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Enrolment continues to climb at Saskatchewan Polytechnic

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February 5, 2016 – In 2014-15 Sask Polytech experienced a 17 per cent increase in program enrolments over the past five academic years and a seven per cent increase from last year. Saskatchewan Polytechnic aligns and adjusts our programs to meet employers' current and future needs. This is a winning strategy for employers and students alike.

"We are proud our enrolment numbers continue to climb," says Dr. Larry Rosia, Saskatchewan Polytechnic's president and CEO. "Sask Polytech continues to provide the applied learning, applied research and skills training the province needs to grow. We build on the strength of our students, employer partners, stakeholders and resources to sustain Saskatchewan's place among Canada's economic leaders."

"I am pleased to see Saskatchewan Polytechnic responding to the needs of Saskatchewan's people and economy", said the Minister of Advanced Education, Scott Moe. "We know that we need to continue to focus on building Saskatchewan's labour market through high-quality programs offered to keep Saskatchewan strong."

The launch of new programs, such as the Business Management post-graduate certificate and the two-year Culinary Arts diploma, contribute to the upward trend in enrolments. Sask Polytech also has strong enrolment numbers in programs such as the Saskatchewan Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Early Childhood Education, Continuing Care Assistant and Primary Care Paramedic. The apprenticeship program enrolment numbers increased by four per cent, over the previous year to 5,967 enrolments.

Aboriginal student enrolments, including students in brokered programs, are up six per cent to nearly 3,500 enrolments in the most recent student census. Aboriginal students represent 18.3 per cent of students enrolled in Sask Polytech programs. On-campus student visa enrolments are up 19 per cent to 324 enrolments, primarily in programs with the School of Business, School of Information and Communications Technology and School of Human Services and Community Safety.

Saskatchewan Polytechnic serves 27,000 distinct students through applied learning opportunities at campuses in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon, and through extensive distance education opportunities. Programs serve every economic and public service sector. As a polytechnic, the organization provides the depth of learning appropriate to employer and student need, including certificate, diploma and degree programs, and apprenticeship training. Saskatchewan Polytechnic engages in applied research, drawing on faculty expertise to support innovation by employers, and providing students the opportunity to develop critical thinking skills.

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