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CNC collecting scrubs for bursary program

Health professionals are once again being asked to donate their gently used uniforms, which will then be sold with proceeds supporting a CNC bursary for health sciences students.

The lightly-scrubbed scrubs drive is organized by CNC nursing instructor Nancy Esopenko, who co-ordinated two successful drives during the 2010-11 school year.

“Last year it was very successful -- we raised \$1,000 for the new bursary,” said Esopenko, an RN who teaches in the Northern Collaborative Baccalaureate of Nursing program. “We’ll award four students with \$250 each in March.”

Collection bins have been set up at three drop-off locations – CNC’s library, Lakewood Dental and Spirit of the North Health Care Foundation office at University Hospital of Northern BC.

Any health professional – from doctors, nurses and medical lab technologists to medical radiography technologists, health care assistants, technologists, dental hygienists and assistants – can donate their scrubs. They must be washed, in good shape and recyclable for others to use.

The donated scrubs will then be sold for between \$5 and \$20, depending on the uniform, on Nov. 16 at the Spirit of the North Health Care Foundation Vendors corner at UHNBC from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

As an instructor, Esopenko sees students from all demographics. Several struggle with finances.

“I want to establish a way for future health professionals to benefit from current health professionals while recycling scrubs and benefitting everyone,” she said.

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