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2008/09 continuing education calendar lists hundreds of distance education options

July 8, 2008 – From accounting to writing your life story and everything in between, SIAST's new continuing education calendar really does have something for everyone. The calendar lists more than 1,100 courses, of which more than 370 are available via distance education.

In choosing personal and professional development courses from the new calendar, students are able to learn in a variety of ways that work around their busy schedules. Students can take a single course or work toward certificate or diploma completion either after-hours, at home or online. Registration is already under way.

The courses allow adult learners to further develop personal interests, upgrade their skills, gain training in new fields or change careers without having to take time off work. Distance options help them balance family and work responsibilities. The calendar offers a comprehensive view of the courses offered by program area and then by campus, making it fast and simple to find courses. And the rapidly growing number of people enrolled show just how successful flexible learning options really are.

"SIAST has experienced significant enrolment growth in courses offered by non-traditional means in recent years," says David Francis, academic director for SIAST's Virtual Campus. "Total registrations in online courses, courses offered via SCN and print-distance courses exceeded 11,000 in the past academic year."

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 areas: Academic Upgrading, Agriculture, Applied/Visual Media, Business, Career Transition Programs and Services, Community/Human Services, Computer Training, Engineering Technology, Health Services, Hospitality/Foods Services, Industrial/Trades, Natural Resources, Nursing, Personal Interest, Recreation/Tourism, Science and Technology.

The SIAST continuing education calendar will be inserted in the PA Shopper this week. You can pick up a copy at SIAST Woodland Campus, 1100-15th Street East in Prince Albert. You can also call 1-866-goSIAST 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. Almost 12,000 students are registered in SIAST programs, which touch every sector of the economy; additionally, the organization draws more than 29,000 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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