



Sault College News Release

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Sault College Responds to Labour Market Data that Shows Jobs In I.T. on the Rise

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON April 10, 2015) In response to the expressed need for training in the Information Technology field, for the first time, Sault College will be offering its popular Computer Programmer diploma program in an accelerated format beginning this May.

“The Sault Ste. Marie I.T. community is gaining significant momentum with new jobs being posted regularly from small and large companies,” said Tom Vair, Executive Director of the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre. “We anticipate this growth to continue and great opportunities exist for students entering studies related to this sector.”

The Computer Programmer program at Sault College provides students with the programming skills needed to design, develop and implement computer systems. Students develop their skills using a variety of programming languages including C++, Python, Visual Basic .NET, Java and scripting languages such as JavaScript, and apply those skills to the writing of stand-alone and web-based DBMS applications.

“We are offering this program in an accelerated format allowing students to enter immediately into the Computer Programmer program and complete two years of study in only sixteen months,” says Fred Carella, Coordinator and Professor of I.T. Studies at the College. “Doing so will give students the tools to launch an exciting career in the expanding and exciting field of Information Technology with minimal time in-class. The accelerated offering allows learners an

opportunity to complete their studies with us quickly and be trained or retrained to enter the workforce as soon as possible.”

If you have been laid off from the manufacturing sector or are looking to get relevant and hands-on skills in the I.T. field, please plan to attend an information session this Saturday, April 11th at 1pm in room M1120 of Essar Hall on Sault College’s main campus. There is free parking for the event. Tom Vair of the SSM Innovation Centre, Fred Carella of I.T. Studies at Sault College and Employment Solutions staff will be in attendance to answer any questions and provide any guidance to those who may be considering going back to College.

For those who are interested in learning more, please call Student Recruitment at 705.759.2554 ext. 2222 or Fred Carella directly at 705.759.2554 ext. 2646 or at fred.carella@saultcollege.ca.

Customized campus tours and guided conversations on your future career are available each day at the College, with an Open House being held on Saturday, April 11th from 10am until 2pm. There are also a number of other education opportunities and retraining options that are beginning soon and still available, including the 8-month Personal Support Worker certificate beginning in May.

You may be eligible for free or partially-paid tuition and certain educational expenses under the Second Career, Targeted Initiative for Older Workers (TIOW) and other sponsored program funding. Academic Upgrading is also available year round to help you prepare for a College education.

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About Sault College

The vision of Sault College is to provide a transformative life experience through empowering those who study with us to think and learn in progressive, innovative ways, including those we have not yet imagined. Ranked #1 in the province with a score of 85% in overall student satisfaction by students themselves, Sault College grants Ontario College certificates, diplomas, advanced diplomas, graduate certificates, and degrees to its graduates. The College is the largest deliverer of apprenticeship training in all of Northern Ontario. Educating over 3,900 students each year, Sault College has a significant economic impact on the community, with spin-offs in excess of \$158 million. Over \$2 million dollars in

scholarships, bursaries and awards are distributed annually to students at the College. Located on the border to the United States and situated in the middle of three of the largest great lakes on the planet, Sault College is one of 24 publicly-funded colleges in the province of Ontario. Visit our website at www.saultcollege.ca to learn more.

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