

College Expansion Initiative Historical Program Funding 2005 – 2006

Assiniboine Community College (ACC)

Police Studies Certificate – (\$231,000 in ongoing funding requirements; \$281,000 in 2005/06 including \$50,000 in one-time only funds)

This certificate program is offered in partnership with the Brandon Police Service (BPS) and provides the practical and academic training necessary for certification as a Police Officer. The College adapted the Manitoba Justice curriculum which allows for graduates to be employed with any police agency in Manitoba. Upon completion of the program, the BPS provides the graduates with a further six weeks of training that includes firearms, driver training, and officer safety. Delivery of such a program in the Westman region redresses a long standing capacity gap in this area and afford forces a greater pool of skilled recruits to fill vacancies and address expected force attrition with the RCMP, provincial, municipal, and Aboriginal police services.

Red River College (RRC)

Power Engineering Diploma Program – (\$219,900 in ongoing requirements; \$228,500 in 2005/06)

To address changing licensing requirements for Power Engineers, the Council approved a two-year, standardized, nationally recognized Power Engineering Diploma Program. The program implements curriculum improvements as requested by industry and national certification standards, and addresses the issue of lab time and preparing students to obtain higher classifications. The program has an exit point at the end of the first year where students can graduate with a Certificate in Power Engineering. Upon graduation, students will have gained the knowledge, skills, abilities and experience needed for entry-level employment in the Power Engineering industry.

Microcomputer Applications Diploma Program – (\$197,900 in ongoing funding; \$206,600 in 2005/06)

The Council approved expansion of the one-year Microcomputer Applications Certificate Program to a two-year diploma program, with an optional one-year exit date. At the end of the first year, participants are eligible to receive an Information and Office Assistant Certificate. At the end of the second year, participants receive an Information and Office Administration diploma. The diploma program is developed specifically for Aboriginal learners and provides advanced training in computer software applications, introductory accounting, office administration, researching, reporting, presenting, etc. Graduates will be prepared to work in an office environment in an advanced administrative position, as an office manager, or senior administration officer.

Digital Multimedia – 3D Animation Program – (\$251,800 in total; \$231,300 in 2005/06)

This is a one-year Advanced Diploma in Digital Multimedia, specifically in 3D Animation techniques, video game creation, and other aspects of 3D content creation. The program attracts graduates of the Digital Multimedia Technology Program, as well as graphic design and new media practitioners. Students develop skills in 3D animation, modeling,

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digital production techniques and compositing, etc. The program will help meet the growing demand for 3D content specialists in Manitoba, including the need for special effects production in the film industry, creation of video games, and for a number of other applications including architecture, industrial design and medical simulations.

New Chemistry Lab – (\$130,000 one-time only funding)

The Council approved one-time only funding of \$130,000 to support the construction of a new chemistry lab at Red River College.

Medical Laboratory and Medical Radiologic Technologist Training Programs

Red River College received \$250,000 to expand both the Medical Laboratory and Medical Radiologic Technologist Training Programs.

University College of the North (UCN)

Educational Assistant Certificate Program – (\$150,000 one-time only; \$69,000 reallocated from UCN's existing budget, \$81,000 in 2005/06)

This one-year certificate program is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills that will enable them to provide educational assistance to students, teachers, counselors and other educational professionals in a variety of settings. The program will prepare students for a meaningful career in supporting the educational needs of children as an educational assistant within the public school system, schools in Aboriginal communities, and in other educational settings. It will also establish a foundation for students to develop a career path that leads toward further post-secondary training such as a Bachelor of Education degree. The program is expected to help meet the increasing demand for skilled educational assistants in Aboriginal communities.