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Northern Lakes College Ready to Roll with Class 1 Driver Training

Slave Lake, Alberta (April 19, 2023): Northern Lakes College is the proud owner of a shiny new semi! The truck will be used to provide Class 1 Driver Training within the region. The truck will enable Northern Lakes College to offer Mandatory Entry Level Training (MELT), the standardized driver training program implemented by the Government of Alberta to improve road safety. The training is mandatory for commercial Class 1 drivers.

Class 1 MELT includes components of classroom theory and both in-yard and in-cab training. In-yard training includes activities that occur around the vehicle when not in motion, such as vehicle inspections. In-cab training hours are spent behind the wheel, either on-road or off-road, in various conditions including reversing, and connecting and disconnecting the truck and trailer.

“There is an identified need for Class 1 drivers in our region and across the province. Northern Lakes College is always looking for ways to support the local economy. Ensuring the availability of this training in-region means increased accessibility for students,” comments Amy Saitz, Dean, Business, Academics, Trades & Regional Stewardship.

The College anticipates there will be demand for the program from both students looking to get into the trucking industry, and employers who need drivers trained and licensed to operate trucks for supply and delivery of a variety of products.

For information about MELT at Northern Lakes College, contact tradesaccount@northernlakescollege.ca.

To check out the full complement of driver training available, visit northernlakescollege.ca/cect.

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