

**Presentation to B.C Legislative Standing
Committee on Finance and Government Services**
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CNC has campuses in six communities Prince George, Quesnel, Mackenzie, Vanderhoof, Fort St. James and Burns Lake. We support and strengthen these communities by providing affordable access to higher education and skills training close to home.

Our College currently provides about 50 different programs leading to a certificate, diploma or degree. in B.C. In 2011/12, we enrolled a total of about

Priority Budget and Policy Issues

1. The Skills Gap and College Capacity

As we all know, Canada is facing a looming skills gap, and as the baby boomers begin to retire in droves, we will need to recruit more workers, including those from traditionally under-represented groups and arm them with advanced skills for employment.

As more people turn to colleges for training or re-training, our college faces both physical and financial capacity challenges that limits our ability to serve our communities.

2. Aboriginal Education

Aboriginal citizens make up a large a growing segment of our regional population (13% of and 18,0(1)-i-i-i-i-i-i 48gBT1 0 6.21 602xm traditionallFu-3(t)-3(lng)4(150.382d)-6(itiad)-66d

4. Accounting Policies and Standards