

Drake Medox College

Dear Students,

As the province of BC, Canada, and the entire world are coping with the emergence of the COVID19 virus, we hope that you are all implementing the necessary measures to ensure your safety and the safety of your family members and loved ones. These are challenging times for everyone. Our College has always been focused and specialized in training individuals to work in the health and social service fields. Demand for our graduates has never been higher to support our very stressed healthcare system. We have leaped into action to implement our virtual learning environment so that we can resume our classes and continue to move our students towards graduation and readiness for employment in the field. We remain focused and committed to ensuring your success. Your dedication and commitment to helping others are needed now more than ever before.

Drake Medox staff remains available to serve you. Although most of our staff are currently working from home, appointments can be made with Kyra for entrance to the College only as necessary. You can also call Kyra at 604-629-0196 if you need to speak to someone in particular and she can get them to call you. Please stay healthy and safe and ensure you are practicing social distancing.

Barbara Fry
 Director of Education & Health Services

A BIG LEAP OF FAITH

I migrated to Canada with my family in May 2018. Back then, I was not sure which path to take. I started working at one of the luxury retail stores in downtown Vancouver, but was only earning a little above the minimum wage. I worked weekdays and still did part-time jobs during the weekends. This left me no days off at all!

A fellow Filipina told us about **Drake Medox College** and its HCA program. At first, I was hesitant and doubted myself because I had a different career background. However, my mom, Anecita (pictured), encouraged me to enroll with her and study together, for DMC offered us a clearer and better career path.



Our instructors, Ms. Marilee Sinlao and Mrs. Nancy Guzman were very passionate in teaching and sharing their knowledge and techniques with students. They equipped us with the proper training and skills both in the classroom and during practicum. They made sure that we were more than ready for the workforce as health care aides.

Thanks to Drake's advanced and updated learning system, my mom and I were able to land a permanent full-time job in Whitehorse, YT right after our program completion. We are now working as nursing home attendants under the Yukon government. We no longer need to work 7 days a week, and we now get days off. We earn a better wage, and we even have benefits! Yes, it was a big move, and it was a challenging decision – new environment, new weather, new people, new lifestyle, but it has all been worth it!

Clarice Jandic, HCA graduate 2019

Meet HCA Instructor Ananda Crouse

Background: Ananda was a care aide for 5 years and has been an LPN for 6 years now in community, pediatrics, and long-term care. She is currently pursuing her BSN in Nursing.

Favourite thing at DMC: Celebrating milestones and student successes!

Memorable Moment: Graduation in February seeing all her former students dressed up and hearing all their stories of practicum and job opportunities.

Encouraging Message: *Set goals, they become your realities!*



Thank you, Healthcare Heroes!

We would like to recognize our Clinical Instructors and current Practicum students for their service on the frontlines in support of this global pandemic. In such uncertain times, it is beyond inspiring to see so many holding to their conviction to help people in need despite the risks. Thank you for all you have done, are doing, and will continue to do. Your Drake Medox College family is proud of you.

Not all superheroes wear capes...some wear masks and gloves.



INTRODUCING VIRTUAL CLASSES!

Thank you also goes out to our current students for their patience while we suspended classes in the last 2 weeks of March to prepare for the launch of Virtual Class delivery.

Kudos to Avneet, our Admin team manager, and all our amazing instructors for coming together to make this a reality in such a short time. It is truly amazing what can be accomplished through dedication and teamwork; especially during times of crisis.