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The Medical Laboratory Technology program of Cariboo College has just had its second full-scale quadrennial accreditation survey, and the preliminary oral report is again "very positive", according to Dr. M.R. Granger, Chairman of the College's Department of Physical and Life Sciences.

A six-member panel representing the Canadian Medical Association, the Canadian Society of Laboratory Technologists and the Association of Canadian Community Colleges inspected the College's facilities and interviewed faculty and students during a two-day period (February 11 and 12). Three of the panel members also visited the Royal Inland Hospital laboratory, where Cariboo students receive part of their practical training.

The survey team, headed by Brian Henderson of Ottawa, representing the CMA, was particularly pleased with the new Science Building facilities and with the College's library holdings in medical laboratory technology, Dr. Granger reported.

The visitors encouraged College officials to continue working toward closer integration between the campus and hospital phases of the three-year program. They are aware, Dr. Granger pointed out, of the problem inherent in the division of funding between the provincial ministries of health and education.

The College began full-scale training of technologists in 1974 and was inspected for full accreditation in 1976. Many graduates have completed the program, have achieved CSLT registration and are employed in laboratories and hospitals throughout Western Canada.

A written report on the 1980 survey is expected sometime in April.

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