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NMCC one of 20 schools nationwide to receive equipment grant from Fluke Corporation

Aroostook County - Northern Maine Community College is one of only 20 educational institutions in the United States selected to receive a grant of advanced electrical and electronic test instruments from Fluke Corporation, the world's leading supplier of handheld test and measurement equipment.

The two Fluke 289 Logging Digital Multimeters will be used by students in the electrical construction and maintenance program, as well as by students taking related electronics courses. The new equipment will expose students to the newest and most capable test instruments designed for the electrical and electronics industries.

"These new meters will allow students to gain hands-on experience with functionality not commonly found on less expensive test equipment. The troubleshooting capabilities of this equipment will help to enhance the electrical maintenance aspects of our program," said Charles Kelley, NMCC electrical construction and maintenance instructor.

Kelley who wrote the successful grant application that brought the state-of-the-art equipment to the College plans to use the Fluke 289 Logging Digital Multimeters in most of the courses he teaches.

The Fluke 289 high performance multimeter enables technicians to log data and review it graphically on-screen, so they can solve complex problems faster in electronics, plant automation, power distribution, and electro-mechanical equipment. By downloading logged data to optional FlukeView Forms Software, users can create computerized reports. A single unit is valued at \$500.

The Fluke Education Grant Program, announced last fall, drew applications from high schools, community colleges, universities and training programs across the U.S. and Canada. Winners were chosen by a review committee of electronics professionals. They examined many program elements, including the breadth of course offerings and the types and numbers of certificates and degrees conferred. Fluke also supports teachers through the free Educator's Partnership Program.

“Even though Fluke has supported NMCC programs with equipment in the past, it is a great honor to be selected as one of the few schools to receive this grant,” said Kelley.

An on-line homework assignment using the Fluke website introduced students to the advanced features of the model 289 multimeter last spring. The new equipment will first be used by students at NMCC when the fall semester begins on August 25.

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Charles Kelley, Northern Maine Community College electrical construction and maintenance instructor, tests one of the Fluke 289 Logging Digital Multimeters his program was recently granted. NMCC was one of 20 institutions across the country selected to receive the grant.