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Portage College Instructional Designer Wins Prestigious Award

On the national scene, Portage College has once again proven its excellence in the field of technology in education.

In recognition of her efforts, Donna Feledichuk, Instructional Designer at Portage College in Lac La Biche received the Association for Media and Technology in Education (AMTEC) Trust Award May at a recent conference held in Ottawa. She received the award at the second international conference of the Canadian Network for Innovation in Education (CNIE).

Created in 2007, CNIE is the result of a merger of the Canadian Association for Distance Education (CADE) and the Association for Media and Technology in Education (AMTEC).

CNIE is a national, bilingual association committed to excellence in the development, promotion and use of technologies, practices and policies that foster enhanced access to learning for all students in all contexts, especially in K-12 and post-secondary education.

The Trust presents an award each year to an educator or graduate student in recognition of excellence in the field, and in support of research and development. Donna was selected on the basis of her doctoral dissertation proposal. Based on the selection criteria, her proposal was rated "most innovative" and will have the greatest impact in the field of education. Donna will be researching the idea of cognitive load theory for complex learning.

"It's the theory about what is happening in the brain while learning occurs. If we can understand that, then we can better design instruction. The theory looks at neural science from a learning perspective instead of a medical perspective.," explained Feledichuk.

Feledichuk, a member of the Institutional Analysis and Program Development department, has been on staff at Portage College for one year.

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