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SIAS enrolment climbs 30% in four years

Programs offer marketable skills; seats still available for fall 2011

February 17, 2011 – Enrolment at SIAS grew again last year, contributing to several consecutive years of growth. Enrolment across all campuses was up 9.3 percent in the last full academic year and 29.9 percent over four years.

The greatest growth occurred in apprenticeship training and Basic Education, but all areas show healthy increases in demand. Certificate and diploma programming, which accounts for the largest student segment, was up 5.7 percent over the previous year and 13.9 percent over four years. Certificate and diploma programs prepare graduates for such fields as business, community services, nursing, science and technology.

“Increased enrolment at SIAS is good news for Saskatchewan employers,” says David Walls, SIAS’s senior vice president, academic. “With almost 4,000 graduates each year in addition to high levels of apprenticeship training, SIAS is a major contributor to provincial labour market development.”

Although enrolment is on the increase, several SIAS programs still have seats available for next fall. SIAS’s program portfolio is driven by employer demand, and programs are generally short, which means students can graduate and be in the labour market in one to two years. For information about openings in certificate and diploma programs, visit www.goSIAS.com and click on “Choices for 2011.”

SIAS 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 SIAS 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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