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Education

Canadian Forces Offers Tuition Subsidy Opportunity at Conestoga College

Kitchener - Students in two Conestoga College engineering technology programs have the opportunity to apply for a tuition subsidy offered by the Canadian Forces.

Application for the subsidy is open to students entering the first year of the diploma program in Electronics Engineering Technician and those entering the second year of the diploma program in Electronics Engineering Technology - Telecommunications Systems. Both programs are at the Doon campus in Kitchener.

The Canadian Forces initiative is known as NCM SEP, which stands for Non-Commissioned Member Subsidized Education Plan. In NCM SEP, students accepted under the initiative receive a salary, as well as reimbursement for all tuition, books and academic equipment. The salary is \$31,020 in the first year and \$37,932 in the second year.

Following graduation, these students must undertake military service for three or four years. Completion of the Conestoga programs ties into three professional options offered by the Canadian Forces: electronic-optronic technician, aerospace telecommunications and information systems technician, and land communications and information systems technician.

Potential candidates for the NCM SEP opportunity at Conestoga should contact either Lesley Searle or Karen Levert at the Canadian Forces Recruiting Centre in Kitchener for more details - 519-569-8911, ext. 225 or 232.

In addition, Conestoga has arranged for interested individuals to take part in a no-obligation day of sailing activities on a Canadian patrol frigate. The sailing is from Toronto on Friday, September 4, and is open to current or prospective students in the two Conestoga programs mentioned above. Those interested in this activity should contact Mitch Wawzonek, Chair of Engineering and Information Technology at Conestoga - 519-748-5220, ext. 3297 - no later than Friday, July 24. More information about the patrol frigate is available at <http://macsnavylinks.ca/CPFmain.html>.

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