

## **Cambrian College Updated Program Mix – November 26, 2010**

Cambrian College regularly reviews its programs from a variety of standpoints including enrolment, employment opportunities for graduates, and relevancy to business and industry. Currently, Cambrian is in the process of developing an aggressive new program development schedule that will be implemented over the next few years. It will focus on a number of areas, in particular the College's areas of distinction in renewable energy, health sciences, and technology.

The first phase of Cambrian's new program mix is being introduced in January 2011 and includes the following modifications:

### **New Programs**

Cambrian College's Board of Governors has approved two new programs to be launched in fall 2011, **pending approval from the Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities**. These programs are:

- Two Year Business – Accounting Diploma
- Office Clerk/Assistant Certificate (part-time program)

### **“Sunset” Programs**

In response to marketplace and learner needs, intake for the following programs will be suspended at Cambrian College, effective fall 2011.

- Mechanical Technician – Tool and Die Machining
- Advertising Diploma
- Advertising Graduate Certificate
- Travel and Tourism Diploma
- Computer Programmer Analyst Advanced Diploma
- Advanced Care Paramedic Graduate Certificate

Students currently enrolled in a these programs will be able to complete program requirements and graduate with the requisite credential.

For more information about the updated program mix, please contact your respective Dean.

## Questions and Answers

### **Why is Cambrian College making changes to its program mix?**

This adjustment to the program mix is the first in what will be a very exciting period for Cambrian College as it embarks on an aggressive period of program development centred around a number of areas, in particular the College's areas of distinction and all aimed at readying graduates for jobs of the future.

### **How many new programs are being added?**

Cambrian staff is in the process of developing an aggressive new program development schedule that will be implemented over the next few years. It will focus on the College's areas of distinction in renewable energy, health sciences, and technology. Currently, new programs are being developed in these areas and will be introduced over the next few years. At this juncture, Cambrian College's Board of Governors has approved two new programs to be launched in fall 2011, **pending approval from the Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities**. These programs are:

- Two Year Business – Accounting Diploma
- Office Clerk/Assistant Certificate (part-time program)

Several new programs will be presented in February 2011.

### **When can students begin applying for new programs?**

Immediately, with the first intake slated for September 2011.

### **How many programs are being suspended for fall 2011 and which ones?**

Six programs will be "sunsetting:"

- Mechanical Technician – Tool and Die Machining
- Advertising Diploma
- Advertising Graduate Certificate
- Travel and Tourism Diploma
- Computer Programmer Analyst Advanced Diploma
- Advanced Care Paramedic Graduate Certificate

Though a program may be suspended, it can be reintroduced at a later date as employer and industry needs change.

**What happens to the students enrolled in suspended programs?**

It remains 'business as usual' for students currently enrolled in a suspended program, as they will be able to complete program requirements and graduate with the requisite credential. Faculty will continue to teach the program through to completion.

**Why are changes being made now? Doesn't this process usually occur later in the academic year?**

Program changes are being made now so as to minimize the impact on the application process of prospective students interested in enrolling at Cambrian for September 2011.