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NEWS RELEASE

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Graduates of Cariboo College's three-year-old training program for Community Health Service Workers have performed so well for the various institutions and agencies employing them that the College has been authorized by the Ministry of Education to double the program to meet rising community demand.

Educational Vice-Principal A.J. Wright announced today that the College is prepared to open immediately a second pre-employment class, supplementing the one which began on September 2 with a full complement of students.

The College's program trains workers to serve the mentally, emotionally and physically handicapped with emphasis on social rehabilitation. Graduates are currently employed at such institutions as Tranquille, Ponderosa Lodge and Overlander Extended Care Hospital as well as in privately operated hospitals and homes.

The program runs for ten months, including 12 weeks of field placement and practicum. Courses cover a wide range of subject matter, including psychology and related fields as well as physical care and therapeutic aid. Jean Hardie is the program coordinator.

Applicants must have Grade 12 completion or mature student status. They must also be at least 19 years old and pass a medical examination before being admitted.

Some students are sponsored by the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission. Anyone interested in such sponsorship should consult the nearest C.E.I.C. Centre, Wright said.

Further information can be obtained from the Office of the Registrar at Cariboo College, 374-0123.

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