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## **Formal recognition of acquired competencies through Heritage College's RAC Service**

Whether you have not had the opportunity to attend college or had to leave before you completed all of the courses needed to earn your diploma or attestation, you could potentially have your competencies (skill set, knowledge and/or behaviour) recognized as equivalent to program pre-requisites. Heritage College's *Recognition of Acquired Competencies* (RAC) service can help you get formal recognition for competencies you already have or help you attain missing ones. This could have a major impact on your employability and income, or help you meet the changing requirements of your current job.

Heritage College launched its new RAC online self-assessment tool in April 2010. Since then, the College has seen interest in its RAC service increase considerably. The tool allows potential candidates to demonstrate the skills and knowledge they have gained through prior academic, workplace or life experiences.

The Heritage RAC service is available to evaluate competencies for the following DEC programs: Accounting and Management Technology, Computer Science, Electronics Technology and Early Childhood Care and Education and the following AEC programs: Bilingual Office Administration, Microsoft Network 2003 with Linux, and Web and Desktop Programming.

If you are interested in one of Heritage College's programs and believe you have competencies comparable to the program's pre-requisites, we invite you to complete the self-assessment.

You can read more about the Heritage College *Recognition of Acquired Competencies* application process online at <http://www.cegep-heritage.qc.ca/Institution/Services/rac.htm>, or call us at (819) 778-2270, Ext. 1280 to obtain additional information.

### **About Heritage College**

Heritage College is one of 48 Cégeps (Collèges d'Enseignement Général et Professionnel) in the province of Quebec, the only English Cégep in Western Quebec. The College offers five pre-university programs, and eight career programs.

Quality education, small classes, a friendly atmosphere, and dynamic extra-curricular and social activities make Heritage College the perfect place to study and meet new friends. The College's modern facilities feature a gymnasium, fitness centre, dance studio, comprehensive library, and 156-seat auditorium. Our spacious campus grounds on the edge of Gatineau Park include a large soccer field, basketball court, beach volleyball courts, and biking and hiking paths.

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