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Double Digit Enrolment Growth at NIC

Registrations at North Island College have increased by 19%, when compared to figures from the same time last year, while the number of students has increased by 13%.

According to Lisa Domae, Vice-President, Student and Educational Services, enrolments have increased across all of North Island College's major program areas with particularly strong growth in the Academic, Trades, Technical and Tourism, and the Health, Human Services and Applied Business Technology divisions. NIC is also seeing increasing numbers of students accessing its Adult Upgrading courses as a pathway to university transfer and career oriented studies.

The only area where NIC has not experienced growth is in Apprenticeship training. "This is a lingering effect of the economic slowdown as employers are less able to take on apprentices," explains Domae. "On the flip side, enrolment in our Foundation Trades programs continues to climb as students seek to obtain skills needed for economic growth."

Enrolment has grown at each of the college's campus locations, with particularly strong growth at Campbell River where registrations have increased by 30% or 1,491 registrations, and in the Comox Valley, where registrations have increased by 13% or 883 registrations. Port Alberni has experienced an increase of 214 registrations, while Port Hardy has seen an increase of 239 registrations, when compared year over year.

The January figure of 19% exceeds the 15% increase that the college experienced in September. "It is enormously encouraging that so many of the students who entered NIC in the Fall have chosen to stay with their studies, even as the economy is beginning to show signs of recovery," notes Domae.

She adds, "Faculty and staff have been incredibly welcoming to the college's new students and work continues across the college to find space for everyone who wishes to study here."

For further information on North Island College programs and services, please visit www.nic.bc.ca or call 1-800-715-0914 to speak with a Student Advisor.

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