

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

February 27, 2012

This report is intended to update the Council members on the activities of the NNEP since the last report presented at the January 23, 2012 AMC meeting.

Student Progress

The 2011-2012 NNEP students (26th Intake) has the continued benefit of an Elder. Tutoring and counselling are particularly heavy September to the end of March with study groups and workshops being conducted and facilitated by NNEP staff & Ursula Cote, Lakehead University Aboriginal Initiatives Peer Mentor utilized for tutoring sessions. Eight of the eleven students had regular check-points with the Counsellor/Liaison, where they are provided with an overview of their academic standing and where issues of importance are raised and discussed e.g. attendance, personal/family challenges.

The Monthly NNEP Instructors' meetings took place on January 26, 2012. The next Instructor's Meeting will take place on March 2, 2012 at 10:30 am. There have been several concerns addressed regarding the students and their lack of being punctual to class and interrupting the class upon their entrance, sporadic attendance has certainly been an issue for a couple of students, as well as, the lack of submission of assignments within the deadlines. This will certainly hinder the ability of several students to progress to move on to the BScN. These particular students have been reminded of this on an on-going basis.

Program Update

The Elder conducted one educational session on "The Medicine Wheel & the Seven Grandfather Teachings" on January 20th. This session was attended well both by students and external program students as well as external service providers in the community of Thunder Bay.

The Residential School Syndrome presentation is scheduled to take place on February 17th.

The Elder will continue to be available to provide ongoing support to the students as well. Gerry also has provided on site one-on-one sessions with the NNEP students in the Aboriginal Initiatives Student Lounge.

The "Checkpoints" of the year for the new NNEP students have been carried out with the present NNEP students. This involved discussion of academic and personal progress in the program.

The students have had tests in the Chemistry, Biology, Math, and English courses to date. The results are as follows:

Math 1136 - 8 of the 8 students passed the first math test with an overall average of 89%.

Chemistry 1070 – There is no mark from the test completed on Monday February 13, 2012. The students have completed 2 of the 5 tutorials with the majority of the students passing the tutorials as well.

Biology 1120 – The mid-term test will take place on February 27th, there are currently no marks for this term to date for Biology. 7 of the 10 students have completed the on-line quizzes for the three chapters covered this term.

English 1807- There will be an English quiz scheduled for March 9th.

Professional Orientation 1130 – 6 of the 11 students has completed their Nursing papers, of these the overall average mark was 81%.

Study Skills 1150 – 3 of the 9 students have submitted and completed all in-class assignments to date.

Conferences/Recruitment Fairs

The NAP Coordinator and NNEP Manager planned a half day reorientation back to campus after the Holiday Season - Amazing Race NNEP & NAP on Tue Jan 10 10:30am - 1pm

The NNEP staff attended and provided a display table at the TBRHSC Nursing Open House on Wed Jan 11 6pm - 8pm

The NNEP Manger provided a session to the students at Hammarskjold High School - Friendship Circle Lunch program on Thu Jan 12 11:30am - 1pm – 20 students and 3 teachers present

The NNEP Manager attended the Student Success Grand Opening on Mon Jan 16 1pm - 2pm

The NNEP Manager attended Smudging Teachings at the NOSM on Tue Jan 17 1:30pm – 3:45pm

The NNEP Manager is a member on the TBRHSC Hospital Board – attended the Quality Management Committee on Tue Jan 17 4pm - 6pm

The NNEP Staff and students attended the Medicine Wheel & Seven Grandfather Teachings on Fri Jan 20 2pm - 4pm - 24 plus individuals in attendance

The NNEP Manager attended a Women's Sweat lodge Ceremony on Wed Jan 25 3:30pm - 930pm

The NNEP Manager and the Aboriginal Counsellor/Liaison attend a focus group for the Psychology Clinic on Fri Jan 27 12pm - 1pm

The NNEP Manager provided a class to the Health Concepts Students on Cultural Competency on Tue Jan 31 2pm - 4:30pm – 49 students in attendance, Thurs Feb 2, 9:30 -11am (approx. 15 students on line) & 1-3 pm (approx. 45 students) and Fri Feb 3 11am to 1:30 pm (approx. 25 students)

The NNEP Manger attended the TBRHSC Board Meeting on Wed Feb 1 5pm - 7:30pm

Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek 8th Annual Health/Career Fair February 3, 2012 - 3-430 pm at the Davinci Centre - during the time the NNEP manger had been at the career fair there were 6 individuals that had visited the display booth

Oshkaatisak Niigaan Oji Gathering 2012 - NAN Health Career Fair Wed. Feb 8, 2012 – attended by the NNEP Administrative Assistant- there were approx. 72 individuals that had visited the display booth

Wikwemikong First Nation - Gathering 2012- Health Career Fair @ Wed Feb 8 1pm - 4:30pm – 146 students visited the NNEP booth, the NNEP Manager had completed a presentation to the students on the programs offered by NNEP and the Aboriginal programs at Lakehead University.

Recruitment for the 26th Intake

The NNEP Manager and Staff will attend any career fairs and health conferences to promote the NNEP in the coming months. There have been fewer requests for applications due to the application being loaded on –line. There have been 6 packages mailed out to date for January.

Future Plans for NNEP

Complete 1092 Field Placement Plans for May 2012 for the NNEP Students

Respectfully submitted,

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