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NUNAVIK MIDWIFE GRADUATES FROM McGILL UNIVERSITY PROGRAM

Kuujuuaq, June 15th, 2022 - Louisa Whiteley-Tukkiapik spent much of her career advocating for women’s rights. Moved by her love for children and babies, she sensed early on that midwifery was the best way for her to give back to her community. A student midwife working at the Ungava Tulattavik Health Centre, Mrs. Whiteley-Tukkiapik would like to see more Inuit in management positions in the Health and Social Services sector. For this reason, she enrolled in the Undergraduate Certificate Program in Health and Social Services Management with McGill University’s Inuit Management Training Program (IMT) and became certified.

Each year, Inuit graduate from this program and access management roles in the Health and Social Services sector. The graduation ceremony, organized by McGill University, was held on the afternoon of June 10, 2022. Louisa Whiteley-Tukkiapik is the first IMT graduate involved in the midwifery field.

“The IMT certification interested me because I want to be qualified to be a leader in the healthcare field, to better support my people.”, said Louisa Whiteley-Tukkiapik.

“The entire community benefits by having more Inuit at management levels in the health sector. Mrs. Whiteley-Tukkiapik, successfully completing the Inuit Management Training and also on her way to completing the midwifery program is an inspiration with her involvement in the wellbeing of the community.”, stated Minnie Grey, Executive Director of the NRBHSS; extending her congratulations to the new graduate.

“Having Mrs. Whiteley-Tukkiapik achieve such a qualification is an asset for the Ungava Tulattavik Health Centre, especially for the Midwifery department. We greatly appreciate the will of Louisa for applying her leadership with the midwifery team and we enthusiastically support Inuit employees who want to develop their leadership.”, added Larry Watt, Executive Director of the Ungava Tulattavik Centre; whom also received the same certification last year.

For many years now, the NRBHSS have had an agreement with McGill University to deliver the undergraduate certificate in Health and Social Services Management, a university-level diploma. The program is designed for Inuit managers and decision makers working in the Nunavik Health and Social Services sector.

In addition to the Undergraduate Certificate Program in Health and Social Services Management, provided in collaboration with McGill University, a variety of training programs are available for Inuit who wish to serve in the health sector.

Related links:

Undergraduate Certificate in Health and Social Services Management

(Inuit Management Training):

https://www.mcgill.ca/continuingstudies/files/continuingstudies/0018_cpd_indigenous_081516.pdf

The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services is a public agency created in 1978 under the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement. It is responsible for nearly the entire Quebec territory located north of the 55th parallel in terms of the provision of health and social services for the inhabitants of the 14 communities.

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