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Capilano University's Outdoor Recreation program enhances credentials for students

NORTH VANCOUVER B.C. June 4, 2021 – Capilano University's School of Outdoor Recreation Management (OREC) has signed a curriculum modification agreement with the Outdoor Council of Canada (OCC), an umbrella organization for the Canadian outdoor sector, that allows CapU students to earn additional certifications during their courses.

Quotes:

"This agreement offers added value to our students. It allows them to graduate with enhanced credentials to support their career development in outdoor recreation."

-Stephanie Wells, Chair, Capilano University School of Outdoor Recreation Management

"We are pleased to partner with Capilano University, a post-secondary institution with demonstrated academic integrity and high educational standards. This agreement helps to ensure that graduating students already have the certifications needed for leadership roles in outdoor recreation in Canada."

- Franz Plangger, CEO, Outdoor Council of Canada

OCC courses are part of a national certification program. Under this agreement, CapU OREC students, through their field courses, may graduate with their diploma and the following OCC certifications: Field Leader (Hiking), Field Leader (Paddling), Field Leader (Winter), Field Leader (Overnight), Get Outside (Hike), Get Outside (Compass), Get Outside (Maps), Get Outside (Compass).

"The signing of this agreement further positions CapU's Outdoor Recreation Diploma as a leader in the development of recreation professionals. The additional certifications confirm our graduates are ready to meet the demands of the recreation industry with the highest level of professional standards," said Wells.

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One of the longest running signature programs at CapU, the OREC program celebrates its 50th year anniversary this year.

About Capilano University

Capilano University is a teaching-focused university based in North Vancouver, with programming serving the Sunshine Coast and the Sea-to-Sky corridor. The University offers 94 programs, including bachelor's degrees, in areas as diverse as film, early childhood education and tourism management. Capilano University is named after Sa7plek (Chief Joe Capilano), an important leader of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation of the Coast Salish Peoples. We respectfully acknowledge that our campuses are located on the territories of the Lílwat, xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), shíshálh (Sechelt), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and Səlílwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

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