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NWCC helps unemployed workers access training

By easing access to post-secondary training, a new program at Northwest Community College (NWCC), the Employment Skills Access (ESA) program, aims to help unemployed individuals enter or return to the workforce.

The program will provide tuition for eligible participants to take any course or program at NWCC that begins before March 31, 2010 and finishes by August 31, 2010. Examples include pre-requisite courses needed for other programs; trades foundation and apprenticeship programs such as carpentry and welding; university credit courses such as early childhood education and business administration; and Continuing Education & Industry Training courses such as Prospector Training, Occupational First Aid, and Wilderness Guiding and Wrangling.

As part of the program, students will develop career plans based on their goals, skills and job prospects. The College will also help students find jobs through additional training such as resume writing and interview skills, as well as monitor students' success once training is complete.

ESA is open to unemployed workers who are not currently accessing employment insurance (EI), haven't been eligible for EI in the past three years, and haven't collected maternity or paternity EI benefits in the last five years.

The ESA Program is brought to NWCC by the BC Public Post-Secondary Labour Market Consortium of Colleges and Universities and is being offered through the College's Continuing Education & Industry Training department.

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