

NEWS RELEASE

SIAST expands flexible learning options

Continuing education calendar lists more than 370 distance courses

July 12, 2007 – SIAST is expanding its part-time course offerings to accommodate busy schedules and daily demands, particularly important to those who are unable to study full-time on-campus. SIAST's recently published continuing education calendar provides information about courses available through distance education options such as online learning and print and video home study. Many courses are also available on-campus during evenings and/or weekends, including credit courses and general interest or hobby courses.

"We are continuing to expand our flexible learning options in order to help learners succeed while they handle increasingly busy lifestyles and work requirements," says David Francis, academic director of SIAST's Virtual Campus. SIAST currently offers more than 370 courses through distance education, including almost 200 online courses.

SIAST's continuing education calendar provides information on courses offered through the organization's four campuses. The calendar highlights numerous courses offered in the following program areas: Academic Upgrading, Agriculture, Applied/Visual Media, Business, Community/Human Services, Computer Training, Engineering Technology, Health Services/Sciences, Hospitality/Food Services, Industrial/Trades, Natural Resources, Nursing, Personal Interest, Recreation/Tourism and Technology.

The SIAST continuing education calendar will be inserted in the PA Shopper this weekend. You can pick up a copy at SIAST Woodland Campus, 1100 – 15th Street E. in Prince Albert. You can also call 1-866-goSIAST and ask for a continuing education calendar or visit www.goSIASTcontinuingeducation.com.

SIAST is Saskatchewan's primary public institution for post-secondary technical education and skills training, recognized nationally and internationally for its expertise and innovation. More than 12,000 students are registered in SIAST programs, which touch every sector of the economy; additionally, the organization draws more than 28,000 individual course registrations. It operates campuses in Moose Jaw, Prince

Albert, Regina and Saskatoon, and provides a number of courses and programs through distance education.

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