

MEDIA ADVISORY

Saskatchewan Polytechnic begins phased return to classes Thursday, November 5

November 4, 2020 – Saskatchewan Polytechnic is introducing a phased return to classes starting tomorrow, November 5. Students in some scheduled in-person training will resume on campus starting Thursday, November 5. With the exception of the LINC program on November 5, online classes, including zoom classes, are cancelled Thursday, November 5 and Friday, November 6.

Students can view the list of in-person classes resuming on campus at <u>at this link</u>. An update on return for other classes will be provided on Sunday November 8.

"We are beginning a phased approach to resuming in-person learning. Out of an abundance of caution we have made the decision to continue to hold on resuming online classes. Our IT Services, external experts and third-party suppliers have been working around the clock to get students back to class, and I want to acknowledge the incredible work," says Larry Rosia, president and CEO. "We will continue to communicate with students, faculty and partners who have been supportive and patient. I am proud to be part of this community in these extraordinary times."

Sask Polytech continues to work with external cybersecurity experts and law enforcement. Remediation actions are underway. Sask Polytech's first priority is to safely and securely restore online and in-person learning environments for students.

Sask Polytech remains committed to timely and transparent communication with students, employees and stakeholders. Additional information is being shared at campusupdate.ca. This is the best source of information on the current status.

Saskatchewan Polytechnic serves students through applied learning opportunities at campuses in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon, and 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 needs, 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 with the opportunity to develop critical thinking skills.

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