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North Island College, Vancouver Island University and the Power of Partnership

Good partnerships go a long way and students on Vancouver Island are about to learn that firsthand.

With the launch of a dual admission option between North Island College and Vancouver Island University, students can now access both institutions simultaneously. As a result, students living in the North Island region can earn credit toward a VIU Bachelor of Arts degree from an NIC campus.

"The world is changing dramatically and education is no different," says Lisa Domae, Vice-President, Student and Educational Services. "We need to continue to find ways to give students flexible options for study and this formal partnership between NIC and VIU is a great step forward because it allows students to study where they want, when they want. It also allows each institution to tap into the other's resources, all for the greater benefit of students."

Megan Fletcher, a past student of Criminology at NIC, is enthusiastic about the courses offered at NIC. "It has been awesome – it made it so I didn't have to go straight to VIU in Nanaimo. I love how the teachers are always so helpful, and accessible to answer questions regarding anything. I like the class sizes; I don't want to be in a class where all I am is a number along with 500 people. It is also more affordable, which is wonderful."

In order to help students and their parents understand the new study options available to them, NIC is offering several information sessions on the Bachelor of Arts – VIU/NIC Co-Admission Option program, with academic advisors and the VIU Registrar

in attendance. Each NIC campus will host an information session on March 12, from 1:00-2:30 pm. The locations are:

- Campbell River Campus: Room C211
- Comox Valley Campus: Komoux Boardroom 146, Komoux Hall
- Port Hardy Campus: Room 104

An information session at the Port Alberni campus will be announced at a future date.

For more information, visit the North Island College web site at www.nic.bc.ca or call 1-800-715-0914.

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