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NEWS RELEASE

An initial class of 21 trainees completes the Long Term Care Aide program on the 29th of May, and most of them are working in relief positions at Ponderosa Lodge, Mount Paul Hospital and Overlander Extended Care Hospital in Kamloops.

The College will conduct a similar program in Lillooet beginning on June 23, designed to help provide staff for a new long term care facility scheduled to open in that community this summer.

Another program is scheduled for Merritt next fall, as well as a combined Long Term Care--Homemaker program planned for Kamloops. A January start in Williams Lake is under consideration.

The initial class, ranging in age from 18 to 54, underwent nine weeks of intensive course work in such subjects as anatomy and physiology, human relations and growth and development, followed by six weeks of practical experience under the supervision of Coordinator Judy Wilbee and Instructor Doris Ringer.

The program, which is recognized province-wide, was instituted in February to respond to a need for health-related workers at the aide level. Applicants must have Grade 10 completion and pass a medical examination. Individuals interested in the program to be offered in Lillooet should contact the Canada Employment Commission Outreach worker, Gordon Peters, in Lillooet at 256-7616 for more information.

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