

Algoma University Establishes National Centre of Excellence

On December 2, 2022, Algoma University (AU), in partnership with Unity, will be hosting the inauguration of the **National Centre of Excellence** (NCoE).

The Centre of Excellence aims to become a globally recognized Centre that will accelerate education, training and development of real-time 3D applications while supporting Social Impact initiatives and future post-graduate programming options. The NCoE is a culmination of an already-established partnership between the two organizations.

Through AU's Faculty of Professional and Continuing Education (PACE) and the School of Computer Science and Technology (SCST), innovative new programming will be introduced as part of the launch of the NCoE. These programs will include Information Technology (IT) post-graduate certificates, coding summer camps, micro-credentials in technology, and more.

Led by faculty in the School of Computer Science and Technology, the NCoE will focus on the advancement of research and programs in Augmented Reality/ Virtual Reality (AR/VR), and develop solutions in computing. This partnership and state-of-the-art programming will create opportunities for lifelong learning, upskilling and reskilling that prepare learners for the technological advancements occurring in various sectors across the globe.

Serving the needs of Algoma University and its associated campus communities remains at the core of this exciting partnership. From an urban campus situated in the Innovation Hub of downtown Brampton to more rural Sault Ste. Marie and Timmins campuses, AU recognises the need to create opportunities and co-develop programs for future generations.

Guided by Algoma's Special Mission to make education accessible for all, while cultivating cross-cultural learning between Anishinaabe communities and the world, the NCoE will be a hub for Indigenous and Black youth, minority groups, those looking to upskill and various groups within Northern Ontario, creating jobs for a flourishing economy.