

Kingston Learning Centre announces new name

The Kingston Learning Centre has undergone a major transformation since the new Director, Stephen Bartolini, took over the helm just over a year ago. Bartolini states "We introduced a number of initiatives to better accommodate the changing needs of the community we have been successfully serving for 28 years" he went on to say "the training needs evolve all the time, as the professions change, job descriptions change, technology changes, so we are ensuring that the College is keeping pace with those changes and reflects the needs of the industries we are training for."

The College has undergone a major expansion of the facility by annexing the unit next door. This has added 50% more space. The new space will accommodate a new Pharmacy Lab for the Pharmacy Technician Program as well as a new Resource Centre, in addition to other classroom space as well as offices for staff. "The new Pharmacy Lab was one of the steps we saw as necessary to have our Program accredited by the CCAPP (Canadian Council for the Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs)" Joanne Karlos, Program

Coordinator, expressed. The College pursued the accredited status for two years and just this past summer at their last Board meeting the CCAPP awarded the College Provisional Status. "We were very excited to receive this accreditation" Karlos states and went on to say "It really reflects the quality of teaching that we have been delivering as well as our commitment to excellence that we have at the College. Both the students, as well as the employers we prepare our students for, now have an additional assurance they are receiving the necessary skills to succeed in their field".

The new facility's Resource Centre is really designed to provide additional resources to the students to better reflect the changing environment and needs of the community. When fully completed the students will have access to tools that will supplement the classroom training, which will be especially important for those that have special needs and need extra resources to accommodate their learning requirements.

To better reflect all of the changes at the Kingston Learning Centre, Corina Bergstrom, Director of Admissions, has developed

a new look and name for the College: KLC College Healthcare, Business, Education. Bergstrom states "We felt that with all the changes and developments, as well as the future plans for expansion at our campuses in Richmond Hill, Whitby as well as Smith Falls, that it was important to change our name to reflect this."

Bartolini also indicated that they are branching out into some new areas. The Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities recently approved a new Child and Youth Worker program for the Kingston campus. The first intake was this September. "We are currently developing other programs in the education field that will fill the skills shortages in the education fields particularly in the special needs areas. We are very excited about the opportunities these new programs will bring to our students and graduates" he went on to say "It has been a tremendous year for the College. We are excited about the future and hope to continue serving the community's needs for years to come"

The College now has openings for its next intake in January. Those interested can contact the College or go their website www.klccollege.ca.