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Yukon College Offers New Educational Assistant Certificate Program

WHITEHORSE – Next fall, students will be training at the Yukon College for careers as educational assistants, Education Minister Patrick Rouble and Yukon College President Terry Weninger announced today.

“Educational assistants play a critical role in providing access to learning for some students,” Rouble said. “This comprehensive, structured training program will help provide consistent knowledge and skills among school staff. This program flows from a commitment made by the Department of Education last year to ensure that our educational assistants can access training opportunities.”

“This program grew from a collaborative effort among the Department of Education, Yukon First Nations representation, and education programs at Yukon College,” Weninger said. “Working together with stakeholders is one of the many ways the college will continue to build a community of learners, as outlined in the Yukon College’s 2008-2013 Strategic Plan.”

This accredited certificate program will provide an opportunity for current school staff who would like to attain formal educational credentials, and enhance their knowledge and professional credibility. The program can also be used as pre-employment training for individuals seeking work as an educational assistant or remedial tutor. Courses will be offered on evenings and weekends and by distance through the college’s distributed learning systems, which are also supported by the Department of Education’s own distance learning systems.

The Education Assistant Certificate Program (EACP) will consist of 30 credit hours, or 12 courses, which will provide the skills, theoretical and practical knowledge required to enhance the success and inclusion of students with exceptionalities in the kindergarten to Grade 12 public education system.

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