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NIC Announces Tuition Exemption for Seniors

Canadian citizens and permanent residents of British Columbia, who have reached the age of 65, are now eligible to enrol in university studies courses at North Island College without having to pay tuition.

To be eligible for a tuition exemption, seniors must present proof of age, meet all course pre-requisites, pay all other associated fees, and register during the add/drop period at the beginning of each term.

President Jan Lindsay explains "One of the goals within our new Strategic Plan calls upon the college to work with our partners to inspire and support lifelong learning. Lifelong learning takes many forms and many seniors are interested in keeping active through formal education."

Kathleen Kuhnert, NIC's Director of Student Services, adds "We have very active ElderCollege organizations located at each of our campuses. We have heard that there is great interest amongst ElderCollege members in taking credit courses. To facilitate enrolment, we found a way to offer seniors access to credit courses free of charge, without displacing fee paying students."

Seniors interested in enrolling in university studies courses in January should visit their local campus to request a tuition waiver form, then complete and return the form prior to the first day of the term (January 4, 2011). Once the tuition waiver has been approved, the student may register. Seniors may also choose to audit a course.

For further information, please call 1-800-715-0914 or visit www.nic.bc.ca.

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