes College. The Emergency Medical Technologist-Paramedic program is a two year diploma program that will prepare students to practice emergency pre-hospital medical and trauma care.

Students will gain hands-on experience through hospital, intermediate and advanced care practicums. The program will be offered face-to-face in Slave Lake over the two years. The first offering will be September 2016.

“The Emergency Medical Technologist – Paramedic program reflects Northern Lakes College’s commitment to providing leading skills based training in health careers, “said Kathy Reid, Chair Allied Health. “It’s critical to offer ongoing training for individuals to further their careers and fill much needed positions that require advanced education.”

To register for the program, students must currently possess an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certificate or have current registration with the Alberta College of Paramedics as an EMT. Additional academic and skill appraisals are required for this program. Interested individuals can call Northern Lakes College at 780-849-8600 for more information.

Northern Lakes College has a long history of emergency medical training, having offered the Emergency Medical Technician program since 2009. Northern Lakes College has also been a leader in developing dynamic training in this field, as they were the first provider of EMR in Alberta to deliver an 8 week program, more than double the previous delivery time. Redesign of this program aimed to give students a stronger foundation of knowledge to better prepare them for successful completion of their provincial licensing exam. Since the inception of this new program format, students’ successful completion and readiness has increased by 40%.

The newly approved Emergency Medical Technologist-Paramedic program, coupled with Northern Lakes College’s graduates from the redesigned EMT program, will ensure emergency personnel in our northern communities are leaders in their field.

Demand in northern Alberta is high for Emergency Medical Technologist-Paramedic's. According to the Government of Alberta ALIS website, the average wage for pre-hospital personnel (this includes EMR, EMT, Paramedic) is \$30.35 an hour.

Northern Lakes College offers affordable, on-campus housing for students attending this program from other communities.

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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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