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### **Programming now offered for ‘in-demand’ jobs in Drayton Valley**

The Town of Drayton Valley is pleased to announce an exciting new partnership with The Health Care Aide Academy.

Town Council’s vision for education in Drayton Valley includes building important relationships with well known and respected education partners to offer courses and programming that lead to job placement for in-demand industries in the community. This partnership brings further variety to a growing list of education opportunities offered in Drayton Valley.

The Health Care Aide Academy (HCAA), with its main campus in Red Deer, has been in operation since 2013. Since then, over a thousand graduates have found jobs in the healthcare industry through HCAA. In the most recent graduating class (April, 2021), 19 of 21 students had jobs upon graduation, many being offered their positions prior to graduating. Health Care continues to be an “in demand” profession that is growing in leaps and bounds. The newly accredited 2019 Alberta Health curriculum reflects a longer program, at 8 months in length, which is very robust.

“Health Care continues to be a burgeoning field of growth and we see this as an “in demand” profession for many years to come”, commented Health Care Aide Academy President, Dan Cavanagh. It is very exciting to be part of that growth in Drayton Valley and area. The Health Care Aide Academy is looking forward to training top quality health care aides that will be job ready and in demand.”

“Offering options for post-secondary studies in Drayton Valley is creating a hub for education in rural Alberta, commented Mayor Michael Doerksen. “Partnering with the Health Care Aide Academy allows us to expand these opportunities to include programming in the field of health care. Following the events of the last year, this is going to be an important and in-demand career path and I am pleased to see courses offered in Drayton Valley”.

Programming is set to begin with in-person classes at the Clean Energy Technology Centre in Drayton Valley in September 2021.

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