

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**December 4, 2023****Northern Nursing Research Day celebrates Aurora College student research**

YELLOWKNIFE, NT – Aurora College School of Health and Human Services students and faculty celebrated and shared their knowledge at the annual Northern Nursing Research Day, November 29. The research day is an opportunity to showcase and honour scholarship and academic work of students, faculty and invited scholars.

Hosted by Aurora College and sponsored by Hoti ts'eeda, the event featured a total of 21 research posters – 18 literature review researches from fourth-year BSN students and three research projects led by the faculty and Aurora Research Institute.

Most of the research projects are the culmination of the fourth-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing students' Nursing Research course. The intent of the course is to increase understanding of nursing scholarship and enhance the students' ability to comprehend, critique and utilize nursing research. To create the final product, students developed a research question, searched and collected literature and evidence, appraised the evidence, organized their findings, and then created recommendations for the clinical, research, education, and/or policy level, applicable to a northern context.

Students from Aurora College's health programs – Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Practical Nurse Diploma and Personal Support Worker Certificate – were in attendance to view the research and attend sessions by guest speakers. Northern health care professionals were also on hand to view the student projects.

The People's Choice Award award was presented to Therese E. Petak-Dube: Continuous Glucose Monitoring: Impacts on Blood Sugar Control

The topics chosen for the research posters and the unique approaches taken by the students underscore the importance of developing and applying research that is for the North, by the North and with the North, to improve the quality of care and to prioritize decolonizing approaches to advance nursing knowledge. The Northern Nursing Research Day also serves as a critical platform to highlight the importance of nursing research and the contribution nursing professionals make to improving health care practice and patient care in the north.

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Aurora College delivers academic upgrading, trades and industrial training, certificate, diploma and degree programs to more than 3,000 full and part-time students at three campuses, 21 Community Learning Centres and other community sites in the Northwest Territories. Community-centred post-secondary programs reflect Northern culture and the needs of the Northern labour market. Aurora College's research division, Aurora Research Institute, conducts, supports, and licenses research in the NWT. Research centres are located in Inuvik, Yellowknife and Fort Smith.

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