

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

**February 25, 2013**

This report is intended to update the Council members on the activities of the NNEP since the last report presented at the January 21, 2013 AMC meeting.

**Student Progress**

The 2012-2013 NNEP students (27th Intake) 22 full time students and 1 part time students as of January 2013. One of the current NNEP students has been hired by the Aboriginal Initiatives in the Peer Mentor Tutor Position for Chemistry. The students have taken full advantage of the tutoring supports.

All twenty-three students have completed their regular check-points with the Counsellor/Liaison, for January. Some of the issues identified were as follows: financial & food security concerns, attendance and notification to Instructors, personal/family health issues, and some issues of loneliness.

The Monthly NNEP Instructors' meetings took place on January 26, 2012. The next Instructor's Meeting will take place on March 1, 2012 at 10:30 am. There have been several concerns addressed regarding the students and their lack of being punctual to class and interrupting the class upon their entrance, sporadic attendance has certainly been an issue for a couple of students, as well as, the lack of submission of assignments within the deadlines. 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 several educational sessions on "The Medicine Wheel & the Seven Grandfather Teachings" on January 20<sup>th</sup> and the "Residential School Syndrome" presentation was completed on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Both sessions were attended well by the students.

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.

There is a Valentine's Day Social on Thursday Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013- 1130 am to 1:00 pm.

The students have had tests in the Chemistry, Biology, Math, and English courses to date. The results are as follows:

Math 1136 - 17 of the 17 students passed the first math test with an overall average of 91%.

Chemistry 1070 – There is no mark from the test completed on Wednesday, February 13, 2013. The students have completed 2 of the 5 tutorials with the majority of the students passing the tutorials as well.

Biology 1120 – The mid-term test will take place on February 27, 2013. There are currently no marks for this term to date for Biology. 18 of the 21 students have completed the on-line quizzes for the three chapters covered this term.

English 1807- There will be an English quiz scheduled for this term.

Professional Orientation 1130 – All of the students have completed their Nursing papers. The marks have not been submitted to date.

Study Skills 1150 – The students are currently completing presentations.

### **Conferences/Recruitment Fairs**

The NNEP Manager has taken part in the coordination of sharing circles (students, Elders, & scholars) as a part of the Phoenix Project Grant that had been received from the School of Nursing Meeting

The NNEP Manger has participated in a panel discussion at the Aroland Vision Quest Conference on Jan 16, 2013 11am – 2:30 pm.

The NNEP Manager and Administrative Assistant attended the Northern Nishnawbe Educational Council (NNEC) Open House on Jan 18, 2013 12pm - 130pm.

The NNEP Manager had provided an program overview to the Thunder Bay Urban Aboriginal Strategy - Employment & Training Circle Members on Jan 30, 2013 2pm - 4pm.

The NNEP Manager had coordinated a session for Recruitment for 28th Intake via Videoconferencing through K-Net on Feb 7, 2013 2pm - 3:30pm. There were four communities on line ( North Caribou, Cat Lake, Poplar Hill, & Lac Souel)

The NNEP Manager provided a class to the Health Concepts Students on Cultural Competency on January 29<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> 2pm - 4:30pm and Friday February 8<sup>th</sup> 1130am- 1:00 pm.

### **Recruitment for the 28<sup>th</sup> 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 19 packages mailed out to date for January.

### **Future Plans for NNEP**

Work on the 1092 Field Placement Plans for May 2013 for the NNEP Students

Respectfully submitted,

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