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# **Two SIAST electronic programs accredited by Canadian military**

*Electronic Systems Engineering Technology and Electronic Technician  
sole Sask programs accredited by armed forces*

**June 2, 2011** – SIAST’s Electronic Systems Engineering Technology (ESET) and Electronic Technician (ET) programs are now recognized by the Canadian Forces. As a result, prospective students may apply to the military for an educational subsidy in return for a service commitment.

Prospective students can enlist with the Canadian Forces, choose their military trade and receive a list of accredited programs and locations within Canada. SIAST’s ESET and ET programs are the only Saskatchewan electronics programs on that list. Successful applicants are covered financially by the Canadian Forces for tuition, books and academic equipment, and receive a full salary and benefits.

“Being in the Navy gives me support and benefits that I need while I’m going to school,” says Amanda Knibbs, first-year SIAST ESET student. “Holding a job where I am paid to go to school makes it easier to focus on my school work and not have to worry as much about financial pressures. The military also has a large and well-established support network for my family to help us through difficult times both emotionally and financially.”

The Canadian Forces promotes accredited programs by attending student recruitment events throughout Saskatchewan and across Canada. Two students from the Canadian Forces currently attend SIAST, and that number is expected to increase as more people become aware of the program.

“Accreditations with organizations such as the Canadian Forces are very valuable to SIAST,” says Bill Allen, SIAST’s acting dean of Technology. “The financial support provided by the Canadian Forces is a major incentive for students.”

SIAST's two-year ESET diploma program provides knowledge and skill development in designing, troubleshooting and servicing electronic equipment and circuits. After two years of suitable industrial experience, graduates are eligible for membership with the Saskatchewan Applied Science Technologists and Technicians (SASTT).

SIAST's ET diploma program provides knowledge and skill development in installing, troubleshooting and servicing electronic equipment and systems.

SIAST is Saskatchewan's primary public institution for post-secondary technical education and skills training, recognized nationally and internationally for its expertise and innovation. More than 15,000 students were enrolled in SIAST programs in the most recent academic year; additionally, the organization drew almost 25,000 individual course registrations. Through program and course registrations, SIAST served almost 26,000 distinct students with programs that touch every sector of the economy. SIAST operates campuses in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon, and provides a number of courses and programs through distance education.

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