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On Friday, February 28th, Cariboo College held a Graduation Ceremony for the first class of nurses from the RPN/RN (Registered Psychiatric Nurse/Registered Nurse) Access Program.

When Tranquille School for the Mentally Handicapped was permanently closed in 1983, approximately 60 Registered Psychiatric Nurses in the Kamloops area became unemployed. In 1985, a group of Registered Psychiatric Nurses expressed a strong interest in obtaining education which would qualify them for Registered Nurse licensure. In May 1985, a Program Development Proposal was made to the Ministry of Education by Cariboo College to design a 44-week program which would meet the request for local re-education of this RPN group. The College received funding from the Ministry for the development and implementation of an access program and the first RPN/RN Access Program began in March 1986.

The second RPN/RN Access Program began on March 23, 1987, with 16 Manpower sponsored students.

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