

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

November 19, 2012

This report is intended to update the Council members on the activities of the NNEP since the last report presented at the October 29, 2012 AMC meeting.

Student Progress

There is currently 22 students enrolled in the NNEP. The NNEP students have all been in for continuous checkpoints with the Counsellor/Liaison and the Manager as well. The 3 returning students currently academic probation continue to come in weekly to bi-weekly for checkpoints. Some of the common issues brought forth from the student checkpoints are as follows: issues of depression, coping, life skills & anger management, family illnesses & death in families, relationship issues, personal health issues, and stress related to assignments and time management.

The NNEP Graduation Ceremony last year's NNEP 26th Intake was held on October 23, 2012. There were 5 of the 8 students in attendance. Each of the students was presented with a certificate of completion and a small gift on behalf of the program. (The NNEP staff had approached several of the Education Authorities for any donations of their promotional items i.e. Binders, USB ports, pens, pencils, water bottles, hats, mugs, etc)

Program Update

Elder, Gerry Martin has conducted an educational session for the students on October 25, 2012 on the "Seven Grandfathers & Medicine Wheel Teachings". Gerry also has provided on site one-on-one sessions with the NNEP students on October 12, 26, and November 9, 2012 in the NNEP Office.

The second monthly Instructor's Meeting took place on November 2, 2012 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 on December 14, 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 is teaching the N1110 Communication Course this term with twenty 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 are accessing the use of the tutors in the Student Success Centre, Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services –through the Peer Mentors, 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 6, 2012.

Recruitment for the 28th Intake

There is continuous recruitment and application packages distributed for the next intake of students. Approximately 8 application packages have been distributed via mail to individuals requesting the NNEP application. Also, prospective applicants may access the NNEP application package on-line as well.

Respectfully submitted,

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