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Career Colleges Welcome The Hon. Glen Murray to MTCU



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BRANTFORD – Ontario’s registered private career colleges and their students congratulate the Honourable Glen Murray on his newly appointed post of Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities.

“The career college sector trains more than 60,000 students annually and has a 140 year track record of developing Ontario’s work force,” said Paul Kitchin, Executive Director of the Ontario Association of Career Colleges (OACC).

“We are eager to work with Minister Murray and the government to continue to meet the challenge of providing the high quality and accountable postsecondary programs of study required to produce qualified workers and help our economy grow,” Kitchin continued.

Private career colleges offer focused, hands-on training, allowing students to complete their programs in an average of 12 months. Students attend for 20 hours per week or more, meaning highly skilled graduates enter the workforce sooner. Small class sizes, multiple intakes, shorter duration and experienced teachers are just some of the reasons students choose private career colleges.

“Career colleges are well positioned to meet the steadily increasing demand for postsecondary education by high school graduates, laid-off workers, newcomers to Canada, international students, aboriginal students, apprentices, and workers for the growth sectors including trades, technology, health and wellness, entertainment, and the environment,” Kitchin said.

There are over 600 registered private career college campuses in Ontario offering diploma programs in small, medium and large communities.

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ABOUT US

The Ontario Association of Career Colleges (OACC) is a non-profit organization that has grown to include over 270 members. OACC exists to create a stronger voice and better sector quality. Private career colleges have been training in Ontario for over 140 years with programs in applied arts, business, flight training, health services, human services, IT, hospitality and trades.