

THE NATIVE NURSES ENTRY PROGRAM
REPORT TO THE OGIIMAAWIN ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL
September 10, 2012

Staffing Update

The NNEP will once again shared services of the Aboriginal Counsellor/Liaison in collaboration with the Aboriginal Initiatives. Stephanie Ritch will begin to work with the NNEP students conducting the checkpoints on a monthly basis, providing monthly updates to the manager.

Once again, the NNEP was able to recruit Mr. Gerry Martin to take on the role as the Traditional Elder for the 2012-13 academic year. Gerry brings a wealth of knowledge wisdom and skills to the NNEP student's faculty and staff. The Traditional Teachings will take place during class time this year to promote increased attendance and participation by NNEP students.

Student Progress

The Native Nurses Entry Program is in its 27th Intake. The NNEP has recruited and accepted 24 students from the Robinson Superior Treaty Area, Treaty #3, Treaty #9, a Manitoba First Nation, Collins, and there are several students whom have identified as Métis. There are 3 returning student from the previous intakes and 21 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 2012-2013 NNEP students (27th intake) will have the continued benefit of an Elder. Tutoring and counselling will be a regular component being offered to each of the NNEP Students. Each of the students will have a minimum of one checkpoint with the Counsellor/Liaison Worker, where they are provided an introduction to the new Counsellor/Liaison, 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. Joy Nieminen has been recruited to teach the Study Skills & Logical Reasoning in the NNEP for the on campus and distance education course. Joy is a graduate from Lakehead University in 1982 with the Honours BScN and in 2005 she graduated with the Master of Public Health (Nursing) Lakehead University.

The NNEP Manager will be teaching the N1110 Communication Course this term and attempting to attend the Biology and Chemistry classes to assist with tutoring for the NNEP Students.

The NNEP Orientation will take place on Thursday September 6th in the Cultural Room in the

Braun Building; followed by a campus tour, lunch in the Residence Cafeteria and finally registration of their courses as a group.

Advisory Committee Meeting

The Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled to take place on December 6, 2012.

Future Plans for NNEP

NNEP Grand Re-Opening of Revitalized Space September 5th, 2012 10 am to 3pm

Respectfully submitted,
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