



Sault College Press Release

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Sault College Continues Steady Enrolment Growth

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON – Thursday, September 21, 2011) With Day Ten having arrived, Sault College's enrolment numbers indicate its continued enrolment growth.

First-year enrolment at the College has increased by 5%. 1,462 first-year full-time post-secondary students are now on campus. Health Sciences leads the way in enrolment-growth, with a 17.8% increase in first-year registered students.

Other areas also experiencing marked increases include pre-trades – with 10.7% more students, and engineering, skilled trades and aviation seeing a 7.4% increase. Overall enrolment at the College is up 2% in all years across the College. Since 2008 – four years ago, the College has grown by 30%, with a total of 2,439 current full-time post-secondary students compared to 1,887 in 2008.

Total enrolment at the College has now reached over 4,000, including apprenticeships and adult training offerings, as well as the Aircraft Structural Repair program being delivered at Sault College's London, Ontario site, which has registered 150 students since being moved to southern Ontario, expanding the College's reach in the province.

"We are pleased that we are continuing to see growth and that our expansion is contributing to the overall prosperity of the Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma region," states Vice-President

Academic Leo Tiberi. “It is clear that students are responding to the programming that we are offering. This is a win-win situation for the training and retraining of Ontario’s workforce.”

Three of the College’s newest programs – introduced for the first time this fall, have all been very well-received. Public Relations and Event Management – a unique 8-month post-grad program for those with degrees and diplomas, has exceeded enrolment targets; Home Inspection Technician – the only 2-year diploma program in this field in Canada and one endorsed by Mike Holmes, has added seats and expanded from 20 to 35 students; and Pharmacy Technician – originally anticipating 20 registrants, has expanded to include 30 students.

Many programs that were introduced last year continue to be popular. The Digital Photography and Imaging program is waitlisted, Peace and Conflict Studies has experienced an 80% increase in enrolment, and Video Game Art is full.

“We are building a campus environment that continues to appeal to students and inspire them to learn with us,” states Dr. Ron Common in reviewing this year’s numbers. “With our dedicated staff, passionate faculty and inspired students, along with increasingly impressive facilities, we are creating an atmosphere here that embodies our strategic vision of providing a transformational learning experience unlike any other,” he adds.

Several waitlisted programs also reflect the College’s growing popularity, with Aviation, Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Personal Support Worker, Digital Photography and Imaging, and Civil Engineering Technician (Co-op) among those programs filled to capacity.

The top ten most in-demand post-secondary programs this academic year include: Aviation, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Technician (Co-op), Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Practical Nursing, Pre-Health Sciences, Police Foundations, Adventure Recreation and Parks Technician (Co-op), Early Childhood Education, Occupational Therapist Assistant and

Physiotherapist Assistant and Social Service Worker. January starts will be available in some programs to accommodate learners.

“There is an air of enthusiasm and excitement here on campus,” reflects Leo Tiberi, Vice President Academic. “We are extremely proud of everyone who is contributing to this continued success.”

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About Sault College

Sault College reaches students through post-secondary, continuing education, apprenticeship training and third party contract training. Educating over 4,000 students annually, Sault College offers a full range of programs: certificates, diplomas, advanced diplomas, post-graduate certificates, degrees, and apprenticeship programs. Sault College has an economic impact on the community in excess of \$100 million. Maclean’s magazine has recognized the College’s ranking at the top of the province in graduate satisfaction, with 85% of graduates saying that they were highly satisfied with their education at the post-secondary institution. Sault College, located in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario is one of 24 community colleges in Ontario. Visit our website at www.saultcollege.ca for more information.

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