

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

**March 27, 2014**

This report is intended to update the Council members on the activities of the NNEP since the last report presented at the February 24, 2014 O-AGC meeting.

**Student Progress**

The NNEP final exams are scheduled to take place on the following dates:

Professional Orientation – April 1;

Chemistry 1070 - April 7;

Biology 1120 - April 9;

English 1808 – April 11; and

Math 1136 - April 14.

The NNEP Manager will begin to make the arrangements for the NNEP students who qualify to proceed on the 2-week Field Placement to be completed by the students who have successfully completed all the courses in the Native Nurses entry program maintaining a 70% average or greater overall. The final meeting with the students scheduled to take place the week of April 16, 2014 to review final marks and any final preparation for the two week field placement experience for those who are eligible.

The NNEP Field Placements are scheduled to take place April 28 – May 9, 2014 OR May 5 – May 16, 2014. Some of the prospective organizations are Anishnawbe Mushkiki, Beendigen, Dilico Anishnabek Family Care, Ka Na Chi Hih, Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (TBRHSC), Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Center (TBIFC), Wequedong Lodge, Native Canadian Center of Toronto, Red Lake Women's Shelter, and Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg.

**Program Updates**

The monthly NNEP Instructors' Meeting was held on February 28, 2014 to discuss student progress/issues in preparation for doing "Checkpoints." The next Instructors' Meeting will take place on April 16, 2014.

The "Checkpoints" continue to be scheduled and carried out with the present NNEP students. This involved discussion of academic and personal progress in the program.

Elder Gerry Martin continues to see the NNEP students to provide one-on-one sessions on a monthly basis. There has been a continuous use of Gerry's guidance and teachings from the previous year's NNEP students as well. On March 27, 2014 Elder Gerry Martin will provide a teaching session "Planning for Success" for the NNEP as well any student staff or faculty that wished to attend.

The End-of Year Feast will take place on April 4, 2014.

The NNEP Manager has attended weekly clinical labs and has supervised a clinical group of 1<sup>st</sup> year nursing students on a weekly basis at the Bethammi Nursing Home.

**Health Career Fairs & Promotional Activities**

The Manager has attended/participated in the following activities to promote NNEP:

- ✚ March 19, 2014 Nishnawbe Aski Nation Women's Council Forum, 2014 - provided presentation on NNEP – 55 individuals in attendance

#### **Conferences & Information Sessions**

- ✚ February 27, 2014 Kiri Butter, TBRHSC - Screen for Life Presentation 11:30am -12:30pm
- ✚ March 6, 2014 Joseph Boyden speaker in ACSS Lounge, 1pm -2pm
- ✚ March 18, 2014 Decolonizing Workshop: The Blanket Exercise, 1pm - 2pm

#### **Advisory Committee Meeting**

The Advisory Committee Meeting will take place on Thursday, April 17, 2014 in the NNEP Boardroom.

#### **Recruitment for 29<sup>th</sup> Intake**

Since September 2014, 13 application packages have been distributed out via mail and at local and community career fairs. There has been 5 completed application packages received to date and 14 undergraduate applications completed for the 29<sup>th</sup> NNEP Intake.

The NNEP has continued to receive decreased funding which has contributed to decreased flexibility with recruitment initiatives. This may hinder the numbers in terms of applicant's applying and awareness of the program.

The program staff and faculty continue to strive to provide an atmosphere and attitude of support and caring for the students presently in the program as well as the NNEP student throughout the four years of the BScN.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Cornell, RN, HBScN  
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