

Announcing PHSA's Aboriginal Nursing Network Site



Qwal Lelum

Speaking / Talking House

'Spirit of Generosity'
-Enpaauk

Aboriginal Nursing Network
Sharing the Experience

We are pleased to announce that the PHSA Aboriginal Nurse Networking Site has now gone live.

PHSA Recruitment Services feel privileged to have had the opportunity to develop this site through funding provided by the MOH, Nursing Directorate as an Aboriginal Nursing Strategy, with the purpose to recruit and retain Aboriginal nurses. This development has been inclusive with the support from Leslie Varley, PHSA Director of Aboriginal Health regarding the site content, cultural integrity and aboriginal specific branding. "Qwal Lelum", the name of the website is translated from Coast Salish meaning "Talking / Speaking House". In counsel with Leslie Varley, one of the elders from the Coast Salish Nation recommended this name, knowing that this would resonate a community feeling with Aboriginal Peoples.

Developed as a resource for not only PHSA Aboriginal nurses but for all Aboriginal peoples... this interactive Aboriginal Networking Site will act as a central resource hub and information directory. This website is targeted to become a central place to bring together Aboriginal nurses and stakeholders. It is also a *'home base'* where Aboriginal nurses can share their experiences and career paths, and provide support and mentorship to others as champions in nursing. It is a place where nurses can share their stories to inspire and encourage Aboriginal people to consider nursing as a career....from showcasing career and professional development opportunities, Aboriginal events, or to simply connect, meet colleagues and chat.

There are two options available for individuals to become members of this site; by invitation from an existing member or by direct request through the link <http://qwallelum.ning.com/main/authorization/signUp?>



We encourage you to navigate the site by becoming a member and to extend this invitation throughout your Aboriginal network. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact Carol Jeffs, Recruitment Specialist/Aboriginal Recruitment Lead at cjeffs@phsa.ca.

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