

THE NATIVE NURSES ENTRY PROGRAM
REPORT TO THE OGIMAWIN ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

January 23, 2012

This report is intended to update the Council members on the activities of the NNEP since the last report presented at the November 21, 2011 meeting.

Student Progress

There is currently 12 students enrolled in the NNEP. One student has withdrawn from NNEP due to medical requirements and one student has been counseled to withdraw due to academic concerns. NNEP has accepted one student from the 2010 Intake, who requires 1 of the NNEP courses to complete along with the field placement to graduate. The NNEP students have all been in for continuous monthly checkpoints with the Aboriginal Counsellor/Liaison.

Program Update

The Elder conducted an opening prayer and smudge for the Holiday on Feast November 29, 2011, as well as at the NNEP Advisory Committee Meeting on December 5, 2011. The Elder will continue to be available to provide ongoing support to the students as well.

The first monthly Instructor's Meeting of the winter term is scheduled to take place on January 26, 2012. The Instructor's Meetings are very beneficial to both NNEP staff as well as for NNEP Instructors, it gives the Manager and Counsellor/Liaison Worker a real picture of how each of the students are progressing.

The NNEP Manager will start to attend the Biology & Chemistry classes along with the students to assist keep in contact with the students since the NNEP Manager no longer has a course to teach in the New Year.

Some of the common issues brought forth from the student checkpoints are as follows: issues of alcohol & addiction abuse in families, stress related to assignments and time management, health issues, and housing concerns.

NNEP Distance Education Pilot Project

The NNEP was funded to provide three of the NNEP courses over the academic year to students in the communities. There were 6 students registered into the pilot at the beginning of the year. Two students have since withdrawn from the pilot due to personal issues, leaving four students currently in the NNEP DE Pilot project.

On December 11 to 15, 2011 the students were brought on campus to attend classes as a part of the pilot, to allow the students an on-campus experience to prepare them for coming on campus full time in the 2012-13 academic year. Also, the students were able to meet face to face with the NNEP staff and faculty.

Conferences/Recruitment Fairs/Meetings

Mattagami First Nation Career Fair - Wednesday, Nov 30, 2011 – 75 students in attendance

Special Convocation ceremony for Phil Fontaine – Dec 1, 2011 - 8:30am - 2:30pm

Aboriginal World View Curriculum – Tuesday, Dec 6, 2011 - 2pm - 4pm

NAP Steering Committee Meeting – Wednesday, Dec 7, 2011 - 10am – 1:30am

Seven Generation Holiday Feast- Wednesday, Dec 7, 2011 - 11am - 1pm

TBRHSC Board Meeting – Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011- 5 pm - 8:30pm

Aboriginal Cancer Care, Carmen Blais provided a presentation to the NNEP Distance Education Students on Monday, Dec. 12, 2011- 10:30am - 12pm

Kim Bortolin provided a Craft session for the NNEP Distance Education Students – Tuesday, Dec 13, 2011 - 10:30am - 12pm

Diabetes Course information session through Webinar – Dec 14, 2011 - 2pm - 3:30pm

Ended the on-campus experience with a supper at Montana's with the NNEP DE Students – Wednesday, Dec 14, 2011 - 5pm - 7pm

Attended the Aboriginal Initiatives Open House Dec 15, 2011

Advisory Committee Meeting

The NNEP Advisory Committee Meeting took place on December 5, 2011 in the NNEP Office.

Recruitment for the 27th Intake

The complete NNEP application package has gone on-line. It is difficult to provide a number of requests for applications.

The NNEP manager and staff will start the process of attending any career fairs and health conferences to promote the NNEP in the coming months.

Respectfully submitted,

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