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NIC Enrolment Up Slightly

Student enrolment at NIC is up two per cent over last year across all campuses, the NIC Board of Governors heard at its recent meeting at the Comox Valley campus.

“The total enrolment is up 49 students, which is basically equivalent to last year,” said Tony Bellavia, NIC’s Acting Vice President of Learning and Students. “Several of our program areas – such as university studies, health and business have done exceedingly well.”

The largest increases were in University Studies, Carpentry Apprenticeship, Adventure Guiding and NIC’s online Applied Business Technology programs, which are available to students across BC.

The increase brings the number of students at NIC to 2,360 for the fall 2016 semester.

Those numbers break down into 405 students in Campbell River, 1,273 students in Comox Valley, 285 students in Port Alberni, 49 students in Mount Waddington and 756 students taking distance education courses.

Numbers were tallied as of September 16, after NIC’s add/drop period. They do not include students taking short-term, non-credit programs and courses, such as those in NIC’s ElderCollege and Continuing Education classes.

In addition, 261 international students from five continents and 37 countries are attending NIC this year. While the majority of students are from India, China and Japan the college also welcomes students from as far away as Denmark, Mexico and Zimbabwe this year. The total number of international students is up one per cent over last year.

Fall 2016 highlights include:

- Online Applied Business Technology (including legal, medical, and office assistant programs) up 16%
- Industrial Automation up 36%
- Tourism Adventure Guiding up 283%
- Health Care Assistant up 23%
- Carpentry Apprenticeship programs up 100%

While many programs start in September, several programs and courses start later in the fall. NIC’s upgrading courses start anytime between September and June and its Enhanced Security Training starts in October. The Coastal Forestry Resource program starts in November and January. For more information, visit www.nic.bc.ca.

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NIC welcomed 2,360 students to campuses across the region this September, including Bachelor of Science in Nursing students Courtenay Quin and Carrie Gage.