

**REPORT TO NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS
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CAMPBELL RIVER CAMPUS

Update on the Health Care Assistant and Practical Nursing programs

Submitted by Laurie Bird

- The Health Care Assistant (HCA) program in Port Hardy began the bulk of the program's courses on January 21st after the pre-health block of two HCA courses in the fall. We have eight students and have hired two instructors.
- HCA Comox Valley (CV) students from the fall semester have just started clinical practice in CV and Campbell River (CR), and the new winter entry group of students has just started their course work.
- HCA Port Alberni (PA) students are well into their program and we still have the original 20 we started with. (See below a photo of the catheter bags that two HCA students made for the lab – a lovely gift of their time and energy.)
- Campbell River Practical Nursing (PN) students are in their first clinical experience in the new PN curriculum at residential care facilities in the Comox Valley and Campbell River.
- PA PN students are in their third clinical experience in the new PN curriculum in community settings in Parksville/Qualicum, Port Alberni and surrounding areas. (See three photos below of our new cupboards in the lab – the faculty is thrilled to have all our supplies accessible in the lab and to have room for the additional supplies required by the new curriculum and expanded competencies. Note that the bottom shelves pull out for easy access, and that closest to the washer and dryer you can see there is a pull-out charting table for the students (actually 4 of these) spread along the cupboards.)





10 brand new catheter bag covers, courtesy of two of my talented students. They are gorgeous!! Harry and his friends will be embarrassed-no-more!

COMOX VALLEY CAMPUS

Career Fair

Submitted by Treena Nadon

Currently the ERC is working in concert with the Public Relations / Marketing Departments to confirm our Exhibitors for the 3rd annual Career Fair to take place at Crown Isle Resort on March 13th from 1-5pm. We are aiming to have 30 employers and up to 7 community agencies in attendance. The employers have been asked to provide their hiring details: job title, type of position (fulltime, seasonal, part time, etc.), how to apply, and what they are looking for. This information will be provided in a handout for all Career Fair Attendee's. A list of Exhibitor's should be made available by February 1st. New this year, the community agencies who were invited are there to support job seekers in our communities and explain what services they can provide to those looking for work.

Career Panel Series

Submitted by Treena Nadon

There are two in the Career Panel Series. The first event will take place on **Wednesday, February 13th from 11:30am - 1:00pm in the Stan Hagen Theatre**. Guest speakers will include Camille Douglas, Administrator from Wedler Engineering; Allyson Hamilton, Senior Accountant from Pateman & Company Chartered Accountant; Daniel Kooman, Filmmaker & Humanitarian from Unveil Studios Inc. & Trans Travel; and Chris Nagel, Division Director from Investor's Group, all Top 40 under 40 award recipients.

The second panel will take place on **March 6th from 11:30am - 1:00pm in the Stan Hagen Theatre** and will feature Cristi L. Sacht, Certified Energy Advisor for Residential New Construction from Elemental Energy Advisors; Wendy Stewart, Pharmacist from the Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy; Ryan Parton, Professional Copywriter from Writing solutions & the Business Gazette; and Jonathan Frazier, Executive Chef from the Atlas Café, again, all Top 40 Under 40 Awards Recipients.

These events are open to everyone. Students are being encouraged to attend to learn tips and strategies on

beginning a career in one of these industries. It is a great opportunity to hear from successful youth, make professional contacts and get their questions answered. Topics will include how to get started and how to be successful.

Invitations to the Board

Submitted by Colleen Hanley

I would like to invite the Board to attend the exhibit of Carlos Reyes Manzo which is being held at the Comox Valley Art Gallery until March 2nd. (<http://www.comoxvalleyartgallery.com/>) This exhibit is co-sponsored by North Island College International in partnership with Vancouver Island University.

The exhibit, *Rights and Wrongs: The Resilience of the World's Indigenous People*, features the photographic works of Carlos Reyes Manzo who says of his work, “In every photograph this is a universe to read.” NIC appreciates the support Vancouver Island University International has provided in sharing this exhibit with NICI, and especially thanks the photographer for the opportunity for our students and community to learn from his work and words. The exhibit will move to the Campbell River Museum in March, to Port Alberni in May and early June, and will end its tour with NIC, as we work collaboratively with the ‘Namgis who will host the exhibit at the world-renowned U’Mista Cultural Centre in later June and July.

Board members are also encouraged to explore the events planned in collaboration with the Comox Valley Global Awareness Network and in recognition of International Development Month. In addition to the Reyes Manzo exhibit, the third of The Conversations (<http://www.cvglobalawareness.com/upcoming-events.html>), the February Global Learning Initiative film night, and Share the Love, an opportunity to explore the concepts of fair trade and social enterprise and be a global valentine February 6th 11 – 1:30 at the Comox Valley Campus.

BSN Program Updates

Submitted by RaeAnn Hartman and Jan Meiers



Our students hosted their annual Student Conference – Creating Community – on November 29, 2012. This is a leadership event organized and hosted by our fourth year BSN students that brings the student body and faculty together with a keynote speaker and break-out sessions and highlights curriculum and work done over the years. This year, the keynote speaker was Julie Fraser, President elect for the Association of Registered Nurses of BC (ARNBC). With the reorganization of our regulatory body, the College of Registered Nurses of BC (CRNBC), in 2005 in response to the Health Professions Act legislation, the professional voice of nurses was lost. The ARNBC is a two year old organization whose mandate is to regain that voice. The conference helped invigorate and renew the professional voice of nurses and prepare our students, the future of nursing, to blaze new trails and mobilize nurses in our communities to come back together once again in support of the ARNBC.



January 7, 2013 saw the launch of our new Practical Nursing (PN) to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Bridging Program, in collaboration with Vancouver Island University. Students registered in these new courses will be able to complete the nursing courses online. Once complete and qualified with all the courses required for the BSN program, they will be able to enter into Semester 4 of our program in January 2014, joining a year two cohort in the winter semester. This is still dependent on seat availability in year two, however it gives currently practicing licensed practical nurses access to registered nurse qualification.

Our year three students are formally partnering with the McCreary Centre Society this term to conduct the fifth Adolescent Health Survey, a province-wide questionnaire used to gather current information about a broad range of factors affecting youth health in B.C. This questionnaire is completed every five years and “is the most comprehensive source for reliable, accurate and BC-based information about youth health.” (McCreary Centre Society, 2012). We have students partnering with Public Health centers in Port Alberni, Courtenay, Campbell River, Port Hardy and Port McNeill to conduct the surveys. New questions for 2013 will include issues such as sleep, technology use, concussions, hitchhiking, community connectedness, coming to Canada, being a young caregiver, neighborhood safety, and positive mental health.

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAINING (CET)

Community Collaboration and Engagement

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

- The School of CET continues to invest a large percentage of time in the development and launch of the 2013 Employment Skills Access (ESA) programming across the region.
- The School of CET continues to engage with industry, educators and researchers regarding the development and advancement of aquaculture training.
- The School is working closely with the Acting Associate Director of Mount Waddington Region to review programming and identify priorities while proceeding with timely development specific to the north island region.
- In collaboration with Provincial Colleagues, further development is being completed with respect to the BC Consortium Pilot Program and future reports to the President.
- The School is working with NIC Deans and the communities of Bella Coola, Tofino and Campbell River to launch the delivery of ESA-funded Early Childhood Education Activity Assistant Training. This has required a great deal of time to establish community partnerships, secure training space, confirm students at a distance, and coordinate instructional logistics and travel.
- We initiated the coordination of Retail and Introduction to Trades training in Port Alberni.
- We are finalizing training plans for the delivery of Campground Operator Training along the West Coast.
- Delivery of Workplace Training for the Retail, Food Beverage and Grocery sector continues to roll out in Campbell River and Courtenay.
- The Coordination of Marine Training across the Region continues to require a great deal of attention, with staff seeking additional instructional expertise to support training needs.

NATURAL RESOURCE EDUCATION AND APPLIED RESEARCH CENTRE

- Development of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) Innovation Enhancement grant in aquaculture environmental monitoring is ongoing.
- We are meeting with industry representatives in the natural resources sector to assess education, training, and applied research needs for the north island region, investigating industry linkages and partnerships for NSERC and National Research Council grants.
- We are finalizing specialty Institutes within the Centre with advisory groups being established in February 2013.

Programming Activities

CAMPBELL RIVER

- We are actively recruiting for the First Nations Leadership program for delivery in Comox and the West Coast.
- The Underground Mining cohort is engaged in their programming and students are valuing the training program.
- The Campbell River cohort of the Building Service Worker program, which began on November 29th, wrapped up on December 15th, 2012. There were 10 students enrolled. Practicums were successfully completed and student evaluation forms had comments that were very positive.
- The Lettuce Grow courses wrapped up successfully with an average of 14 participants per workshop. The School is working closely with the City of Campbell River to expand on programming while

increasing its profile and promoting the Winter 2013 workshop series. We plan to meet with the lead instructor Kira and a City representative in early January to discuss the future of this initiative.

- The Plate of Class courses wrapped up with a final “Festive Foodie dinner event” in December which was a great success. The program had 29 members join (goal was 30) and an average of 10 students per course. Overall, this was a popular program. Chef Jessie and staff will meet again in the spring to discuss if and how we may continue with this program next fall.
- We hosted an engaging information session for employers for the Landscape Horticulture program (13 in attendance) and received positive feedback. Many will send their employees to the apprentice program and several would like to be involved in teaching in the program. We also hosted two info sessions for the new Landscape Horticulture programs with 27 overall attendees. There was great support and interest which we are optimistic will result in strong registrations for a February 2013 start.
- We are finalizing the Metal Jewellery Summer Programming series which will be of interest to anyone seeking an introduction to Metal Jewellery, and will provide a potential entry point for individuals interested in pursuing the full accredited certificate program.
- The first term of the Metal Jewellery Design program completed. This involved the completion of instructor evaluations which has provided great feedback and insights as we prepare for the launch of the Winter term on January 7th.
- Inquiries for Metal Jewellery for next fall have increased in the last month and we will work closely with Marketing for enhanced support as we raise the profile of this new program.
- We are in the process of recruiting additional instructors for popular CET courses. This will allow us to better accommodate course demands as access to instructional expertise is an ongoing challenge. Comox Valley, Campbell River and Port Alberni will be hosting a joint ad in hopes of spurring community interest in teaching for the School of Continuing Education and Training.
- Campbell River ElderCollege:
 - * Elder College programming is in place and registration commences January 14, 2013. There have been many email inquiries which hopefully indicates that enrollment will be high. Historically the winter session has seen lower enrollment than the fall session, most likely due to weather conditions.

COMOX VALLEY

- The first cohort of the Activity Assistant program completed on December 21st. We reviewed program considerations with the Activity Assistant Practicum Supervisor and discussed highlights and lowlights of both the practica. Recommendations on improvements will be discussed with the lead instructor and implemented for the Fall 2014 Intake.
- Marketing is in progress for Winter/Spring 2013.
- Comox Valley ElderCollege:
 - * Winter 2013 ElderCollege programs have been confirmed. They will be offering 29 x 6-8 week courses and 17 short courses plus the Saturday 9-week Lecture series. This season’s theme will be The Times they are a Changing focusing more on Environmental changes.
 - * The first day of registration is January 21st, 2013
 - * Third Age Learning (TAL) Conference May 9-11, 2013:
 - The TAL committee is still waiting to hear about status of their New Horizon’s funding application. They are hoping to know one way or the other in early January. They have a Plan A (a three day conference with banquet, etc.) or Plan B (a one day conference) dependent on funding received.
 - The TAL website is up.

PORT ALBERNI

- Marketing of the winter courses is ongoing.
- We are supporting the ESA Woodland Harvesting program that started in PA on Dec 3rd. The program commences with 12 students however due to illness and life challenges two students have withdrawn. We have 10 committed and determined individuals who are very engaged in the delivery.
- Scheduling and coordination of the ESA Building Service Worker Program that starts in Port Alberni in March is underway.
- Programming has been completed for PA ElderCollege for 2013 winter/spring.

FIRST AID

- Approximately 20 courses ran in November and December including contracts.
- Our Red Cross Instructor Trainer is in the process of completing an update so we can hold a training course for all of our instructors before the deadline of April 30th.
- The School is working closely with the instructor and Worksafe BC to prepare a lead instructor as a future NIC OFA Evaluator which is critical for future programming.
- First Aid courses are starting off well in January with an almost full OFA Level 3 course in CV at the end of the month.

MARINE TRAINING

- Four Employment Skills Access Marine Operator Training programs have completed, delivered in Alert Bay, Ahousaht, Campbell River and Opitsaht. The next scheduled program will be in Courtenay on Jan 28 – Feb. 15, 2013 which is one of eleven other programs that will be offered from January to April, 2013.
- We are recruiting additional Marine Instructors to build our roster for ESA and custom courses.

NEW CONTRACTS

Client name	Courses	Dates
BC Shellfish Growers Association	Small Vessel Operator Proficiency	Jan
The Wickanninish Inn	Occupational First Aid Level 1	Dec
Ucluelet First Nation	CPR Level C	Jan
Acklands Grainger	Forklift Training	Dec
Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation	Occupational First Aid Level 1	Jan
School District 70	Occupational First Aid Level 1	Feb