

College of New Caledonia



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CNC practical nursing students set to graduate Friday

A full class of 28 practical nursing students will graduate Friday, Sept. 2 at their annual convocation ceremony.

With the event set for 2 p.m. in the college's atrium in Prince George, this year's class features students ranging in age from 19 to 46, who've spent the last 49 weeks learning skills to work in a variety of health care settings.

For the faculty, it will be a bittersweet moment when the class, comprised of two men and 26 women, receive their parchment and earn their certificates.

The students are just completing practicums at various Northern Health sites, including, Vanderhoof and Quesnel. They'll write their national licensing exams Sept. 14 and then will be eligible to work in a wide range of settings, from acute care to complex care.

"Depending on the site, there are still great employment opportunities," said Jacquie Scobie, practical nurse program lead and faculty member. "There is casual employment in many sites and facilities."

This is the 10th year CNC has offered the practical nursing program. It's a competitive program with only 32 seats available each year and often hundreds of applicants. The faculty includes three full-time instructors with a pool of sessional instructors of LPNs and RNs, who provide clinical instruction.

While the practical nursing class of 2011 will spend the next few weeks celebrating and writing their national exams, students in the 2011-12 class begin the program Sept. 6.

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