

THE NATIVE NURSES ENTRY PROGRAM
REPORT TO THE OGIIMAAWIN ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL
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Staffing Update

The NNEP Manager will begin to work with the NNEP students conducting the checkpoints on a monthly basis. This will ensure contact with the students on a month by month basis also since there is no direct link to a course for the NNEP Manager in the Winter Term.

Once again, the NNEP was able to recruit Mr. Gerry Martin to take on the role as the Traditional Elder for the 2013-14 academic year. Gerry brings a wealth of knowledge wisdom and skills to the NNEP student's faculty and staff. The dates and times of each of the traditional teachings have all been set up to correlate with a class for both the fall and winter term to promote attendance and participation from the NNEP class.

Student Progress

The Native Nurses Entry Program is in its 28th Intake. The NNEP has recruited and accepted 16 students from Marten Falls FN, Fort William FN, Mishkeegogamang FN, Lac Des Mille Lac FN, Sandy Lake FN, Kitigan Zibi FN, 2 from North Spirit Lake FN, Gull Bay FN, Beausoleil FN, Pays Plat FN, 2 from Constance Lake FN, Fort Hope FN, Fort Severn FN and Animbigoo Zaagiing Anishinaabek. There are 3 returning student from the previous intakes and 13 new NNEP students. At the time of writing this report, the three returning students will be placed on probation (which includes both academic and attendance components).

Program Update

The 2013-14 NNEP students (28th intake) will have the continued benefit of an Elder. The NNEP Students will be referred to the Student Health & Counselling on an as needs basis. Each of the students will have a minimum of one checkpoint with the NNEP Manager, where they will also be provided with an overview of their expectations of the program a discussion of any issues of other importance are raised and discussed e.g. attendance, personal/family challenges.

There will be a monthly NNEP Instructors' meeting to discuss student progress and to share best practices. These are very beneficial to both NNEP staff as well as for NNEP instructors. All of the NNEP Instructors remain the same for this academic year.

The NNEP Manager will be teaching the N1110 Communication Course this term and shadowing one of the 1st Year Nursing Lab Instructor, in efforts to lead a Nursing Clinical for the 1st year nursing students.

The NNEP Orientation has taken place on Thursday September 5th in the School of Nursing lab; followed by a campus tour, lunch in the Residence Cafeteria and finally registration of their courses lead by staff from the Registrar's Office.

Advisory Committee Meeting

The Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled to take place on December 5th, 2013.

Effective August, 2013, the NNEP has created a Facebook Page for posting all happenings relevant to NNEP Students; also to recruit past graduates from the NNEP. Pending funding, we would like to coordinate a 30th Re-Union for all past graduates. This will assist the NNEP will tracking past graduates from the program.

Respectfully submitted,
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