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Private Career Colleges Thanked for Significant Contribution to Second Career Program

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BRANTFORD – The Hon. John Milloy, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities thanked the private career college sector for its significant contribution to the success of the Second Career program during an announcement held on September 23, 2010 at the St. James Campus of George Brown College in Toronto.

The announcement revealed the results of a survey in which 13,000 Second Career students participated and found 93 per cent had graduated, and over 60 per cent have found jobs within an average of three months after program completion.

George Hood, Vice President of the Ontario Association of Career Colleges, was pleased to hear the results of the survey, and said the most important part of the survey results was the average age of the graduates is early forties and the impressive graduation rate. Roughly 30 percent of students at career colleges are over 35 years of age.

“Career Colleges in Ontario have trained thousands of successful Second Career funded students,” he said. “Career Colleges typically have small class sizes and instructor led one year programs, which allow graduates a quick transition to the work place.”

Since the launch of Second Career in 2008, registered private career colleges have continued helping Ontarians get back to work faster with intensive training, short program durations and multiple intakes throughout the year. Private career colleges are a fundamental component of Ontario’s post-secondary resource, training over 46,000 individuals annually.

Private career colleges are well positioned to help build the most highly skilled and educated workforce in the world, as part of the McGuinty government’s Open Ontario plan.

Paul Kitchin, Executive Director of the Ontario Association of Career Colleges agrees, “With locations in more than 70 communities across Ontario, career colleges are well-positioned to help.”

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