

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

February 24, 2014

This report is intended to update the Council members on the activities of the NNEP since the last report presented at the January 27, 2014 AMC meeting.

Student Progress

The 2013-2014 NNEP students (28th Intake) has 14 full time students as of January 2014. All fourteen students have completed their regular check-points for January. Some of the issues identified were as follows: attendance and notification to Instructors, personal/family health issues, some child care issues, academic issues and time management issues.

The Monthly NNEP Instructors' meetings took place on January 24, 2014. The next Instructor's Meeting will take place on February 28, 2014 at 11:00 am. There have been several concerns addressed regarding the students and their lack of sporadic attendance has certainly been an issue for a couple of students. This will certainly hinder the ability of several students to progress to move on to the BScN. These particular students have been reminded of this on an on-going basis.

Program Update

The Elder conducted an educational session on February 13, 2014 on "Grief Death and Dying" presentation. The session was attended well by the students. The next session provided by Elder Gerry Martin is the "Planning for Success" session during the Professional orientation class time.

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 in the Aboriginal Initiatives Student Lounge.

The NNEP was lead through the Mask Making exercise by Yolanda Wanakamik, Michelle Spadoni and Pat Sevean. It began with constructing the masks, painting the masks and ended with a sharing circle. The following are the dates and times each session had taken place. "Finding Our Strengths, Constructing our Masks", Jan 16, 2014 2:30pm - 4pm; "Story Sharing, Painting our Masks Thu Jan 23, 2014 2:30pm - 4pm; Sharing Circle, Telling My Story Fri Feb 7, 2014 9:30am - 11am. On behalf of the students and staff, we would like to offer a special thanks and recognition to Yolanda, Michelle and Pat for leading the NNEP students through such an incredible experience.

There was a Valentine's Day Social on Tuesday Feb 11th, 2014 in the NNEP boardroom - 1130am to 1:00pm.

The students have had tests in the Chemistry, Biology, and Math; the English test was rescheduled due to weather conditions.

The results are as follows:

Math 1136 - 13 of the 13 students passed the first math test with an overall average of 85%.

Chemistry 1070 – 9 of the 14 students had passed the second chemistry test, one student has been scheduled to write the test at a later date due medical issues. The students have completed 2 of the 5 tutorials with the majority of the students passing the tutorials as well.

Biology N1120 – 10 of the 14 students have passed the test #3. 12 of the 14 students have completed the on-line quizzes for the three chapters covered this term.

English 1807- There will be an English test February 26th, 2014.

Professional Orientation N1130 – 13 of the 14 students have completed the Nursing paper. The marks range from 100% to 60%.

Study Skills 1150 – The students are currently completing presentations. There are no new marks at this time.

Conferences/Recruitment Fairs

The NNEP Manager provided a class to the Health Concepts Students on Cultural Competency on January 10th & 12th at 1130 am - 1:00pm and Friday January 31st- 1130am- 1:00 pm.

Attended a session put on by Statistics Canada “Aboriginal Stats Canada Data Review” on Jan 20, 2014 6:30pm - 9:30pm

Promotional presentation to DFC students January 30, 2014 130pm to 3:30 pm – 12 students in attendance

The NNEP Manager in collaboration with the Sim Lab Coordinator provided a session in the lab for the student from Savant Lake on Feb 6, 2014 2pm - 3pm

Attended the “Walk a Mile” film project on Feb 6, 2014 7pm - 9pm

Recruitment for the 29th Intake

The NNEP Manager and Staff will attend any career fairs and health conferences to promote the NNEP in the coming months. There have been fewer requests for applications due to the application being loaded on –line. There have been 8 packages mailed out to date for January.

Future Plans for NNEP

Work on the 1092 Field Placement Plans for May 2014 for the NNEP Students

Respectfully submitted,

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