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DVS PROGRAM IN INSTITUTIONAL AND HOMECARE ASSISTANCE

Kuujuuaq, October 22, 2018 – The Department of Regional Human Resources Development of the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS), in partnership with the Ungava Tulattavik Health Centre, is proud to announce its support for Kativik Ilisarniliriniq (KI), adult-education sector, in launching the DVS (diploma of vocational studies) program in Institutional and Homecare Assistance.

The DVS program starts today in Kuujuuaq. At the end of this 15 month training program, the students enrolled will obtain a diploma in Institutional and Homecare Assistance, which is recognized by the *Ministère de la santé et des services sociaux* (MSSS).

This training is provided full-time with an alternation of one week of courses and one week of work in a health-care setting, thus enabling the acquired knowledge to be put into practice. Two one-week internships in care settings in Montréal are also organized for all participants.

The training is entirely free of charge and the students are entitled to a training allowance during the week of courses, as well as a salary during the week of work. Students from communities other than Kuujuuaq receive room and board.

This training is offered to residents of the Ungava coast. The same program should be ready for residents of the Hudson coast by 2020, in Puvirnituk and with the same conditions. The placement rate upon reception of the diploma is 100%.

The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services is a public agency created in 1978 under the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement. It is responsible for nearly the entire Québec territory located north of the 55th parallel in terms of the provision of health and social services for the inhabitants of the 14 communities.

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