

## ***“Journalism in Conflict Zones”***

***This online course takes place from May 1 – October 31, 2009***

### ***It includes***

***A practicum from May 25-June 14, 2009 at CFB Wainwright***

**Register for CMNS 451 before April 17, 2009 for a unique opportunity**

- Are you planning a career that includes reporting from a war zone?
- Do you want to acquire skills and knowledge that will contribute to your safety and success when working in areas of conflict?
- Are you physically fit and can you operate a still camera or video camera?
- Do you want to work with mentors and tutors who have served as war correspondents?
- Are you available to live on a military base from May 25 to June 14, 2009?
- Do you need a bursary for your travel to Edmonton?

If the answers to all these questions are **YES**, then be among the first 10 Athabasca University students to benefit from a unique collaboration between the University and the Department of National Defense.

A practicum course (Communication Studies - CMNS 451) has been organized for CFB Wainwright, Alberta, which provides journalists with experience in simulated conflict zones. Three weeks of war games in typical Afghani villages provide the setting. Cameras, recording equipment, jeeps, drivers, and a professional television studio provide the means. Two experienced war correspondents mentor you for the entire exercise.

This practicum offers an unequalled opportunity to prepare for work in conflict zones. But we can only accept 10 participants. In order to qualify, students must submit

- a letter from a doctor verifying physical fitness

Students with at least three years professional experience are preferred. Qualified applicants will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

For more information about CMNS 451 and about how to apply for the course and for a travel bursary, contact Vikki Bellerose at [vykkib@athabascau.ca](mailto:vykkib@athabascau.ca). For more information about the course, contact Dr. Evelyn Ellerman at [evelyne@athabascau.ca](mailto:evelyne@athabascau.ca) (before April 9) or Dr. Karen Wall at [kwall@athabascau.ca](mailto:kwall@athabascau.ca) (after April 9). For more information about the media cell at CFB Wainwright, contact Capt. Tom St. Denis at [Thomas.St-Denis@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Thomas.St-Denis@forces.gc.ca)