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Trades Awareness Program Prepares Students for Future Careers

FORT SMITH, NT – More than 45 students from across the South Slave region will converge on Aurora College's Thebacha Campus in Fort Smith for the week-long Intensive Trades Awareness Program (TAP) from December 7 to 11.

TAP introduces junior high and high school students to various Trades – including plumbing, electrical, carpentry, cooking or mechanics – that are available at Aurora College. There are two components to the program: Introductory and Intensive. The Intensive program is an opportunity for students to hone their skills as they get ready to complete high school and take the first steps of their careers. This is the second step for students who have already participated in the Trade Awareness Program Introduction, one which concluded in October of this year. Rather than try their hands at multiple Trades like the Introductory component, the Intensive will see students focus on a single Trade and complete a large project.

“Since 2005, hundreds of students from across the South Slave have been invited to Aurora College to learn what it takes to succeed in the Trades,” says Dr. Curtis Brown, Superintendent of the South Slave Divisional Education Council. “They exit the program with meaningful hands on experiences, awareness of opportunities available following graduation, and new friendships with students from across the region.”

TAP exists to give students in small high schools access to the trades shops, equipment and instructional expertise available at Aurora College, as well as the Fort Smith business community. Participating students earn Career & Technology Studies (CTS) credits towards their high school diploma. TAP would not be possible without the partnership between the Ministry of Education, Culture and Employment, Aurora College and the South Slave Education Council.

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