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NEWS RELEASE

As Cariboo College's new Respiratory Technology program, the only one in British Columbia, completes its first year, it is arousing interest in professional health care circles as far east as Toronto.

Although the initial class has two more years of specialized and clinical training ahead before they can write the qualifying examinations for Respiratory Technologist registration, the demand for trained people is so heavy nationwide that Program Coordinator Robert A. Smith regularly receives requests from several provinces for employment referrals.

A new class will begin prerequisite studies at the College next September, and some qualified applicants have already been accepted for admission, Smith said. Class size is limited.

Students concentrate on science and other general courses in the prerequisite year. In the second (pre-clinical) year the emphasis is on courses directly related to the specialty, such as Pharmacology, Respiratory and Circulatory Pathophysiology and Neonatal Anatomy and Physiology. The third year is spent in clinical training and study in an accredited teaching hospital.

In addition to meeting basic medical requirements, applicants for the Respiratory Technology program must have completed Grade 12 with minimum grades of C in Mathematics 12, Biology 11 or 12 and Chemistry 11 or 12. Interested persons can obtain detailed information and an application package from the Office of the Registrar, Cariboo College, P.O. Box 3010, Kamloops, B.C. V2C 5N3, or telephoning 374-0123.

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