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## **Donate your scrubs to support a future health professional**

PRINCE GEORGE – The new school year marks the beginning of an educational journey for many students at the College of New Caledonia (CNC). For those in the Health Sciences, a wardrobe update is necessary to fulfill the uniforms or scrub requirements. To help with that cost, CNC is once again collecting gently used scrubs for its biannual scrub sale on Oct. 7, 2019.

Proceeds from the sale fund CNC's "Making a Difference" bursary, which has awarded more than \$10,000 to students in need. Based on community support last year, the scrub sale raised enough money to fund two additional bursaries on top of the five given annually.

"We're so thankful to the community for both donating and buying scrubs," said Nancy Esopenko, instructor of CNC's Northern Collaborative Baccalaureate Nursing Program. "We're hoping to repeat last year's success but we need your gently used scrub donations to do it. Every scrub donated benefits a student by not only providing scrubs to wear at an economical but also funding bursaries."

Scrubs can be dropped off from Sept. 23 to Oct. 4 at the CNC library or the Spirit of the North Healthcare Foundation office at the University Hospital of Northern BC. Donated scrubs must be washed and in usable condition.

The scrub sale is in particular need for extra-small, small, and medium sized scrub tops and bottoms. This year, Esopenko is encouraging recent CNC health science graduates to donate their used standardized scrubs to the sale.

"Many of CNC's programs require students wear a standardized scrub uniform," she said. "Often, students don't wear these scrubs again when they start working. Those scrubs could be a huge benefit for current and future students."

The scrub sale will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 7 in the Gathering Place at CNC's Prince George campus.

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