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SIAS launches psych nursing program

Applications now being accepted for fall seats

April 10, 2008 – The Nursing Division at SIAS is pleased to announce the launch of the Psychiatric Nursing program for fall 2008 at SIAS Wascana Campus. This two-year diploma program will prepare students for a career as a registered psychiatric nurse (RPN) to work in specialized mental health settings.

"Graduates of this new program will be prepared to provide quality care and service in addressing the mental health needs of the people of Saskatchewan," says Netha Dyck, dean of Nursing at SIAS. "The program provides a wonderful opportunity for individuals interested in psychiatric nursing and assists in addressing the shortage of registered psychiatric nurses in our province."

Upon completion of the program, graduates will be eligible to apply for designation as a registered psychiatric nurse (RPN) through the Registered Psychiatric Nurses Association of Saskatchewan. SIAS's Psychiatric Nursing program is also recognized by similar organizations in British Columbia, Alberta and Manitoba.

Applications are currently being accepted for the fall 2008 intake of the program. For more information about the Psychiatric Nursing program or to apply, please call 1-866-goSIAS or visit goSIAS.com.

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 SIAS 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.

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