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INTERNATIONAL COMPUTER DRIVING LICENSE TEST CENTRE AT RED RIVER COLLEGE

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Certification for the
ICDL Test Centre
at Red River College**



but also the necessary broad base of knowledge connected with some of the essential concepts of IT that ensures candidates are able to apply these in their daily activities.

The ICDL program is administered by the ECDL Foundation Ltd., the not-for-profit global governing body of ICDL. Worldwide, participation in ICDL has surpassed 1.5 million students representing the delivery of approximately six million tests. Users of ICDL are diverse and include government departments,

health boards, defence ministries, automobile manufacturers, pharmaceutical companies, petroleum companies, financial institutions, schools and colleges.

APRIL, 2002 – WINNIPEG, MB – The first International Computer Driving License Test Centre in Manitoba was opened at Red River College with support from Manitoba Industry, Trade and Mines and the Manitoba IT Industries Association. The Centre was designed to complement and enhance Red River College's computer learning programs.

In Canada, the ICDL program is endorsed by the Information Technology Association of Canada, and the Canadian Information Processing Society. Canadian employers and job seekers have expressed a need for a standard definition of practical competence in Information Technology. The ICDL certification is attained through a special user-friendly Skills Card which records the skills a candidate demonstrates in each of seven computer related modules.

The ICDL program is intended to improving the general level of personal computer skills and IT knowledge for all. The program is designed to cover a broad range of skills and knowledge to enable candidates to operate competently in any end-user computing environment. The ICDL has become the world's most accepted end-user IT skills certification program and has established itself as a global model for participation in the Information Society.

The Test Centre accreditation can be obtained by individuals, employers, other government departments, and institutions that have an interest in determining the computer competence of their employees and participants. Registration for the program is available through the Red River College Continuing Education Division.

The ICDL global program objective is to certify essential IT skills and therefore promote life-long e-learning. It provides a certification that is vendor neutral and offers a broad scope of IT knowledge and skills. The ICDL syllabus not only includes practical skills associated with using common computer applications

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