

College Expansion Initiative Historical Program Funding 2004 – 2005

University College of the North (UCN)

Northern Nursing Expansion (\$358,700 in total; 69,700 in 2004/05)

In 2004/05, the Council approved the first phase of funding of an anticipated one million dollar investment in nursing training at UCN. Initial funding of \$69,700 supported the development costs associated with an eventual ladder program, which will potentially train Health Care Aides, Licensed Practical Nurses, and Registered Nurses. All credentials will be delivered under the auspices of a single integrated program.

Red River College (RRC)

Phase 3 Expansion of the Princess Street Campus (\$1,463,700)

A central component of RRC's transformation into a leader in "new economy" programming, the Princess Street Campus Phase 3 was opened in September 2004. This brought CEI's total investment in Princess to \$5,146,400 per year. At maturity, the Princess Street Campus will bring over 2000 students to Winnipeg's downtown.

Life Sciences and Biotechnology Training Initiative Capital (\$530,900)

This initiative consists of six distinct programs designed to build capacity within Manitoba's life sciences and biotechnology sector. The following programs form the core of the initiative; (1) Pharmaceutical Production Certificate; (2) Applied Pharmaceutical Technologies Advanced Diploma; (3) Quality Systems and Applied Research Advanced Diploma; (4) Quality Assurance / Quality Control Advanced Diploma; (5) Clinical Research Certificate; and (6) Pharmaceutical Drug Development (PDD) Advanced Diploma. The 2004/05 investment represents one-time funding designed to accelerate the construction of state of the art training facilities that house the above programs.

Rural Licensed Practical Nurse to Registered Nurse Upgrade Program (\$549,400 in total; \$384,900 in 2004/05)

The rural LPN to RN upgrade program was the first of its kind in Manitoba. This program provides simultaneous training to three groups of LPNs, located in different rural communities, through the use of streaming video and interactive communications technologies. In total, 24 students received upgrading training during the first phase of this program (8 in each location). The program was initially being offered in Dauphin, Portage, and Morden-Winkler (Boundary Trails). It will be rotated to different communities in future years.

Expansion of the Diploma Nursing Accelerated (DNA) and Joint Baccalaureate Nursing Programs (\$780,000 ongoing with \$795,400 in 2004/05)

Funding was provided to increase the first-year enrolment in the Diploma Nursing Program to 120 from a level of 90, which was the capacity when the program was first introduced in 2000. Resources were also provided to the Joint Baccalaureate Nursing Program to compensate RRC for bringing more students into the program than the 215

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seats that were initially funded. The initiatives at Red River College are designed to ensure a stable urban nursing supply. To address the issue of rural nursing shortages, this expansion also resulted in the reservation of 18 seats in the DNA program for students coming from Manitoba's rural areas.