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### **LA CITÉ COLLÉGIALE FOUNDATION AND THE MONTFORT HOSPITAL FOUNDATION ANNOUNCE \$ 45 000 IN NEW SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FRANCOPHONE STUDENTS IN HEALTH SCIENCES**

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**OTTAWA, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011** – Dr. Bernard Leduc, President and CEO of Montfort Hospital, and Mrs. Lise Bourgeois, President of La Cité collégiale, are delighted to announce two new scholarships, worth a total of \$ 45 000, to support Francophone students in the areas of respiratory therapy and electroneurophysiology technology.

"There is a shortage of professionals in these areas" said Dr. Leduc. "The Montfort Hospital is proud to partner with a college that has at heart to offer its students a quality education that will benefit the entire health community" he added.

The two new scholarships offered by La Cité collégiale Foundation and the Montfort Hospital Foundation are worth \$ 7,500 each. Students will receive these grants over 3 years. Given the need for more respiratory therapists and electroneurophysiology technicians in the health sector, the partnership between La Cité collégiale Foundation and the Montfort Hospital Foundation will promote these programs to young people and provide better support to francophone communities.

"In addition, we are honored to be the only college in Ontario offering the Respiratory Therapy and Electroneurophysiology Technology programs in French," said Mrs. Bourgeois. "The scholarships will facilitate access to students from outside the region, including students who reside more than two hundred kilometers of Ottawa and those from New Brunswick," she concluded.

Students already enrolled in the Respiratory Therapy and Electroneurophysiology Technology programs who reside more than 200 km from Ottawa and meet the eligibility criteria will have until June 30, 2011 to submit their scholarship application and necessary documentation to the Office of La Cité collégiale Foundation.

The Respiratory Therapy program is a 3-year course that allows graduates to work for the cardio-respiratory care of patients requiring both acute and chronic intervention in their disease. The program is accredited by the Council on Accreditation for Respiratory Therapy Education (CoARTE). Graduates are eligible to write the CSRT National Certification Examination as well as the *Ordre provincial des inhalothérapeutes du Québec*, for those who want to work in the province of Québec. Since 2008, an average of 86% of graduates finds a job within six months of obtaining their diploma.

The Electroneurophysiology Technology program is a 2-year course that provides rigorous training in neurodiagnostic techniques for the evaluation of patients with neurological disorders. The graduates will be able to hold a technical position in a first step, and then become a technologist after completing his accreditation with the Canadian Association of Technologists in Electroneurodiagnostic.

Both programs are also sustained by the Consortium national de formation en sant . Funded by Health Canada, the Consortium ensures high quality training in French with the objective of improving health services offered in minority francophone communities.

La Cit  coll giale is the largest French-language applied arts and technology college in Ontario. In 2011, La Cit  coll giale ranked 1<sup>st</sup> among the 24 Ontario colleges in terms of student satisfaction, graduate employment rate, usefulness of knowledge and skills acquired, overall quality of learning experiences, and overall quality of services, according to the results of an annual survey by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities. The College also ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in terms of overall quality of the facilities.

The Montfort Hospital is a francophone institution offering, in an academic environment, quality care in both official languages. With its partners, it contributes to improving the health of communities.

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