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Northern Lakes College and Athabasca University Co-location

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Northern Lakes College (NLC) and Athabasca University (AU) are excited to announce a collaboration of shared space in Athabasca. Under a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), NLC will move its Athabasca operations to AU's main building. Both institutions look forward to the opportunities for collaboration this move will create as well as the substantially increased academic presence on Athabasca's west hill.

"Collaboration is the key to innovation. Northern Lakes College has always been innovative, as has Athabasca University. Pioneers in the field of distance education, both institutions have forged new paths and created opportunities where none existed previously," says Ann Everatt, President and CEO. "Today, this lease agreement brings us together in one physical space. We anticipate this will create further opportunities for students and for institutional collaboration and will build a powerhouse of online learning expertise."

"We have a unique opportunity to create an educational hub on the hill," says AU's president, Dr. Neil Fassina. "The education services, education technology, and related sectors are prime for investment and growth. We're building a critical mass of students and partners here that will help us attract more partners and lead to diversifying and strengthening our regional economy. The partnership between Northern Lakes College and AU is a significant first step."

About Athabasca University

You can create and contribute as you study. This is how Athabasca University transforms lives and communities. The real world sees no separation between your education and the rest of your life. Neither does Athabasca. Athabasca University was North America's first online university. Its open and flexible environment is built on leveraging technology to enable learning. Athabasca is re-imagining its founding spirit with new investments in digital education. Athabasca University will never stop striving to perfect it. Open, flexible, and everywhere.

About Northern Lakes College

Northern Lakes College (NLC), located in northern Alberta, provides quality programs through distributed learning to over 6,000 students annually. NLC offers certificate and diploma programs in Business, Health Sciences and Allied Health, Human Services, Technology, Trades, University Studies, and Academic Upgrading. The College collaborates with partners to offer degree completion opportunities, including a Bachelor of Education and a Bachelor of Social Work. NLC provides professional accreditation and certificate programs through its Continuing Education and Corporate Training Department.

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