

**MEDIA RELEASE – April 16, 2009****TWO OF CANADA'S LEADING FORESTRY SCHOOLS PARTNER  
TO SUPPORT STUDENT SUCCESS**

A newly formed partnership between Algonquin College in the Ottawa Valley and the University of New Brunswick will provide students with more career opportunities in the forest industry.

Algonquin College in the Ottawa Valley and UNB have reached an agreement to allow graduates of Algonquin's Forestry Technician program to receive advanced standing in UNB's Bachelor of Science in Forestry program.

The articulation agreement is one of several that Algonquin College has with universities that teach forestry; however, it is the first partnership with an Eastern Canadian university. Algonquin's Forestry Technician program Coordinator, Frank Knaapen, says this is a major step forward for the program given UNB's rich history and its excellent reputation in training forestry students. "We are very pleased that our students will have the opportunity to study at UNB and receive recognition for the courses they have successfully completed at Algonquin College," adds Knaapen.

Forestry has been a flagship program at both Algonquin and UNB.

Established in 1908, UNB's Faculty of Forestry and Environmental Management is the oldest undergraduate Canadian school of forestry. The faculty offers three undergraduate programs: the Bachelor of Science in Environment and Natural Resources; Bachelor of Science in Forestry; and the Bachelor of Science in Forest Engineering, which is the only accredited forest engineering program in Canada. Approximately 55 students graduate from the faculty each year.

Algonquin College has delivered a Forestry Technician program at its Pembroke Campus since the late 1960's when the Ontario College system was founded, and the Pembroke Campus opened its doors. Each year the Forestry Technician program graduates about 25 students, some of whom pursue higher education at a university level.

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UNB's Assistant Dean of the Faculty of Forestry and Environmental Management, Brian Sergeant, says the University is excited about this partnership with Algonquin College. "Algonquin has a great history of teaching forestry and we're confident that this partnership will benefit students which are our first priority. We look forward to welcoming those students to UNB," says Sergeant.

Through this articulation agreement, graduates of Algonquin's Forestry Technician program will receive credits towards their Forestry Degree at UNB. This will allow them to complete their degree in three years or less, and better position them for employment in the forestry sector, as they will have the strength of both a university degree and college diploma.

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**Signing the Articulation Agreement**

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- Brian Sergeant, Assistant Dean of the Faculty of Forestry and Environmental Management, UNB