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Greetings from the Executive Director

Greetings friends!

As many of you already know, the government of Ontario; Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities has developed a new employment services model that will provide clients and employers with a single enhanced point of access to services that are customer focused, flexible and responsive to local community needs.

EMPLOYMENT ONTARIO

I am pleased to be able to inform you that Job Zone d'emploi has been selected as the service provider, for the new Employment Ontario service delivery model, in the counties of Stormont and Dundas. The county of Glengarry will be serviced by Glengarry Liaison. We look forward to continuing to work with the Glengarry Liaison team and all of our local and rural community partners, to ensure that both the residents and employers of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry experience a smooth transition from the current Employment Ontario employment services programs to the new service delivery model, effective August 1, 2010.

Until next time,

Wendy Woods-Fontaine
Executive Director



Second Career

Where will it take you?

In an attempt to support laid-off, unemployed individuals who require skills training to secure sustainable employment, Employment Ontario (EO) has introduced Second Career (SC). The objective of Second Career is to assist eligible individuals by providing financial assistance for training in occupations with a proven, demonstrated need within the province of Ontario.



Second Career is constantly evolving to better service Ontarians. Residents of Stormont or Dundas who require more details about the new guidelines and other changes please visit the Second Career website at www.ontario.ca/secondcareer or come into Job Zone d'emploi and ask to speak with an Employment Consultant.

The Employment Consultant will complete a three-phase assessment to evaluate eligibility, suitability and financial need for Second Career. If the candidate does not meet the guidelines defined for SC, then the Employment Consultant can further explore the full range of EO and other community employment programs and services that are available.

There's always a right time to go to College

People go back to school for all kinds of reasons. Andrea Mueller came to St. Lawrence College to get back into a career she had left behind.

Ever since she was a teenager growing up in Klaus, Austria, Andrea knew she wanted to work in the nursing field. She worked as a Registered Nursing Assistant (RNA) for 3 years before coming to Canada in 1987 but never practiced it again.

"I was adjusting to a new country and raising children," she explains, "but I knew that one day I would start nursing again." So when the children were older, Andrea decided it was time to pursue the career she had loved. She wanted to upgrade her nursing knowledge so she enrolled in the

Practical Nurse program at St. Lawrence College.

"I had no problems getting back into the medical field", she recalls. "Both the classes and the practical experience in my program really prepared me well for my return to nursing. My two years in college were great!"

Andrea is now working as a practical nurse at St. Elizabeth Healthcare in Ottawa and is a paramedical nurse for Medisys. Going to college after that many years was not as difficult as one might of thought. "It was a great experience overall. The teachers were excellent and very patient, teaching us everything we needed to know. I would certainly recommend St.

Lawrence College to anyone."



To find out more about the 80+ programs offered at St. Lawrence College's three campuses in Cornwall, Brockville and Kingston, visit www.stlawrencecollege.ca Or visit dreamit@sl.on.ca or by dialling 613-345-0660, ext. 88.

If you are interested in submitting an article for the Job Zone d'emploi Agency Newsletter, please contact JoAnn Hickley, Director of Program Development, at 613-933-9675 or jhickley@jobzonedemploi.ca