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Northern Lakes College expansion of Community Adult Learning Programs

Northern Lakes College (NLC) has established a Community Adult Learning Program (CALP) in the community of Loon River. This is in addition to the already-established CALPs in Atikameg, Chateh, Cadotte Lake, and Wabasca. A recent funding announcement earmarks \$250,000 in funding for the operation of CALPs in the 2018-19 academic year.

Funded through the Government of Alberta, Advanced Learning, CALPs provide adult literacy and foundational learning opportunities in over 120 CALP locations across the province. With the newly established CALP, Northern Lakes College is able to enhance the entire adult learning continuum, bringing foundational learning, or Basic Education Level (BEL), programming and employability skills classes to residents in these communities.

Students are able to access the local NLC campus to take the online courses, use the computer labs, and access other resources on site. The cost of books and tuition for the BEL courses in these communities is covered by the CALP funding. Programming is available to both full-time and part-time students.

"We have been working with the CALPs in our region for a few years now, have established good relationships, and I am really excited for this new opportunity. We are already providing CALP programming to the residents of Atikameg, Cadotte Lake, Chateh, and Wabasca and are looking forward to working with residents of Loon River. NLC is established in all of these communities so it really is a good fit," says Glenn Mitchell, Dean of Business and Academics at 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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