

Trades and Safety Training for Rural Saskatchewan

Operating in the northeastern part of the province to provide training for both regional and provincial employers and working annually with at least six First Nations Communities, Cumberland College established a multi-year commitment to help local students prepare for careers in the mining industry.

Funding from IMII and Western Economic Diversification (now PrairiesCan) enabled the purchase of equipment to deliver Saskatchewan Polytechnic trades programming for Electrical and Industrial Mechanics Applied Certificates, level 1. By having their own equipment, Cumberland College could offer training to many more students and thereby better serve employment needs of the mining industry.

The funding also enabled the College to hire a specialized trainer to deliver safety training required by the mining industry. Safety training pertinent to the trades is a value-added component to the program, which will enable graduates to be more employable in the mining sector.

Student Successes:

Course	Enrolled	Graduated	Employed	Female	Male	Aboriginal	Immigrant
Electrical	68	39	30	12	56	30	2
Industrial Mechanics	38	26	21	2	36	13	0
Total	106	65	51	14	92	43	2

Many students would not have been able to take these programs if they had not been offered locally. These students are typically funded and but do not have their own transportation.

Indigenous participation rate exceeded the indigenous percentage rate of residents in the region.

PROJECT INFORMATION:

Proponent: Cumberland College

Project Duration: September 2014 to September 2018

Project Cost: \$588,947

IMII Contribution: \$498,947

Western Economic Diversification: \$ 90,000