

**ABSTRACT**

The current system of occupational training in Nova Scotia has been subject to critical review over the past few years. In 1985, the Royal Commission on Post-Secondary Education identified a number of problems with the occupational system in Nova Scotia. Subsequent to the recommendations put forth by the Royal Commission, the Provincial government became concerned over developing a new improved occupational training system for Nova Scotia. This new approach to occupational training is to be a community college system. The purpose of this thesis is to determine whether the community college system will solve the deficiencies existing in the current system. This process will be carried out by first describing and evaluating the current system to identify the problems. The community college system proposals will then be put forth and evaluated in the context of solving the problems identified with the existing system of occupational training in Nova Scotia.