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Cariboo College will be tripling its full-time vocational programs in Williams Lake this fall.

Alongside the nine-month General Mechanics course which recently completed its initial year, the College will offer two General Welding pre-employment courses, with the first intake in September and the second in February. In addition, the College will offer four-month courses in Dining Room and Restaurant Cooking (Short Order).

Both the General Mechanics and the Welding course quotas are filled for September, according to Jerry McKee, Director of Continuing Education for the northern area of the Cariboo College region. A waiting list is being compiled.

The Welding program will begin with only the pre-employment course, McKee said, but may be expanded later in the fall to provide upgrading courses for tradesmen already in the field. Ross Simpson of Edmonton has been appointed as instructor. Welding instruction will take place at the B.C. Railway Industrial Site, which already houses the General Mechanics program, instructed by Dave Schalm.

An instructor will be appointed shortly for the new culinary program, which will run from October through January, followed by a second course beginning in February. Students who complete the course can transfer to the full-year Cook Training program at the College's Kamloops campus if they wish, McKee said.

The new vocational programs, like the initial one in General Mechanics, represent a direct response to an expressed community need, he pointed out. Information can be obtained from the Williams Lake campus centre at Suite 206-197 Second Avenue North, telephone 392-6202.

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