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Heading to UVic? Start with NIC

Students planning to attend the University of Victoria may now begin their studies with North Island College, secure in the knowledge that they have been admitted to UVic and that they may choose to move to Victoria when ready.

North Island College and the University of Victoria (UVic) are pleased to announce the recent signing of a dual admission agreement. Dual admission allows students to be simultaneously admitted and enrolled at both NIC and UVic toward achievement of a baccalaureate degree. Benefits of dual admission include a single application fee, no transcript fees, the possibility of enrolling in courses at both institutions, and the ability to take advantage of all the social and academic resources UVic has to offer.

NIC President Jan Lindsay explains "Increasing degree completion opportunities for the residents of our region through expanded partnerships with other post-secondary institutions is an integral component of our recently approved Strategic Plan. We are actively seeking agreements that will allow students to reap the benefits of taking their first year or two at NIC, while ensuring seamless movement between NIC and their chosen university."

This agreement is especially rewarding for NIC's Vice-President of Student and Educational Services and Planning, Lisa Domae. Domae spearheaded the initiative and found a very willing partner in UVic.

"Students admitted under the dual admission agreement have a guaranteed educational pathway towards an UVic degree. They are UVic students, with the same rights and privileges as those attending in Victoria," she says, before adding "This is particularly important for those students who have the grades but may not have seen UVic as an option because of cost. We know that for each year a student stays at home, they save approximately \$10,000. That goes a long way to financing future years of education."

Interested students apply to NIC, but will be required to meet UVic admission requirements. For the 2011/2012 academic year, UVic programs eligible for dual admission include Child and Youth Care, Computer Science, Engineering, History in Art, Humanities, Science, and Social Sciences. Once admitted, students will enrol in first year courses at NIC. To be considered for early admission, the application deadline is February 28, 2011.

"The college's goal in seeking these partnerships is to provide our students with the opportunity to stay at home while earning the same university credit," notes Kathleen Kuhnert, NIC's Director of Student Services and Registrar. "We also know the benefits students gain when studying at NIC – they experience smaller classes, personalized instruction and services. Students are always very prepared and do exceedingly well when they move on to university."

For further information, please call 1-800-715-0914 to book an appointment with Kelly Shopland, NIC's Advisor for dual admission programs, or visit www.nic.bc.ca

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