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**CNC appoints Vice President Academic**

The College of New Caledonia (CNC) is proud to announce the appointment of Dr. Chad Thompson to the position of Vice President Academic.

Dr. Thompson began his career at CNC in September 2012 as the Dean, School of University Studies and Career Access. He has filled the role of CNC's Acting Vice President Academic since December 2017.

"Dr. Thompson has shown exceptional aptitude as acting Vice President Academic throughout the last year," said CNC President Henry Reiser. "We're honoured to appoint him permanently to the role."

He holds a Ph.D. Graduate Programme in Social and Political Thought; M.A. Contemporary Social/Political Thought and a B.A. High Honours/Political Science.

In the 1990's and early 2000's, Dr. Thompson worked on post-secondary reform projects in Central Asia and the former Soviet bloc. He also held the position of Assistant Professor of Social Sciences at the University College of the North in Thompson Manitoba.

"One of the things that brought me to B.C. was the unique nature of the college system," Dr. Thompson said. "It offers students, whom otherwise would not succeed in post-secondary education, an affordable access point. Colleges give students the opportunity to explore different fields, discover their passions and, if necessary, to have a second chance."

Dr. Thompson has extensive post-secondary experience as an administrator and as a professor involved in developing programming for non-traditional students in non-traditional academic settings.

"I love that CNC is a community college," he said. "Whether a student is seeking upgrading, preparing for a professional credential or certification, retracing for a career change, starting on a bachelor degree or just trying to figure out what you want to do with your life – we have a program for that."

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