

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

November 18, 2013

This report is intended to update the Council members on the activities of the NNEP since the last report presented at the September 23, 2013 O-AGC meeting.

Student Progress

There is currently 15 students enrolled in the NNEP. The NNEP students have all been in for continuous checkpoints with the NNEP Manager. The 3 returning students currently academic probation continue to come for checkpoints. One of the returning students has withdrawn from the program due to medical reasons.

Some of the common issues brought forth from the student checkpoints are as follows: issues of depression, difficulty coping, family illnesses & death in families, relationship issues, personal health issues, and stress related to assignments time management, and academic challenges.

The NNEP Graduation Ceremony last year's NNEP 27th Intake was held on October 22, 2013. There were 12 of the 17 students in attendance. Each of the students was presented with a certificate of completion and a small gift on behalf of the program.

Program Update

Elder, Gerry Martin has conducted an educational session for the students on October 22, 2013 on the "Seven Grandfathers & Medicine Wheel Teachings" & on November 7, Gerry had led the students through a "Sharing Circle". Gerry also has provided one-on-one sessions with the NNEP students throughout the month of October and November in the ACSS Student Lounge.

The monthly Instructor's Meeting took place on September 20th & October 25th to discuss the NNEP Student's progress and to share any best practices in preparations for conducting the checkpoints. The next Instructor's Meeting will take place in December. The Instructor's Meetings are very beneficial to both NNEP staff as well as for NNEP Instructor's; it gives the Manager information on how each of the students is progressing.

The NNEP Manager is teaching the N1110 Communication Course this term with twelve of the NNEP students. Each of the courses has had assignments and tests so far which have given the NNEP Manager an idea of the progress of the students to date. So far several students in each of the courses are struggling academically. Each of these students is accessing the use of the tutors provided by the Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services and the several of the Instructor's have offered extra assistance to these students as well.

Advisory Committee Meeting

The NNEP Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled to take place on December 5, 2013.

Recruitment for the 29th Intake

There is continuous recruitment and application packages distributed for the next intake of students. Three application packages have been distributed via mail to individuals requesting the NNEP application. Also, prospective applicants may access the NNEP application package online as well. There is one complete applicant received for the NNEP who had deferred their application for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Respectfully submitted,

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