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CNC shares new programming to Burns Lake council

BURNS LAKE – The College of New Caledonia (CNC) showcased new programming coming to its Lakes District campus for the fall 2018 semester during a Village of Burns Lake council meeting on June 12.

This September, a cohort of practical nursing (PN) students will begin their studies for the first time in the community.

Getting a PN program off the ground in Burns Lake has been a multi-year, multi-level process to ensure the program met the highest educational standards and that students met the necessary prerequisites. It is a process CNC Lakes District campus Regional Principal Corinne George said she is excited to have come to fruition this fall.

“The need for trained practical nurses throughout central and northern British Columbia is great,” she said. “Running the PN program at the Lakes District campus opens opportunities for students looking to study and work in Burns Lake and surrounding communities.”

CNC also showcased its expanding academic programming being offered to students in fall at the Lakes District campus through the College’s Digital Delivery Instruction (DDI) technology, an innovating learning experience that collects students into a live and interactive classroom setting.

In September, the College is launching an Associate's of Arts Degree – Aboriginal Studies to all of its community campuses. This marks the first time a University Transfer (UT) degree has been available at the Lakes District campus, according to Chad Thompson, Acting Vice President of Academics of CNC.

“Historically, enrolment could not sustain a UT degree program at CNC’s community campuses,” he said. “This great opportunity, however, has been made possible through a combination of traditional face-to-face instruction in Burns Lake and DDI.”

The knowledge of Burns Lakes’ local instructors is also being utilized through DDI and extend college-wide. This fall, four instructors at the Lakes District campus will be teaching five courses from Burns Lake to all of CNC’s campuses. The courses include: CUE-101: The College/University Experience, ENGL-103: Composition and Style, HIST-103: History of Canada to 1867, MATH-145: Math for Business and MGT-157: Principles of Management.

“We’re proud the instructors at the Lakes District campus will be sharing their expertise with to all six of CNC community campuses through DDI,” George said.

The fall semester at CNC's Lakes District campus will also offer a Bookkeeping Certificate and Business Management Certificate & Diploma. For a full listing of fall 2018 DDI course offerings visit <http://www.cnc.bc.ca/Assets/Exploring/Admissions/2018+DDI+Timetable.pdf>



Community and Continuing Education (CE) programs at CNC's Lake District has remained popular in 2018 with 43 courses and more than 400 registered students since January.

These CE courses include community partnership program such as S-100 Fire Suppression and Marine Basic First Aid with Cheslatta Carrier Nation as well as H2S Alive in Fort Babine, Bear Awareness with Lake Babine Nation, Computer Skills with Prince George Nechako Aboriginal Employment and Training Association and many other courses purchased by local industry.

"CNC's Lakes District campus has always been a hub for those wanting to upgrade their skills," George said. "I'm proud of the work we do with the community to ensure these programs address the needs of the region."

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