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VANIER COLLEGE

Project Title

Breaking the Ice for Special Care Counselling in Kativik

Objectives

1 – To establish viable internship placements in the Nunavik region for Special Care Counsellors (SCCs) by identifying placements; 2 – To provide training for onsite supervisors; 3 – To develop and implement supportive workshops for SCCs interested in completing their final internship in the North. 4 – To support hiring of students who do their internships in the Nunavik to fill the ongoing needs in the communities.

Description

Currently, there are vacant posts in most of the schools for behavior technicians, student counsellors and special education technicians. Similarly, in the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS), there is an ongoing need to have educators available to be on the recall lists as burn-out are high among educators in group homes and community services.

The project will first establish partnerships with Kativik Ilisarniliriniq (KI) and NRBHSS to help identify the most suitable communities for SCC interns. Then, using an adaptation of the Vanier SCC existing fieldwork evaluation form (for example, including a question regarding the possible need to know rudimentary Inuktitut could be included, as well as distance of housing from the agency), the goodness-of-fit of the identified agency will be assessed as well as the suitability of the living arrangements for the interns. Will also be determined what the actual costs would be for interns and means of off-setting them to encourage participation.

Once suitable agencies and housing are established with willing supervisors available, a training module for those supervisors will be offered to compliment the McGill supervisory modules to ensure understanding the expectations for the SCC program. Finally, the project will involve developing an intern selection (at least two, but no more than four) and cultural preparation program to maximize the success of the interns' experience for both the interns and the institutions within which they will do their fieldwork. This training will also include a module on peer support in order to ensure the interns who participate will be able to engage in supportive dialogue during their unique experience.

Budget allocation	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2018-2021
	\$5,000	\$5,500	\$12,000	\$22,500