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Dental program celebrates more than 50 years at CNC

PRINCE GEORGE – The College of New Caledonia (CNC) celebrated more than half a century of its dental assisting program at its Prince George campus on the weekend.

Since its first class in 1966, CNC’s dental assisting program has produced more than 1,200 graduates.

“CNC’s dental programs have had a significant impact in British Columbia, with graduates working in all corners of the province,” said Dr. Glenda Vardy Dell, Dean of CNC’s School of Health Sciences. “Our dental alumni extend across Canada and throughout world as well.”

The success of CNC’s dental programs is only possible with the amazing support of the community, patients and mentorship through. This includes the Prince George and District Dental Society, which has offered practicum support in dental offices for more than 50 years.

“Those practicums have given our students the opportunity to apply their skills in a dental setting,” said Vardy Dell.

CNC’s dental programs are one of only seven public programs in the province. The program creates high calibre working professionals with, on average, 98 to 100 per cent of graduates passing the National Dental Assisting Board Exam.

Dental assistants are valued members of the dental care team and increase efficiency when delivering quality oral health care. Good oral health is essential to our overall health, said Heather Brown, Dental Assisting Program Coordinator and Instructor at CNC.

“We’re proud that CNC’s dental assisting graduates have helped keep our communities healthy for the past 50 years,” she said.

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