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National conference focuses on practical nurse education in Canada

Over 50 colleges and universities meet to share their expertise

October 6, 2008 – The Canadian Association of Practical Nurse Educators CAPNE is meeting in Regina on October 7 and 8 to showcase new and innovative approaches in nursing education from across Canada.

"We are delighted to host this exciting national conference where we will network with more than 125 colleagues from across Canada," says Netha Dyck, dean of Nursing at SIAST. "Together with national nursing leaders and expert nurse educators, we will explore future opportunities for practical nurse education, share teaching best practices, and examine strategies to facilitate the transition of new graduates to professional practice."

During the two-day conference, SIAST will deliver four expert presentation workshops with topics including practical nurse mentorship programs and student-centered online learning strategies.

Media are invited to attend opening ceremonies on:

Date: Tuesday, October 7
Time: 8:30 a.m. sharp
Place: Hotel Saskatchewan Radisson Plaza
Regency Ballroom – 2nd Floor

SIAST 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 29,000 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.

CAPNE is the national voice for practical nurse education in Canada. CAPNE's mission is to support and enhance the access, quality, effectiveness and consistency of education for practical nurses to meet the evolving health care needs of Canadians.

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Information about the national CAPNE conference www.siastr.sk.ca/capne2008/