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SIAS expands part-time courses

More than 1,000 part-time and distance learning opportunities available

August 26, 2005 – SIAS’s recently published extension calendars offer a wealth of training opportunities through evening courses and seminars, as well as distance education. Continuing to expand its part-time learning opportunities, SIAS currently offers more than 350 courses through distance education, including 189 for e-learners. Many more courses are available to part-time students through evening classes on campus.

“SIAS currently offers part-time learning opportunities to individuals looking to enhance their current skill set or obtain career advancement training,” says Barb Heise, academic director of SIAS’s Skills Initiatives. “Individuals can choose to take an entire program, or an individual course, through part-time and distance learning options.”

“We currently have the highest number of enrolments in both online and televised courses of any Saskatchewan post-secondary institution,” says David Francis, academic director of SIAS’s Virtual Campus. “Significant growth in the area of online education at SIAS builds on our well-established expertise in more traditional distance learning, while providing the maximum flexibility for our learners.”

SIAS’s extension calendars provide information about courses offered through the organization’s four campuses on a part-time basis, through the Saskatchewan Communications Network, online and through other distance education delivery methods.

For information about extension learning opportunities through SIAS, call 1-866-goSIAS and ask for an extension calendar or visit www.goSIAS.com. For information about SIAS programs available through regional colleges, and for information on SCN facilities and other learning opportunities, contact your local regional college.

SIAS is Saskatchewan’s primary public institution for post-secondary technical education and skills training, recognized nationally and internationally for its expertise

and innovation. Almost 12,000 students are registered in SIAST programs, which touch every sector of the economy; additionally, the organization draws more than 27,000 individual course registrations. It 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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