The College of Nursing has provided longstanding support for Aboriginal students through its Native Access Program to Nursing (NAPN) and has expanded opportunities for Aboriginal students to learn where they live – a critical indicator of success – by offering the full degree program in Prince Albert, La Ronge and Ile-a-la-Crosse through the innovative use of telementoring.

The next step is to build on the College’s Aboriginal engagement in student affairs and services towards research and community outreach that positively affects indigenous health outcomes in local and global contexts.

**Community Outreach**
- Facilitate and conduct community-directed research
- Disseminate knowledge in community-oriented venues and contexts

**Academic Programs**
- Incorporate curriculum that reflects and respects different ways of knowing
- Clinical placements in Aboriginal health settings
- Accessible education by learning where you live

**Research Programs**
- Contribute to improved indigenous health through research, in particular on maternal health issues and on innovation in telehealth and telementoring applications

**Cultural Programs**
- Ensure cultural competency in faculty and students
- Provide opportunities via workshops and field trips to better understand aboriginal health needs and contexts

**Student Affairs**
- Continue to provide support to and improve retention of aboriginal students with NAPN
- Ensure Aboriginal equity seats are filled at all campuses

In order to fulfill its objectives around Aboriginal engagement in its Third Integrated Plan, the College of Nursing has hired a Strategist for Outreach and Indigenous Engagement. The position is meant to ensure leadership and coordination of activities and programs that improve the College’s contributions to indigenous engagement in all five priority areas of the aboriginal framework.

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