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New SIAST, U of S agreement expands student options

Saskatoon – The College of Arts and Science at the University of Saskatchewan and SIAST signed a new agreement that further facilitates the transition of students from a diploma to a degree program. Students who complete the two-year Chemical Technology diploma program at SIAST now have their diploma-level education fully recognized in a clear and direct way when they choose to further their studies at the U of S.

Students can now complete a diploma program and a Bachelor of Science in four years instead of six. The agreement becomes effective immediately, and applies to past and future graduates of the SIAST Chemical Technology program.

“As educators, our goal is to help students succeed,” explains Jo-Anne Dillon, Dean of the College of Arts and Science at the U of S. “Flexible programming and collaborative partnerships between educational institutions are key to providing students with learning options that meet their needs.”

Dean of SIAST’s Science and Health Division, Judy Layne, expects the agreement will benefit students and the Saskatchewan workforce. “We’re very excited about the new agreement,” says Layne. “The agreement translates into seamless opportunities for students who wish to pursue their education at the baccalaureate level.”

A number of SIAST programs offer transfer credits with other colleges and universities. SIAST is Saskatchewan's primary public institution for post-secondary technical education and skills training, recognized nationally and internationally for its expertise and innovation. Nearly 12,000 students are registered in SIAST programs, which touch every sector of the economy; additionally, the organization draws more than 28,000 individual course registrations.

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