

THE NATIVE NURSES ENTRY PROGRAM
REPORT TO THE ABORIGINAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

January 21, 2013

This report is intended to update the Council members on the activities of the NNEP since the last report presented at the November 19, 2012 O-AGC meeting.

Student Progress

There is currently 21 full time students & one part time student enrolled in the NNEP, of this, three students remain on academic probation. There are three students eligible to write a Special Exam in the Chemistry 1050 & one student eligible for Math 1135. The NNEP students have all been in for continuous checkpoints with the Aboriginal Student Counsellor.

Program Update

The Elder conducted an opening prayer and smudge for the Holiday on Feast November 29, 2012, as well as at the NNEP Advisory Committee Meeting on December 6, 2012. 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 on October 12, & 26 and November 9th in the NNEP 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 first monthly Instructor’s Meeting of the winter term is scheduled to take place on January 25, 2013. 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.

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

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 Learning Assistance Center, Aboriginal Initiatives Peer Mentors, and the several of the Instructor’s have offered extra assistance to these students as well.

Conferences/Recruitment Fairs

Fall Preview Day December 4, 2012

DFC Career Fair Jan 10 2:30pm - 6:30pm

Advisory Committee Meeting

The NNEP Advisory Committee Meeting took 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 11 application packages have been distributed via mail to individuals requesting the NNEP application. Since the 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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