NAIT has trained specialists and instructors from more than 50 countries over the last 35 years and has earned wide international recognition. NAIT's international success can be attributed to its ability to design practical training programs that are customised to meet specific customer needs. NAIT also has extensive experience working with other international education institutions to develop their capacity in the areas of curriculum development, instruction, organisation and equipment.

NAIT's international clients especially appreciate the cultural sensitivity exhibited by NAIT staff members. Full consideration is given to each client's social and religious requirements. NAIT is located close to Edmonton's largest mosque, and halal butchers are nearby. Although there is no official NAIT residence, we will help the candidates to view and select a comfortable, inexpensive apartment close to NAIT.

The mission of NAIT is to anticipate and meet the needs of students and the economy by combining outstanding applied education with a human touch.

THE NEED FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN CENTRAL AMERICA

The improvement for education in Central America is essential for achieving the goals of human development, social change, economic progress, and the elimination of poverty set by the heads of states and governments of the Americas in the Plan of Action of the Second Summit of the Americas held in Santiago, Chile, in 1998. Based on its worldwide experience, NAIT is in a particularly advantageous position to assist in the improvement of technical education in Central America by providing practical, hands-on, globally recognized training for local educational solutions, particularly those aimed at eradicating poverty and fostering economic growth.

Three intertwined social objectives drive governments to invest in education in Central America: providing a skilled and flexible workforce in the interest of economic growth, fostering social cohesiveness and promoting democracy, and reducing social inequalities and poverty. However, revolutionary changes taking place in the world are forcing Central American economies to take a new approach to educating their citizens in the future.

Social and economical factors that most greatly emphasize society's demand on the improvement of the education system in Central America:

- Economic globalization and technological change are increasing the demand for workers with higher qualifications and the capacity to continually learn and adapt. One result is rising percentages of return to higher education throughout Central America.
- 2. Extreme wage inequality and persistent poverty rates in Central America translate into the need for great improvements in the equality of higher education opportunities