

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

April 15, 2013

This report is intended to update the Council members on the activities of the NNEP since the last report presented at the February 25, 2013 AMC meeting.

Student Progress

The NNEP final exams are scheduled to take place on the following dates:

Professional Orientation – April 4;

Math 1135 - April 19;

Biology 1120 - April 12;

English 1808 – April 17; and

Chemistry 1070 - April 15.

The NNEP Manager will begin to make the arrangements for the NNEP students who qualify to proceed on the 2-week Field Placement to be completed by the students who have successfully completed all the courses in the Native Nurses entry program maintaining a 70% average or greater overall. The final meeting with the students scheduled to take place the week of April 22, 2013 to review final marks and any final preparation for the two week field placement experience for those who are eligible

Program Updates

The monthly NNEP Instructors' Meeting was held on March 1, 2013 to discuss student progress/issues in preparation for doing "Checkpoints." The next Instructors' Meeting will take place on April 10, 2013.

The "Checkpoints" continue to be scheduled and carried out with the present NNEP students. This involved discussion of academic and personal progress in the program.

Elder Gerry Martin continues to see the NNEP students to provide one-on-one sessions on a monthly basis. There has been a continuous use of Gerry's guidance and teachings from the previous year's NNEP students as well. On March 21, 2013 Elder Gerry Martin provided a teaching session "Planning for Success" for the NNEP as well any student staff or faculty that wished to attend. There were 15 individuals in attendance.

The NNEP Manager continues to take part in the coordination of sessions with the Elders & Scholars as a part of the Phoenix Project Grant that had been received from the School of Nursing.

The End-of Year Feast will take place on April 5, 2012.

The manager is in the process of making arrangements with various preceptors to accommodate the NNEP Field Placements for May 6 – May 17, 2013 OR May 10 – May 24, 2013

Some of the prospective organizations are Beendigen, Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (TBRHSC) (4-5 students), Thunder Bay District Health Unit (TBDHU), Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Center (TBIFC), Wequedong Lodge, Dennis Franklin Cromarty (DFC) High School, Ontario Native Women's Association (ONWA), Anishnawbe Mushkiki, Slate Falls First Nation, Grand Portage Clinic, Wunnumin Lake First Nation, Fort Hope First Nation and Summer Beaver First Nation.

Health Career Fairs & Promotional Activities

The Manager and/or Administrative Assistant have attended/participated in the following activities to promote NNEP:

- ✚ Igniting the Spirits Conference facilitated by Matawa Tribal Council provided presentation on NNEP March 6, 2013
- ✚ Superior High School provided presentation to Aboriginal Graduating students March 19, 2013
- ✚ Feathers of Hope Conference- NNEP Administrative Assistant set up display, March 26, 2013

Conferences & Information Sessions

Anishinawbewin Niacin Conference – Sudbury, Ontario March 6 to 10, 2013 Set up display booth

Advisory Committee Meeting

The Advisory Committee Meeting will take place on Thursday, April 18, 2013 in the NNEP Office.

Recruitment for 28th Intake

Since September 2013, 21 application packages have been distributed out via mail and at local and community career fairs. There has been 3 completed application packages received to date and 10 undergraduate applications completed for the 28th NNEP Intake.

The NNEP has continued to receive decreased funding which has contributed to decreased flexibility with recruitment initiatives. This may hinder the numbers in terms of applicant's applying and awareness of the program.

The program staff and faculty continue to strive to provide an atmosphere and attitude of support and caring for the students presently in the program as well as the NNEP student throughout the four years of the BScN.

Respectfully submitted,

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