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AFOA CANADA CONTINUES TO CREATE ABORIGINAL POST SECONDARY PATHWAYS BY ANNOUNCING AGREEMENT WITH NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

April 15, 2016 (Ottawa) – Aboriginal access to post-secondary education continues. Building Aboriginal learning pathways continues. AFOA Canada and Nipissing University (NU) are pleased to announce their agreement to work together to support academic opportunities for Aboriginal learners.

The Certified Aboriginal Financial Manager (CAFM) Program designed and delivered by AFOA Canada provides a diploma for the completion of 14 courses for those working in Aboriginal financial management.

AFOA Canada and Nipissing University signed two articulation agreements today that support CAFM graduates. The first agreement allows CAFM graduates to receive up to a maximum of 45 transfer credits in pursuing a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree (BBA) and the second allows CAFM graduates to receive up to 30 credits towards a Bachelor of Commerce Degree (B.Comm). Both agreements create career paths that enable CAFM graduates who meet certain requirements to receive transfer credits at Nipissing University.

Terry Goodtrack, President and CEO of AFOA Canada states that *“This represents a significant opportunity for Aboriginal students studying business and finance. This also comes at a time when we are aligning the CAFM program with the new Chartered Professional Accountants (CPA) requirements. Opportunities like this are key for the continued development of CAFM graduates. It continues to make a positive contribution in expanding the pool of qualified Aboriginal professionals across Canada.”*

Dr. Mike DeGagné, President and Vice Chancellor of Nipissing University indicated *“Nipissing University is thrilled to partner with AFOA Canada on this articulation agreement. With these new pathways to completing a degree, students can benefit from the flexibility of distance learning along with earned credit for previous work completed through AFOA to attain the credentials they need to further their career aspirations.”*

About AFOA Canada

AFOA Canada is a membership driven organization and was founded as a not-for-profit association in 1999. The organization supports Aboriginal professionals in managing and governing their communities and organizations through a focus on enhancing finance, management and leadership practices and skills. AFOA Canada’s premise is that the key to economic prosperity and creating a better life for Canada’s Aboriginal people is in improving the management skills of those responsible for the stewardship of Aboriginal resources.

AFOA Canada has become the centre of excellence and innovation in Aboriginal finance, management and leadership. It is the largest and only organization in Canada that focuses on the capacity development and day to day needs of those Aboriginal professionals who are working in all of these areas. Our products and programs are developed by Aboriginal professionals for Aboriginal Professionals.

About Nipissing University

Nipissing is a young university with a wide-range of Arts and Science, Professional and Graduate level programs. Our focus is on student success, creating a friendly community culture, and a safe, personalized student experience. Small interactive classes combined with supportive, accessible professors encourage self-expression, collaboration and participation. They also offer opportunity for personalized attention, where professors get to know students by name and care about their progress.

As a primarily undergraduate university, Nipissing is one of the highest ranked in the category of quality of teaching and learning. We offer programs within the faculties of Arts and Science, Applied and Professional Studies, and the Schulich School of Education.

Our campus is located in the city of North Bay on a stunning 291 hectares of Canadian Shield forest. We are a three and a half hour drive from Ottawa.

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