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# CONTINUING EDUCATION



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While MacEwan University has been offering continuing education for well over 40 years, 2015 marks the first anniversary of the formation of the School of Continuing Education at the university's Alberta College Campus in Edmonton.

Part of becoming a newly formed school involves doing things differently. To better serve the community, the School of Continuing Education amalgamated six different program areas. It now offers a wide range of learning opportunities in business and management, health and wellness, music, art and design, academic upgrading and ESL.

“We continually research industry trends and work closely with faculty members and researchers to ensure we

are offering programs that meet both industry and personal needs,” says Dean Heather McRae.

“Employers value employees who pursue ongoing professional development and continue to expand their skills. They're looking for people who can be creative, strategic and innovative, and can adapt to new situations to take on leadership roles in managing change. These are the kinds of skills being taught in our programs.”

To keep up with employer demand and self-employment interests, the School of Continuing Education is developing new offerings such as certificate programs aligned with global professional accreditation standards (like Project Management and Business

Analysis) and courses in new subject areas (including Workplace Bullying and Respect in the Workplace).

The School of Continuing Education is expanding its reach internationally too. Study tours from around the world come to the School of Continuing Education to study English and learn about Canadian culture. Plans are currently underway to bring instruction on teaching English to other parts of the world.

“Maintaining our local, national and international networks, working in collaboration with others and creating new knowledge based on our expertise are contributing factors to the ongoing success and sustainability of our school,” explains McRae.