

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## NORTHERN LAKES COLLEGE WELCOMES ITS LATEST CALP PARTNER TO ITS MCLENNAN CAMPUS

Northern Lakes College (NLC) is pleased to welcome its newest Community Adult Learning Program (CALP) partner. Now located on NLC's McLennan campus is the Smoky River Community Adult Learning and Literacy office. It is one of 120 CALP organizations that provide part-time, non-formal adult learning opportunities throughout Alberta.

Now that the partners are working side by side in the same building and sharing resources and expertise, the community has a convenient, one-stop education hub. NLC and the Smoky River CALP are ready to help learners navigate the complex network of available supports and services. Their joint mission is to provide high-quality, relevant educational opportunities and to help learners transform their lives.

NLC is well-known for providing formal and non-formal learning opportunities that meet labour market demands. It offers continuing education and academic courses as well as certificate, diploma, and trades programs. NLC has expertise in delivering instruction face-to-face and with distance learning technologies. It has knowledgeable and caring counsellors, instructors, and support staff.

The Smoky River Adult Learning and Literacy office is well-known for projects involving adult literacy, numeracy, foundational learning, and life skills. It offers courses in computer basics, languages (English, French, Spanish), Hunter Education, Food Safety, Boat Operation, H2S, and Firearms Safety. Whenever a specialty interest course is needed, the office will work hard to find an instructor.

Laurrie Lloyd, the Smoky River Adult Learning and Literacy Coordinator, was asked about the new partnership with Northern Lakes College. She said, "NLC and my office have the same vision. We want to give adult learners in the Smoky River Region a vantage point of entry no matter where they are in their lifelong learning plan. NLC counsellors can help learners find a starting point, and we can help learners grow into the college's programs. Learning in the community eliminates obstacles relating to costs or travelling to a city centre. This partnership makes sense. I'm pleased to be part of a team that is offering a wide variety of learning opportunities."

Ann Everatt, President and CEO said "We are delighted to have another CALP in of our campuses. Northern Lakes College will continue to seek innovative partnerships to provide opportunities to students and to develop vibrant learning communities". Meaningful collaboration with educational consortiums, corporations, regional businesses, band and settlement offices, community groups, municipalities, and government agencies plays a significant role in NLC's continued success.

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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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