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CNC enrolment sees small decline

Enrolment has declined slightly at CNC's Prince George campus, according to preliminary numbers presented at Friday's board meeting.

Program enrolments for 2011 decreased by 87 students to 2,387, or 3.5% fewer students than the 2,474 in 2010, according to the Fall Semester Headcount Enrolment Report.

"The numbers are not too bad at all given the continued economic rebound," CNC president John Bowman said. "College enrolments traditionally run countercyclical to the economy, so as the economy strengthens and unemployment decreases, we expected to see some decline in enrolments. While we never want to see any reduction in students, we are pleased the decrease is minimal."

According to the report, enrolment capacities for new students were reached in: carpentry, electrical, power engineering (4th Class), welding C level, computer network electronics, bachelor of nursing, dental assisting, dental hygiene and medical radiography.

Lower enrolments were experienced in business administration, applied business technology, practical nursing, English language training and professional cook.

"Business Admin saw the largest decline to 193 students from 240, or 47 fewer students," Bowman said.

The report does not include apprenticeship classes less than three months in length, community and continuing education and international students.

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