

Parkland College brings *Electrician Training to Esterhazy*

Through funding from IMII, Parkland College was able to build capacity and deliver entry level Electrician training at its Esterhazy industrial campus. Training consisted of delivery of Saskatchewan Polytech's Electrician Applied Certificate Enhanced program. This program was multi-year and staged to support a sustainable level of entry level Electrician apprentices in the region.

The Sask Polytech Electrician Applied Certificate was designed for those individuals interested in entry level positions to make electrical installations and perform maintenance duties according to industry standards. This 20-week program included a 10-week Workplace Essential Skills Electrician prep program which involved math and electronics and seven safety tickets including First Aid/CPR, WHMIS, Confined Space, Fall Protection, Ground Disturbance, and Fire Safety/Awareness.

Parkland College aimed to increase involvement, engagement and training advancement of all people, including Aboriginal people, in the trades for the mining and exploration sector by providing training that matched labour market need with an alternative delivery site for training for apprentices living and working in East Central region of Saskatchewan.

The two-year pilot project saw 25 students enrolled and graduate from the two intakes of the program, with many finding jobs upon finishing the program. The program saw two females, one immigrant and three Indigenous students partake in the training opportunity. 15 students reported being employed with an additional four students moving directly into other employment or seeking further education.

The 2-year project created momentum to continue offering the program again in 2016-2017.



PROJECT INFORMATION:

Project Duration: July 2014 to December 2016

Project Cost: \$430,804

IMII: \$391,700

Parkland College: \$ 39,104