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## **Employment Resource Centre Opens at North Island College**

**Area Employers, NIC Students and Alumni to Benefit**

North Island College is pleased to announce the opening of Employment Resource Centres at its Campbell River and Comox Valley campuses. "This is such an important service, not only for our students and alumni, but also for local employers," states Treena Nadon, NIC's new Employment Service Advisor. Nadon, a Certified Career Development Practitioner with over 12 years of experience in the field, invites employers, students and alumni to explore the many services available.

According to Nadon, whether an employer is looking to fill part-time jobs, full-time career positions or Co-op terms, NIC's Employment Resource Centres are a great first call. Employers will find a range of services, including assistance with developing job descriptions, information on government grants and programs, opportunities to interview students on campus, and connections with programs that train future employees. "One service that we provide is job postings at no charge," notes Nadon. "We will also be creating and featuring employer profiles on our new webpage. These profiles will serve to promote an employer to our students."

North Island College is a good place for employers to recruit qualified and motivated employees. "NIC students and grads are excited to find work in their field of study. They are dedicated employees who are open to learning on the job," reflects Nadon. "Our students are well-qualified and employers are sure to experience success by recruiting at NIC."

One of the goals of the ERC is to give community employers a voice with regard to training needs. "NIC wants to be responsive to industry," notes Nadon. "We want to hear about industry requirements so that we can ensure our students are well-prepared."

Employers can also access Co-op students through the Employment Resource Centre. NIC offers two Co-operative Education programs, one in Tourism and Hospitality, including Adventure Tourism, and the other in Business Administration. According to Nadon, "Employers have been pleased with our Co-op students. The feedback that we receive has been positive." In 2009, employer feedback reflected that students on Co-op terms were well prepared and enthusiastic about their work experiences.

For both students and alumni, the goal of the Employment Resource Centre is to facilitate a smooth transition from North Island College to success in the workplace. The ERC is able to provide a wide variety of services including career and job exploration, resume, job search and interviewing skills, workshops in career success as well as access to the job board.

On the Campbell River campus, the ERC is located in Room C203. In the Comox Valley, the centre is located in Puntledge Hall, Room 120. For more information about the Employment Resource Centre, please contact Treena Nadon, Employment Service Advisor at 250-334-5076 in the Comox Valley or 250-923-9739 in Campbell River.

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