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Northern Lakes College Responds to COVID-19

Slave Lake, Alberta (April 23, 2020): The global COVID-19 pandemic has affected all aspects of society and its institutions, including post-secondary institutions. Northern Lakes College has had to adjust many aspects of its operations, with the majority of employees working from home and students studying from home. The College's unique Supported Distance Learning (SDL) model has meant course delivery itself has required fewer adjustments.

The Northern Lakes College SDL model allows students and their instructors to convene in an online environment where they can interact in real time. The model recreates the traditional classroom in an online environment, allowing instructors to deliver live lessons and for students to ask their questions in real time. The model also provides greater access to learning supports and a host of mental health and wellness services for students.

The largest challenge faced by the College has been the lack of high-speed internet in a number of northern Alberta communities. In those communities, students normally attend the local NLC campus to access their online courses. Northern Lakes College has responded to this challenge by providing affected students with laptops preloaded with required learning materials.

Comments President & CEO, Ann Everatt, "I want to thank our students, employees, and communities for their support as we adjust our services in response to COVID-19. Our Supported Distance Learning model allows us to continue to serve our students and communities during this challenging time."

Northern Lakes College is accepting applications for September study. Application can be made online at www.northernlakescollege.ca and inquiries can be directed to 1-866-652-3456.

Learn more about SDL [here](#). Be safe and be well.



A distance learning college, Northern Lakes College provides the most accessible and flexible educational opportunities through innovative delivery. Utilizing its unique Supported Distance Learning (SDL) model, NLC assists 5,000 students annually to continue their education, improve their employment opportunities, and enhance their quality of life. Committed to its communities in northern Alberta and to its students, wherever they may be, NLC collaborates with business, industry, and other post-secondary institutions to benefit students and communities. Explore at www.northernlakescollege.ca.

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