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## **Northern Lakes College and Town of Hinton Establish Education Partnership**

***Hinton, Alberta (May 19, 2021):*** Northern Lakes College and the Town of Hinton are pleased to announce a new education partnership. Starting in September 2021, Northern Lakes College will be offering services to residents of the community. Northern Lakes College brings over 50 years of expertise delivering relevant, high-quality learning opportunities. The College's unique Supported Distance Learning model, which allows students to study from home or work, will support the distance education needs of the community.

Northern Lakes College has a proven education model that effectively meets the unique education needs and challenges of rural Alberta communities. Northern Lakes College provides a broad range of programming, including Academic Upgrading, Apprenticeship and Pre-Employment Trades, Business and Administrative Studies, Health Careers, Human Service Careers, Resource Technology, and University Studies. Many programs available through Northern Lakes College offer dual credit opportunities, allowing high school students to receive credit for college-level courses while still in high school.

"Northern Lakes College is excited about the partnership with the Town of Hinton, and welcomes the opportunity to provide post-secondary programming to the community. NLC seeks to provide the most accessible community-based learning opportunities and endeavours to find collaborative ways to support the provincial goal of increased participation in post-secondary education," comments Northern Lakes College President & CEO, Glenn Mitchell.

"It's extremely exciting to see partnerships that are adapting to the delivery of post-secondary education. This will give students a chance to gain essential skills while staying in Hinton," comments Marcel Michaels, Mayor of the Town of Hinton.

"In expanding their program offerings to the Town of Hinton, Northern Lakes College is creating more learning opportunities for the region; this will allow more students to get their post-secondary education closer to home, while fostering local job creation and economic growth at the same time," says Martin Long, MLA West Yellowhead.

Northern Lakes College is committed to enhancing access to post-secondary education in rural Alberta. With accessibility as a cornerstone value, the College provides flexible

and quality educational programs and services that allow learners to balance work, home, and education. NLC's innovative Supported Distance Learning (SDL) and Supported Distance Teaching (SDT) models include unique online delivery options such as *NLC LIVE Online™* and *NLC Anytime, Anywhere*.

To browse Northern Lakes College programs, visit [www.northernlakescollege.ca](http://www.northernlakescollege.ca). Those interested in programming for September are encouraged to apply soon. Contact Northern Lakes College at 1-866-652-3456.

### **About the Town of Hinton**

Hinton has always been for explorers. From our region's mapping by David Thompson in 1810, through the fur traders, miners, loggers, and adventurers who've settled since, this has been a place where those willing to strive to see, do, and experience more feel at home. Respectful of our past, creating our future, Hinton is a community of opportunity – as an active, culturally rich, safe environment in which to learn and grow.

For additional information visit the Town's website at [www.hinton.ca](http://www.hinton.ca), or e-mail [info@hinton.ca](mailto:info@hinton.ca).

### **About Northern Lakes College**

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](http://www.northernlakescollege.ca).

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