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Cumberland College offers new programs in 2015

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(From left to right) Acting Chairman of IMII Board of Directors, David Grier, Executive Director of IMMI, Engin Ozberk and President of Cumberland College, Dr. Tom Weegar.

Cumberland College will now offer more career opportunities for its students.

School officials announced a partnership agreement between Cumberland College and International Minerals Innovation Institute yesterday afternoon at the Nipawin campus.

IMII is a non-profit organization, funded by the provincial government, which will fund \$500,000 towards new equipment, specifically for trades and training.

President of Cumberland College, Dr. Tom Weegar spoke on the announcement and he said the partnership provides students with more programs and high quality training.

“We have a partnership now with IMII to provide further training, both in the Applied Certificate Electrical program and the Industrial Mechanics program, as well as a variety of safety training to all of our trade students,” Weegar said.

“So we’re very excited. It means we can offer a number of additional programs, offer training to many more students and thereby better serve the employment needs of the mining industry.”

Weegar added that students will benefit from entering the new programs, learning through hands-on experience and speaking with professionals, providing more insight on their careers.


And following completion, Weegar said students would be able to find employment in a variety of different job settings.

“There’s more and more of a demand for qualified trades people across our country, in the United States and various parts of the world. So, if they don’t want to work in a mine in Saskatchewan, they can work, perhaps, on an oil rig in the North Sea or a variety of opportunities,” he said.

The Industrial Mechanics program will start in February next year, as well as a dual credit electrical program in Hudson Bay, which will begin next fall.

Weegar said the new programs will guarantee that students receive high quality training, in order to receive the necessary skills to obtain employment.

“What we can guarantee is that we will provide high quality training that gives students exactly the outcomes that industries are looking for,” he said.

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