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Outland Youth Employment Program Visits NLC

A group of 22 youth from the Outland Youth Employment Program (OYEP) visited Northern Lakes College on July 31 and August 1. The group spent one day learning about various trade careers at the NLC Slave Lake Trades and Technology Centre. A second day at the Slave Lake Main Campus provided an overview of a variety of health career options.

The OYEP camp is a six-week program, attended by youth from First Nations and Métis Settlements across the province. Originating out of Ontario, this is the first camp hosted in Alberta. Participants experience a number of work environments over the course of the program, including a tree planting camp and lumber mills, and obtain various certifications, including first aid and chainsaw safety.

"At OYEP, one of our goals is to connect the youth to different industry partners so they are able to recognize the opportunities that are available to them following the completion of the program. Happily, each year, nearly all graduates go on to pursue either further education or meaningful work in the workforce," comments Chianti Steele-Brown, supervisor for OYEP Alberta.

Comments Joanne Hunter, Chair, Practical Nurse & Community Health at Northern Lakes College, "The participants were enthusiastic and engaged in learning about the various health career options they might consider for the future."

A common sentiment expressed by the participants is that the camp experience is increasing their confidence and helping them to be open and outgoing.



Participants learn to take blood pressure readings during an overview of health professions.

Northern Lakes College (NLC), located in northern Alberta, provides quality programs through distributed learning to over 6,000 students annually. NLC offers certificate and diploma programs in Business, Health Sciences and Allied Health, Human Services, Technology, Trades, University Studies, and Academic Upgrading. The College collaborates with partners to offer degree completion opportunities, including a Bachelor of Education and a Bachelor of Social Work. NLC provides professional accreditation and certificate programs through its Continuing Education and Corporate Training Department.

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