

BACKGROUNDER

Summary of Program Expansions

1. **College of Medicine** - increase of 16 seats from 72 seats to 88 seats in both the undergraduate and post-graduate programs beginning in the 2007 academic year and phased in incrementally over the next three years.
2. **Nursing Education Program of Saskatchewan (NEPS)** – increase of 70 seats [52 in the traditional 4 year program and 18 in the Second Degree Entry Option (SDEO)] beginning in the 2008 academic year.
3. **Psychiatric Nursing Diploma program** – 14 training seats at the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST), beginning September 2008 (in addition to 16 seats announced in April 2007).
4. **Medical Diagnostic Programs** – An increase in capacity in the Medical Laboratory Technology (MLT) program, the Medical Radiologic Technology (MRT) program, and the Combined Laboratory and X-ray Technician (CLXT) program by 4 seats in each program to increase the capacity from 16 to 20 seats in each program, in September 2008.

Training Opportunities for Health Professionals

	06/07 Existing	07/08 Budget	Summer 07	Total
Physicians				
Undergraduate/Graduate	60	12	16	88
NEPS				
Traditional	350	40	52	442
Second Degree	50	10	18	78
Practical Nursing	124	86*	-	210
Psychiatric Nursing	0	16	14	30
Medical Diagnostic				
Medical Laboratory Technology	16		4	20
Medical Radiologic Technology	16		4	20
Combined Lab and X-Ray Technician	16		4	20
Total	632	164	112	908

*Includes new ongoing funding for continuation of practical nursing seats introduced in mid-year investment 2006-07