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Technology Accreditation Canada Accredits Fourteen Programs at Saskatchewan Polytechnic

On October 30, 2018, Technology Accreditation Canada (TAC) presented the faculty at Saskatchewan Polytechnic certificates recognizing national program accreditation for fourteen of the college's engineering technology and applied science programs (see below).

The audit of each program involved interviews with employers of graduates, alumni and students. Common to all programs, audit teams noted highly engaged faculty committed to student success, including the delivery of broad curriculum which provides graduates with employment opportunities in various sectors of their respective industries. The audits revealed positive input from program advisory committees and students entering the workplace with strong technical and problem solving skills, particularly those with co-op experience.

"Accrediting fourteen programs is an incredible achievement and we congratulate Saskatchewan Polytechnic, its administration and faculty," commented Richard Stamper, TAC Executive Director. "National program accreditation signifies an alignment of these programs with the current standards of the profession and clearly demonstrates the polytechnic's leadership and commitment to its students, faculty, industry and government."

In addition, accreditation provides a streamlined pathway towards professional certification as an Applied Science Technologist (A.Sc.T.) through Saskatchewan Applied Science Technologists and Technicians.

"Saskatchewan Polytechnic has always been respectful of the value and need to have its programs recognized as being accredited as this demonstrates the level of commitment to our students, industry, and partners and we want to ensure we meet and exceed these expectations," remarked Jamie Hilts, Dean, School of Mining, Energy, and Manufacturing and School of Natural Resources and Built Environment. "To this point, the TAC accreditation process was a significant undertaking by Saskatchewan Polytechnic and I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the member of the TAC audit teams, members of SASTT and of course the faculty and staff of the 14 programs that we are recognizing."

Left to right (top): Blaine Chartrand (Program Head, BioScience Technology), CJ Pelletier (Program Head, Geomatics & Surveying Engineering Technology), Candace Zurowski (Program Head, Engineering Design & Drafting Technology), Heath Armbruster (Instructor, Telecommunications Networking Technician), Henry Ollegasagrem (Instructor, Mining Engineering Technology), Tim Muench (Program Head, CAD/CAM Engineering Technology, Mechanical Engineering Technology), Dean Massier (Program Head, Civil Engineering Technologies), Chris Roslinsky (Program Head, Electronic Systems Engineering Technology) , Kaya Forest (Program Head, Environmental Engineering Technology), Kenda Owens (Instructor, Architectural Technologies), Deanna Herman (Academic Chair), Shanta Shakya (Instructor, Electrical Engineering Technology), Shaun Nanan (Program Head, Computer Engineering Technology), Michael Hillsdon (Program Head, Instrumentation Engineering Technology)

Left to right (bottom): Bill Walsh (Academic Chair), Brenda Suru (Associate Dean), Jamie Hilts (Dean), Richard Stamper (TAC Executive Director), Tracey Johnson (Program Assistant), Dan Bechard (Academic Chair)

About TAC
Through accreditation, TAC is committed to partnering with educational institutions to ensure students receive a quality education that meets the standards of Canada's engineering technology profession. For more information about TAC or how to apply for accreditation, please visit technologyaccreditation.ca.

About Saskatchewan Polytechnic
Saskatchewan Polytechnic serves 28,000 distinct students through applied learning opportunities at campuses in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon, and through extensive distance education opportunities. Programs serve every economic and public service sector. As a polytechnic, the organization provides the depth of learning appropriate to employer and student need, including certificate, diploma and degree programs, and apprenticeship training. Saskatchewan Polytechnic engages in applied research, drawing on faculty expertise to support innovation by employers, and providing students the opportunity to develop critical thinking skills. Visit saskpolytech.ca for more information.

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TAC Audit and Saskatchewan Polytechnic Program Teams

The following TAC and Saskatchewan Polytechnic team members participated in a successful accreditation process.

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TAC Audit team: Lead auditor Patrick Coulthard, A.Sc.T. (Saskatchewan); Auditors Luke Simon, C.E.T. (Ontario), Jason Eggen, C.E.T. (Alberta)

Bioscience Technology

Saskatchewan Polytechnic: Blaine Chartrand, Program Head, Deanna Herman, Academic Chair
TAC Audit team: Lead auditor Steven Chu, C.E.T. (British Columbia); Auditors Robert Ashton, A.Sc.T. (Saskatchewan), Jordan Anderson, A.Sc.T. (Saskatchewan)

CAD/CAM Engineering Technology

Saskatchewan Polytechnic: Tim Muench, B.E., M.Sc., P.Eng, Program Head, Dan Bechard, A.Sc.T., Academic Chair
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Chemical Technology

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Civil Engineering Technologies

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Electronic Systems Engineering Technology

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Environmental Engineering Technology

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Instrumentation Engineering Technology

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