



## **Sault College News Release**

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### **Sault College Plans your Transition to College**

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON July 8, 2011) “First day jitters” are common among new students. This August, Sault College staff members will be helping with those jitters and more. The sixth annual Transition to College program, designed to assist incoming students with disabilities with the important transition to College will run from August 29<sup>th</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 at the College.

The Program, free to participants and funded by the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities, is designed to help first-year students with documented learning disabilities make a successful transition from high school or the workforce. Included in the programming are engaging activities, empowering success strategies for learning, prizes and practical information about College services and resources. A free lunch is also provided daily to the students.

“Being successful in a post-secondary school program depends on being prepared,” states Ian Smith, Personal Attendant in Student Services and organizer of this year’s workshop. “The transition program allows students to get familiar with the campus before classes begin so they can be ready to succeed.”

Students who attend can also expect to learn about their disability, their rights and responsibilities. They will be made aware of useful on-campus resources, services and facilities, can explore learning strategies such as note-taking, test-taking, study skills, time management and organization skills, as well as become familiar with assistive technology that is available to

them. Participants will also have an opportunity to meet with counsellors to identify accommodations, strategies and resources they may need before the start of the school year and get a head start on purchasing their textbooks and parking pass as well as picking up their student identification card and finding a locker in an area of the campus that best suits them.

Space in the program is limited and interested students are asked to register online at [www.saultcollege.ca](http://www.saultcollege.ca) by July 16<sup>th</sup>. Applications received after this date will be accepted pending available seats. Students can also fax their application to 705.759.9857 or email [transition@saultcollege.ca](mailto:transition@saultcollege.ca)

For more information contact Ian Smith in Student Services at 705.759.2554 ext.2803.

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#### **About Sault College**

Sault College reaches students through post-secondary, continuing education, apprenticeship training and third party contract training. Educating 4,500 students annually, Sault College offers a full range of programs: Certificates, Diplomas, Advanced Diplomas, Post Graduate Certificates, Degrees, and Apprenticeship programs. Sault College has an economic impact on the community in excess of \$100 million. MacLean's magazine has recognized the College's ranking at the top of the province in graduate satisfaction, with 85% of graduates saying that they were highly satisfied with their education at the post-secondary institution. Sault College, located in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario is one of 24 community colleges in Ontario. Visit our website at [www.saultcollege.ca](http://www.saultcollege.ca) for more information.

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