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NMCC partners with Adult Education programs County-wide for low cost college transition program

Aroostook County - With funding provided by a State grant, Northern Maine Community College is partnering with the Adult Education centers across Aroostook County to provide a College Transition program to County residents, offering classes to prepare individuals for college at substantially reduced price.

“Oftentimes an individual may be thinking about going to college, but is not really sure if he or she is ready,” said William Egeler, NMCC dean of students. “This program is a really low cost way for these people to brush up on academic areas in which they may need some help as well as the non-academic things that often trip up the unsuspecting student. For many people, the difficulty transitioning into college is not the academics, but the other more subtle issues such as navigating the financial aid process, time management and study skills. This program will walk the participant through all of these issues and more.”

While these college transition courses will be offered through adult ed centers across the county, those in the central Aroostook region will be held at Northern Maine Community College. Four 1-credit classes will be offered beginning in the Spring 2008 semester: reading, writing, basic math and college algebra.

“The academic classes are developmental in nature, with students completing preparatory work that could otherwise be expensive,” explained Egeler. “There is both a technological component, with students doing some work on-line, as well as the support of having an instructor present. Students can work at their own pace, going as fast as they are comfortable and completing the course early or going at a slower pace and taking the entire semester.”

Anyone interested in learning more about the college transition courses being offered at NMCC is invited to attend an informational meeting on Wednesday, January 16, at 5:00 p.m. in room 107 of the Martin Building or call the SAD #1 Adult Education office at 764-4776. Residents of southern and northern Aroostook who would like to learn more about college transition courses being offered in their communities should contact their local adult education office.

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