

Yvonne Moritz, Okanagan College Dean Appointed to Accreditation Standards Council



ASTTBC is pleased to report that Yvonne Moritz, RN, BSN, MA, MSN has been appointed to the Standards Council which has responsibility for developing and maintaining the national standard for accreditation of technology programs. Moritz is Dean of Science, Technology & Health at Okanagan College. "I am pleased to be appointed to the Standards Council as this is an opportunity to contribute to the new accreditation process and ensure that technology education is held to a high academic standard across the country," said Moritz.

The Standards Council reports to the Technology Accreditation Canada (TAC) Board of Directors and includes the TAC Executive Director, all participating Provincial Professional Association (PPA) registrars, and representation from academia. It is dedicated to ensuring the appropriate development and maintenance of national standards to be used for accreditation. Its mandate involves developing clear processes and procedures for new standards development, and the maintenance of existing standards consistent with the processes and procedures used by nationally recognized standards development organizations, and consistent with the national profiles for technicians and technologists. It will also establish discipline-specific standards development committees as required.

The Standards Committee is currently reviewing the Canadian Technology Accreditation Criteria (CTAC) and developing a pilot project to revise the Technologist General Criteria. This CTAC is applicable to all engineering technology and applied science disciplines, programs and options and is comprised of eight outcomes and therefore a logical pilot for the Council to initially undertake.

Yvonne Moritz concluded by saying, "Through TAC accreditation Students will know they are receiving an education that is preparing them for industry and employers will be secure in the knowledge they are employing a highly qualified graduate." ASTTBC and other technology professional associations rely on national accreditation as a means of determining whether post-secondary graduates meet the required educational standards for registration as a technician or technologist.