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CONTACT NORTH | CONTACT NORD OPENS ONLINE LEARNING CENTRE IN AKWESASNE

(THUNDER BAY, ON) - Contact North | Contact Nord is pleased to announce the opening of an online learning centre in Akwesasne on Thursday, January 18, 2018, located at 167 International Road, Unit 1. Residents of Akwesasne can now get a degree, diploma or certificate, or upgrade their skills online without leaving their community, through the services available from the online learning centre.

Contact North | Contact Nord offers the following services, at no charge, to residents of Akwesasne:

- Information on over 1,000 online programs and over 18,000 online courses from Ontario's 24 public colleges, 22 public universities, 9 Aboriginal institutes, 76 district school boards, and 250 literacy and basic skills training providers
- Use of web conferencing, videoconferencing and audioconferencing distance learning platforms to connect to, and participate in, their programs and courses
- Use of computer workstations and high-speed Internet access to complete their fully online courses
- A quiet place to complete their course work
- Help with the registration process

Our local Online Learning Recruitment Officer, Emily Lavigne, is available to assist residents in accessing online programs and courses to meet their individual needs, as well as provide assistance with the registration process, information on financial aid and referrals to other local support services. Students can also write their supervised exams and tests at the online learning centre for a fee, where applicable.

"Contact North | Contact Nord looks forward to serving residents of Akwesasne access online education without leaving the comfort of their own community. Our fully equipped online learning centre and trained staff are ready to serve residents of this Mohawk Territory," says Christina Patterson, Director, Recruitment and Partnerships, Contact North | Contact Nord.

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“We are looking forward to the support of Contact North in our community and the access to online learning. The opportunity to study online without leaving Akwesasne will have a positive impact for many of our residents,” says Daniel Bruyere, Program Manager, Community Support Program, Department of Community and Social Services, Mohawk Council of Akwesasne.

Contact North | Contact Nord recruits and supports underserved Ontarians in 600 small, rural, remote, Indigenous and Francophone communities to get a degree, diploma or certificate or upgrade their skills online without having to leave their community. It is funded by the Government of Ontario through the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development since 1986.

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Quick Facts

- Contact North | Contact Nord has online learning centres in 27 Indigenous communities
- Contact North | Contact Nord serves 42 Indigenous communities across Ontario
- Contact North | Contact Nord has supported 14,557 student registrations in 27 Indigenous communities across the province since 2012

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