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VIU to offer Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Education program at NIC

Interested in a career in the classroom, but don't have time for full-time study? Consider Vancouver Island University's part-time, Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Education Program, which will be offered over two years on weekends and summers at North Island College. A Bachelor's degree is required for admission.

Find out more at an upcoming information session:

Thursday, January 28, 2010 @ 7:00 pm
Room 203, Tyee Hall, NIC's Comox Valley campus
2300 Ryan Road, Courtenay

In 2008, the VIU Faculty of Education was approached by a number of Education Assistants from the Saanich area. These individuals were working in schools, had university degrees but not teaching credentials. They wondered if a part-time program could be implemented for them which enabled them to keep working while studying. The result was a Post-Baccalaureate Education program in which classes meet weekends and during school breaks for two years. The program is nearing the end of its first year and is proving highly successful. North Island College and School District 71 (Comox Valley) believe that a similar program would be of great interest in the north Island region

"VIU's Faculty of Education is committed to finding innovative ways to meet the educational needs of Island residents. We have been contacted by many working individuals who dream of becoming teachers but whose life situations don't allow for full time study. This program enables some of them to fulfill this dream," says Dr. Harry Janzen, VIU's Dean, Faculty of Education.

Richard Stride, NIC's Dean of Academic programs, explains NIC's interest in offering its facilities in support of this program, "NIC is committed to ensuring the residents of our region have access to relevant programming. Even if we do not offer the programming ourselves, we will work with our partners to provide access."

For more information, please contact Vancouver Island University's Faculty of Education at 250-740-6221 or visit NIC's home page at www.nic.bc.ca.

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