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NMCC to host College Info Night January 3 at three County locations

Aroostook County - Northern Maine Community College will host three College Info Nights in northern, central and southern Aroostook County on Thursday, January 3. The sessions are designed to inform area residents interested in learning about their options for higher education and training offered by the College in the respective regions.

The Info Nights will be held from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Presque Isle, on the NMCC campus in the main lobby of the Christie Building; in Houlton, at the Houlton Higher Education Center; and in Madawaska, at Madawaska High School. As an incentive, NMCC will waive the course registration fee for those who attend and sign up for a course.

College officials will be on hand at each of the sites to work individually with members of the public who are interested in learning more about the College and the various courses, certificate, and associate degree programs offered locally through the centers in northern and southern Aroostook County and on the Presque Isle campus. Individuals are welcome to walk in at any time to speak with an NMCC representative.

"Info Nights are designed to answer any fears, questions, or unknowns that anyone might have about the College," said William Egeler, NMCC dean of students. "We want the public to become familiar with the school and have the opportunity to enroll in a class just to get the ball rolling to further their education."

This Info Night provides a particular opportunity for individuals to learn more about NMCC's two newest programs: health information technology and entrepreneurship. The Health information technology program is for those considering joining the growing field of patient information management. These technicians collect health data and manage enhanced coding while maintaining confidentiality and security in paper and electronic systems. The entrepreneurship program prepares students to launch new ventures by focusing on the fundamentals of starting their own business. College officials are also reaching out to area high school juniors and seniors and equivalent home schooled students to attend the Info Nights and learn more about the opportunities to enroll for college courses offered by NMCC in their local area. Through the college's On Course for College program, qualified high school and home schooled students can take a class for only a \$30 enrollment fee plus the cost of required textbooks and materials.

In addition to information on courses offered at the College, Info Night attendees will be able to learn more about financing their education and about financial aid that is available to many students.

For more information on the NMCC College Info Nights taking place around The County on January 3, call the Presque Isle campus at 768-2787, the St. John Valley Center at 551-5781, or the Houlton Higher Education Center at 521-3100 ex. 3152.

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