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UNBC looking to offer science degrees at NWCC campus

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On February 18, the University of Northern British Columbia held a meeting at the college discussing the possibility of UNBC expanding its Science offerings through Northwest Community College.

"We are very committed to bring science degrees to the Northwest," said Judith Lapadat, who works with UNBC in Terrace and was one of the key speakers at the meeting.

UNBC's expansion to the Northwest would include courses in both Prince Rupert and Terrace. However, both towns would have slightly different courses based on the environment around them. Prince Rupert would offer Biology, whereas Terrace would offer Geography and GIS courses. Both Prince Rupert and Terrace would offer courses in Environmental and Earth Sciences.

"The courses offered are a good balance. [They're] what people are looking for," said Pouyan Mahboub, one of the speakers from Thursdays meeting.

"I'd like to see people get their degrees at home," said Bill McGill, another one of the speakers.

These newly offered courses will begin in September 2010. Four years of schooling and 120 credits will get students a Bachelor of Science at home in the Northwest. These courses will be offered in a blended delivery of teaching through video conference, web conference, hands on field work and face to face schooling.

March 1 is the recommended date to get student applications in by. This will give students the best chance at getting a scholarship. UNBC gives almost \$2.2 million in scholarships to students every year, not just based on good grades. Often scholarships are based on financial needs, and to people simply for living in the Northwest. The UNBC financial website makes applying for a scholarship easy.

"[Students] could have their education paid for in a matter of minutes," said Jay Graham, another UNBC worker.

UNBC prefers students to do an online application for a Bachelor in Science, instead of an application on paper, because it's quicker for students. Conveniently, students can get an answer on admissions within 72 hours.

For additional information, contact Sharon Oske in Prince Rupert at (250) 624-2862 or go to www.unbc.ca/apply to put in an application.

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