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COLLEGE PROGRAMS CHANGE TO ONE-YEAR FORMAT

PEMBROKE - Training for a career in business or computer programming can now be done in less than a year at the Pembroke Campus of Algonquin College in the Ottawa Valley. The campus is changing its traditional two-year format for two programs, Computer Programmer, and Business, to a one-year format to better meet the needs of its students.

Murray Kyte, Chair of Business, Technology and Outdoor Training, explains: "We have converted many of our diploma programs to a one-year format with great success. Students have told us they want to complete their education in the shortest time frame possible, but still earn an industry-recognized diploma that gives them the training they need to find a job in their desired field."

Students enrolled in a compressed program receive the same number of hours of training as those who have previously completed two-year programs. The primary difference is that the training takes place over three semesters instead of four and, rather than the traditional summer break between semesters, students continue their studies from May to August.

Other Pembroke Campus programs that have also successfully converted to the one-year delivery mode are Forestry Technician, Motive Power Technician, Office Administration-Executive and Electronics Engineering Technician.

The Computer Programming and Business Programs are also lap top programs, which means that all students receive their own lap top computer for use for 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This provides students with flexible learning opportunities and the convenience of having access to a computer whenever they need one.

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Applications for all programs which begin in the fall of 2004 are now being received through the Ontario College Application Service at www.ontariocolleges.ca The key deadline for applications is February 2, 2004.

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